

TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD  
JOHN F. GERMANY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
DECEMBER 3, 2015

**Attendance:** Brenda Staton (Chair), Phyllis Alpert (Secretary), John McWhirter, Davis Gandeas, Christine Kazor, and Blake Casper were present. Felicia Pecora (Vice Chair), Jim Johnson, Candi Martin and Shelia Spicola were excused.

**Staff present:** Andrew Breidenbaugh, David Wullschleger, Sheryl Herold, Aracelis Chapman, Janet Marnatti, Lorie Tonti, Linda Gillon, Jacquelyn Zebos, Laura Doyle and Charlotte Diggs.

The meeting was called to order at 4 pm with a quorum present.

Volunteers Peggy Huey (Seminole Heights Library) and Braxton Bradford (Charles Fendig Library) were recognized for their many hours of service to the Library.

Minutes from the October 22, 2015 meeting were approved.

There were no presentations from the public.

## **Committee Reports**

### Joint Finance and Planning Committees

The monthly budget reports for FY15 as of September 30, 2015 and FY16 as of October 31, 2015 were reviewed. The Monthly Library Activity Summary is still in the works and will be provided at the next meeting.

Regarding the sewer issues around West Tampa Library, the city's sewer line has been cleared, which should resolve the backup problems.

The combined Finance/Planning Committees will now be holding meetings on the same day as the Library Board meetings beginning in January 2016.

A downtown resident submitted concerns to the Finance/Planning Committee regarding potential construction of the tower project adjacent to the library. Staff will contact the Real Estate Department and the City of Tampa to try and obtain a current status of the tower project.

Staff is currently working on a cost accounting of the Library's operations, capital assets repair, replacement and reinvestment cycle as part of strategic planning efforts. A financial consultant will be engaged to conduct an independent verification of the process.

The next combined meeting of the Finance and Planning Committees will be held on Tuesday, January 28, 2015, 2 pm in The Hive @ John F. Germany Public Library.

### Policy & Bylaws Committee

The Library Board moved to waive the bylaws for the purposes of reviewing policies for approval brought forward by the Policy & Bylaws Committee.

The revised Library Fine and Fee schedule and related policy were approved as presented.

Final review and approval of the meeting room policy was deferred to the next meeting.

LS109 Requests (Holds) policy will also be brought back to next meeting for discussion.

The next meeting of the Policy & Bylaws Committee is scheduled for Thursday, January 28, 2015, 3 pm at The Hive @ John F. Germany Public Library.

**Unfinished Business**—None.

**New Business**—The Library Board was unanimously in favor of January 2016 meetings at the Hive @ John F. Germany Library.

### **Director's Report**

An update was provided on the Cass and Tyler streets project and the change in traffic pattern to two lanes starting December 11, 2015.

The Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library has been ranked number one on the State's list of construction grants for its C. Blythe Andrews, Jr. Library application. If approved, the Library will receive \$500,000 to be used towards the CBA reconstruction.

Next planning workshop is scheduled for January 12, 2016 at Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library focusing on flexible and collaborative spaces.

Staff provided an overview of *Alligator Zone*, an hour long program for ages 8 and up and their families showcasing local startup businesses in which the entrepreneurs present their products and receive audience feedback.

The next meeting of the Library Board is scheduled for January 28, 2015, 4 pm in The Hive @ John F. Germany Public Library.

The Library Board wishes to thank the Oxford Exchange for providing refreshments for today's meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.