

TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD  
TAMPA FREE LIBRARY  
JANUARY 26, 2017

**Attendance:** Brenda Staton (Chair), Felicia Pecora (Vice Chair), Phyllis Alpert (Secretary), Christine Kazor, Jim Johnson, Davis Gandeas, Candi Martin, Joan Zacharias, Bob Argus, Howard Harris and Shelley Blood.

**Staff Present:** Andrew Breidenbaugh, Aracelis Chapman, Renelda Sells, David Wullschleger, Linda Gillon, Sheryl Herold, Janet Marnatti, Lorie Tonti, Stacey Jurewicz, Saritza Legault, Melissa Falvey and Charlotte Diggs.

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm with a quorum present.

Minutes from the December 1, 2016 meeting were approved.

Presentations from the Public: Members of the Tampa Heights Jr. and Sr. Civic Associations as well as the Ridgewood Park Crime Prevention and Civic Association petitioned the Library Board for a children's library in the Tampa Heights community. Following discussion, the Library Board directed staff to reach out to the Tampa Heights Jr. Civic Association about providing library services at their current location.

A written resignation was received from District 1 member, Blake Casper, effective January 10, 2017.

## **Committee Reports**

### Policy & Bylaws Committee

**Updates to policy LS306, Access to Electronic Resources, were approved.**

**New policy, LS546, Vendors Selling on Library Property, was adopted as recommended by the Policy & Bylaws Committee.**

**The Library Board approved a request to name the large meeting room at the Tampa Free Library in honor of Sandra Raulerson Cameron. The request was made in light of the repurposing of the boardroom at the main library due to the relocation of library administrative offices to the Tampa Free Library.**

The next meeting of the Policy & Bylaws Committee is scheduled for Thursday, February 23, 2016, 2:30 pm at The Hive, John F. Germany Library.

### Combined Finance & Planning Committees

The FY17 budget reports for the months of November and December 2016 were reviewed along with the Monthly Library Activity summaries and Quarterly Source and Use Statement.

There was follow-up discussion regarding the Capital Facilities Master Plan. Requests were received for library expansion by the Friends of the Jan Platt Lib

The next meeting of the combined Finance & Planning Committee is scheduled for Thursday, February 23, 2016, 3 pm at The Hive, John F. Germany Library.

### **Unfinished Business**

Staff discussed the tower construction near the John F. Germany Public Library in light of a recent Tampa Bay Times editorial about the library.

**New Business**-None.

### **Director's Report**

Temporary closure during construction of the new C. Blythe Andrews, Jr. Library has been scheduled for April 15, 2016 and will last about a year and a half.

An update was provided on efforts to acquire the green space neighboring West Tampa Library.

Information was provided in preparation for the County's FY18 Budget.

The new Friends of the Library Coordinator, Saritza Legault, was introduced.

Staff provided an overview on the John Germany Young Reader's Initiative.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 pm.