

TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD  
LUTZ LIBRARY  
MAY 24, 2018

**Attendance:** Felicia Pecora (Chair), Phyllis Alpert (Vice Chair), Shelley Blood (Secretary), Carmen Alvarez, Bob Argus, Maggie Coleman, Davis Gandeas, Jim Johnson, Joan Zacharias were present. Candi Martin and Christine Kazor were excused. Howard Harris was absent.

**Staff Present:** Andrew Breidenbaugh, Jacquelyn Zebos, Melissa Clark, Sheryl Herold, Janet Marnatti, Lorie Tonti, Eric Hughes, Lauren Levy and Marci Krekorian.

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 pm with a quorum present.

Minutes from the April 26, 2018 meeting were approved.

There were no presentations from the public.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

During the May 2, 2018 meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, Commissioner Hagan proposed New Tampa Library or Seffner-Mango Library be renamed in honor of the late First Lady, Barbara Bush, and requested the Library Board come back with a recommendation. The Library Board discussed the potential libraries under consideration, as well as County and Library Board policies on naming buildings, and expanded the recommended locations to include Bloomingdale Regional Library. Staff will meet with community groups and area homeowner's associations to gather input and bring information to the July 26, 2018 Library Board meeting for further review and discussion.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The FY18 monthly budget reports were reviewed along with the Monthly Library Activity and Branch summaries. Questions were addressed regarding social media interactions, number of registered card holders, and increase in database use.

Staff will provide clarification on social media interactions and a report on average monthly library activity at the next meeting.

The Library Board requested a one year report on HAAL Pass be presented at a later meeting.

#### ADVOCACY REPORTS

Ms. Pecora discussed a recent opportunity to share information about Reference USA.

Mr. Gandeas discussed an online Homestead Exemption Calculator available for residents that can be used as a tool to talk with residents about potential tax cuts and their impact on libraries.

#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Library's Passport Application Acceptance Program is planned to begin July 10, 2018 at Bloomingdale Regional Library and Port Tampa City Library. A future kick-off event is being planned to include Representative Kathy Castor.

The Library's staff dress code has been revised to staff to wear jeans and tennis shoes any day of the week when worn with a branded HCPLC.org polo shirt.

The third annual LibCon event was a success, with over 600 attendees at both locations.

The Glazer family has expressed interest in the John F. Germany Library building as a site for a museum. The building's current lease and the library's inclusion in the Florida Statutes were discussed. Staff will prepare a fact sheet regarding the John F. Germany Library.

Staff presented an overview of the Hillsborough Literacy Council program through which volunteers tutor adults in speaking, reading, and writing the English language. Questions were addressed regarding staffing, funding, digital resources, and current partnerships.

The following Library Board members were reappointed to serve another term by the Board of County Commissioners at their May 17, 2018 meeting: Maggie Coleman (District 1); Felicia Pecora (District 3); and Christine Kazor (District 4).

The meeting was adjourned at 5:21 pm.

The next meeting of the Library Board is scheduled for Thursday, June 28, 2018, 4 pm at Thonotosassa Library, 10715 Main Street, Thonotosassa 33592.