



TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library

February 28, 2019

Members Present: Phyllis Alpert (Vice Chair), Shelley Blood (Secretary), Bob Argus, Jim Johnson, Candi Martin, Maggie Suttell and Shelly McClellan.

Members Absent: Carmen Alvarez, Ben Hom, Vernon Noronha and Felicia Pecora (Chair).

Library Administration/Guests: Andrew Breidenbaugh, Jacquelyn Zebos, David Wullschleger, Renelda Sells, Lorie Tonti, Chely Cantrell, Aracelis Chapman, Sheryl Herold, Candy Granda, Roland Ford, Janet Marnatti, Adam Berkowitz, Julio Granda, Emily Anderson, Jason Rogers and Brian Walton.

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

Minutes from the January 24, 2019 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Neil Cosentino, representing Camelot Florida, presented a community archival project proposal.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Planning Committee

The FY2019 monthly budget report for the month of January was reviewed along with the Monthly Library Activity and Branch summaries.

Staff provided an update on construction projects. Construction bids for the Riverview Library replacement are being evaluated. Bids are going out for furniture, and the public art selection will soon be announced.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Library Board continued its annual review of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) unfunded priorities. A revised draft recommendation list was distributed along with updated population data for each of library's service areas. Mr. Argus put forward a motion, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to rank Wimauma as number one on the priority list. Following review and discussion, **the Library Board voted 6 to 1 (McClellan opposed) in support of the CIP unfunded priorities ranked as follows:**

- 1. Wimauma Area new library**
- 2. Thonotosassa Library replacement**
- 3. New Tampa Library expansion**
- 4. Jan K. Platt Library expansion**
- 5. Apollo Beach new library**
- 6. Fish Hawk area new library**
- 7. Carrollwood area new library**

NEW BUSINESS

Staff informed the Library Board of plans to implement an initiative for service to after-schoolers to include programs, social zones in meeting rooms and other support and resources. Library management is developing policy, staff training and a public awareness campaign to highlight services available for teens.

ADVOCACY REPORTS

Phyllis Alpert shared that her Osher Lifelong Learning Institute group recently met at the new Arthenia B. Joyner Library.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Library has partnered with the management and marketing team at Citrus Park Mall management to convert an empty storefront into a free library space ("Library @ the Park") that will offer reading programs and technology instruction.

Budget estimates indicate a decrease in this year's indirect costs vs. last year. The theme of the FY2020 County Budget is sustainability in services provided. The Library plans to increase the electronic books budget and expand books by mail.

Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library's Branch Supervisor, Brian Walton and Jason Rogers, Administrative Librarian and Youth Services Coordinator were introduced.

The 2019 Tampa-Hillsborough County Storytelling Festival is scheduled for April 19th from 10am to 4pm at the Robert W. Saunders Sr. Library. This annual festival features youth performers and is organized in collaboration with the Storytelling Chapter of the Friends of the Library, the City of Tampa Parks and Recreation and Hillsborough County Public Schools.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm

The next meeting of the Library Board is Thursday, March 28th, 4 pm at Seffner-Mango Branch Library.