



TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

C. Blythe Andrews, Jr. Library

August 26, 2021

Members Present: Felicia Pecora (Chair), Phyllis Alpert (Vice Chair), Maggie Mardirosian (Secretary), Michael Newett, Jim Johnson, Bob Argus, Abigail St. Clair.

Members Absent: Candi Martin, Shelly McClellan and Carmen Alvarez.

Staff Present: Andrew Breidenbaugh, Aracelis Chapman, Janet Marnatti, Kathleen Langevin, Sheryl Herold, Carissa McQuay, Allie Brazis, Raishara Bailey, Jeffrey Huggins, Shannan Harris and Stephanie Garza.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm with a quorum present.

There were no presentations from the public.

Minutes from the July 22, 2021 meeting were approved.

BUDGET REVIEW

The Library's FY2021 monthly budget reports for July 2021 were reviewed along with monthly activity summaries. It was noted that Wi-Fi numbers are currently under review and have been temporarily omitted from the monthly activity summary reports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Staff provided an overview regarding the Law Library budget, funding source and how it fits in with the overall Library budget.

NEW BUSINESS

Staff presented information about the Library's new Social Media Internship program for teens pursuing volunteer hours as part of academic scholarships.

ADVOCACY REPORTS

Abigail St. Clair shared a recent opportunity to promote the Libby app.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Old directional signage to the former Riverview Library site has been relocated and now directs traffic to the new Riverview Library.

Based on the COVID-19 data report presented by the Florida Department of Health during the August 18, 2021 BOCC meeting, the Library has delayed its decision to restore evening hours and in-person programming until positivity rates decrease and there is further CDC guidance.

Staff will be conducting a review of all data management in the coming year. There will be a series of presentations to the Library Board about our data collections and reporting.

Facts and figures regarding electric car charging stations at libraries were shared.

The County will be offering employee training to properly address public information requests. A copy of the guidelines regarding First Amendment auditors was provided for Library Board reference.

Chair, Felicia Pecora, announced her departure from the Library Board following the expiration of her term. The BOCC will accept applications for the District 3 vacancy later this year. Current Vice Chair, Phyllis Alpert, will assume Chair duties until the next officer elections in December 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 23, 2021, 4pm at Maureen B. Gauzza Library.