



TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Riverview Library

July 22, 2021

Members Present: Phyllis Alpert (acting Chair), Maggie Mardirosian (Secretary), Michael Newett, Jim Johnson, Candi Martin, Carmen Alvarez, Bob Argus. Members Absent: Abigail St. Clair, Shelly McClellan and Felicia Pecora (Chair).

Staff Present: Andrew Breidenbaugh, Aracelis Chapman, Jacquelyn Zebos, Sean McGarvey, Chely Cantrell, Janet Marnatti, Kathleen Langevin, Carissa McQuay, Candy Granda, Karen Slaton.

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

There were no presentations from the public.

Minutes from the April 29, 2021 meeting were approved.

BUDGET REVIEW

The Library's FY2021 monthly budget reports for April, May and June 2021 were reviewed along with monthly activity summaries. The Library's new operations manager, Kathleen Langevin, was introduced and addressed questions about the library budget and capital improvement program. Clarification was provided regarding professional services and promotional activities and it was reported that all library decision units were approved as part of the County's FY22-23 budget process. Staff will bring back an overview of the Law Library budget and funding source at the next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Update on Capital Improvement Projects underway: Renovations continue at Lutz. Renovations are starting at Town 'N Country to reconfigure the lobby space and add family restrooms. Fendig Library will begin around the same time with flooring replacement and additional meeting spaces and staff workroom. We are in phase one of eight restroom renovation projects with locations to remain open with alternate restrooms available throughout the project. The landscaping enhancement project that began in 2019 is almost complete with two locations left (Austin Davis and Fendig Libraries).

2021 Resumed meeting schedule: The Library Board voted unanimously to adopt the schedule of monthly meetings and locations for the remainder of 2021 as proposed. A draft 2022 schedule will be provided later this year.

NEW BUSINESS

Update on library for Wimauma: A parcel of land owned by the County Parks has been identified for potential library/parks partnership. Also exploring possible future libraries for Apollo Beach and Fishhawk to provide needed libraries in east county.

Saunders parking lot: The Library is in negotiations for a continued lease for overflow library parking.

ADVOCACY REPORTS

District 3 member, Carmen Alvarez, recently had opportunity to promote online library card renewal.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Introduced Karen Slaton, Riverview Branch Manager and Candy Granda, Library Public Service Regional Manager for south county.

Provided a brief update on the status of reopening. Any libraries not undergoing renovations have reopened. Reservation acceptance for meeting spaces has begun as of August 2021. The Library is still experiencing staffing shortage with several positions vacant. All staff will be returned from emergency assignments as of August 1st. There are plans to restore Sunday hours in October. Friends of the Library volunteers have been welcomed back and bookstores opened. Limited, in-person programs and events are expected to be restored in early September 2021. Online programs have been popular and will continue to be offered. Evening hours have been restored to medium size libraries based on scheduling and availability.

The BOCC is accepting applications for Library Board vacancies until August 12, 2021. There are two positions vacant in Districts 2 and 4 and two positions are up for reappointment. Library Board appointments will take place in September or October.

Per citizen request, the biography summary of former Library Director Adams that appears on the library website has been revised and reposted.

Staff are working with County Public Works department to have signage removed directing traffic to the former Riverview Library location.

The Library Board wishes to thank the Friends of the Riverview Library, the Riverview Chamber of Commerce and the proprietors of Cali Café for providing refreshment for today's meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 26, 2021 4pm at C. Blythe Andrews Jr. Library.