



TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
North Tampa Branch Library
January 27, 2022

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

Members Absent: Lauren Guerin, Shelley McClellan and Carmen Alvarez.

Staff Present: Andrew Breidenbaugh, Aracelis Chapman, Jacquelyn Zebos, Sean McGarvey, Renelda Sells, Frank Colliia, Kathleen Langevin, Melissa Falvey, Lisa Wagner, Jason Rogers, and Allie Brazis.

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

There were no presentations from the public.

Minutes from the December 2, 2021 meeting were approved.

BUDGET REVIEW

The Library's Fiscal 2021 Budget Report dated December 31, 2021 FY2021 was reviewed along with monthly activity summaries. Clarification was provided regarding ad valorem funds and programming.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Library's recommended list of FY2022 unfunded capital needs priorities were discussed including factors and criteria for ranking and construction of library projects. A motion was made by Mrs. Martin, seconded by Mr. Argus and unanimously passed in favor of the recommended list as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Staff presented the results of a diversity analysis of the library collection that will be used to ensure a well-balanced collection and assist with strategic planning.

As follow up to a previously discussed topic of the rise in book complaints at public schools and libraries, Chair Alpert discussed a related article and invited member comments. Staff have received no further citizen complaints of the kind and reiterated that the public library strives to present diverse points of view.

Staff reported on the status Mobile Services suspended in March of 2019 due to the pandemic and now partially reinstated. The Library2Go vehicle is staffed and back on the road providing services. The MILO (Mobile Interactive Library Outreach) vehicle is being held back due to staffing but is expected to be back out in the Spring of this year.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Staff presented highlights from early literacy programs and updates in changes. The Library now has seven Early Literacy Specialists traveling and delivering close to 100 programs per week around the county. Over 1,700 attendees have experienced these in-person programs. Early literacy programs are also available virtually on demand.

There have been BOCC discussions concerning implementation of term limits on all Hillsborough County boards and councils. More study is being done and a decision is expected in March 2022. If adopted, term limits would go into effect limiting boards and council members to two terms (six years) and one year out before being eligible to reapply.

A draft copy was shared of the consultant study regarding the feasibility and necessity for potential countywide impact fees toward library service (increased square footage, new or expansion construction). The study will be discussed further at the next meeting. Any questions may be emailed to the Library Board coordinator. A final staff report will be presented to the BOCC in March 2022.

The Library Board was briefed concerning an incident at the Brandon Library where a staff person was physically attacked by a member of the public. The Library is working with the County to increase security and regular law enforcement presence at all locations.

Mr. Argus inquired about the current distribution of cloth masks. Staff clarified the current County directive requiring face coverings inside all County facilities and that masks are distributed by the County to be given out as needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 24, 2022, 4pm at Bloomingdale Regional Library.