

TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
JOHN F. GERMANY PUBLIC LIBRARY
SEPTEMBER 25, 2008

Board Members Present: Bob Argus, William Scheuerle, Christopher Rosbough, Patrick DeMarco, Jim Johnson, Margaret Fisher, Alma Hires, James Harkins and Catherine Cottle. James Martin, Kay O'Rourke and Laura Vickers were excused.

Staff Present: Jacquelyn Zebos, Manager, Administrative and Reference Services; David Wullschleger, Manager, Operations; Suzanne George, Manager, Library Facilities Planning & Design; Marcee Challener, Manager, Materials & Circulation Services; Linda Gillon, Manager, Programming & User Services; Lisa Wagner, Coordinator, Administrative Services & Grants; Aracelis Putnam, Administrative Specialist; Susan Oliver, Chief Librarian; Renelda Sells, Chief Librarian and Ricardo Cox, Assistant County Attorney.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. A quorum was present.

Minutes from the August 28, 2008 Library Board meeting were reviewed and approved with changes.

Presentations from the Public:

Tom Vann addressed the Library Board concerning funding for a library at Turkey Creek, requesting that the project be placed back on the priority list of unfunded projects.

Committee Reports

Budget Committee—

Dr. Scheuerle reported that the Board of County Commissioners approved the FY09 library budget as recommended.

The Budget Committee recommended any further review of the proposal for a storefront library in Gibsonton be put on hold until after the Planning Committee has completed their ranking criteria for projects. The Gibsonton proposal would be subject to the new ranking criteria at that time. The motion was approved by majority vote. Mr. Rosbough opposed.

The next meeting of the Budget Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, October 21, 2008, 4:00 p.m. at John F. Germany Public Library, Martin Luther King Room.

Planning Committee—

Mr. Argus provided an update on the Committee's progress in developing a point-based system of criteria to evaluate and rank future library projects. Staff is researching ranking systems used by other

libraries. In order to meet their objective of Board approval by the end of 2008, the Committee has scheduled a workshop for Tuesday, October 14, 2008, 1:00 p.m. at the John F. Germany Library Auditorium.

The Saunders/Booker T. Washington Walkway has been approved by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) and the Hillsborough County School District, and the project is scheduled to begin construction. The Board requested staff look into the possibility of an opening ceremony with input from the Ada T. Payne Friends of the Library.

Mr. Argus briefed the Board on the topic of Turkey Creek as discussed at the most recent BOCC budget meetings. The Turkey Creek project remains on a long term plan; however, it is not on the priority list formally approved by the BOCC as part of the FY09 budget. The Library Board ranks the CIP unfunded list each year at the end of January. Board members were provided with copies of emails received from supporters of a library at Turkey Creek.

Members of the Board (Scheuerle, Martin and DeMarco) met recently with the charter Friends of the Library to discuss possible collaboration in a fundraiser to benefit the victim of the assault at Bloomingdale. The Friends agreed but with the stipulation they serve only as a cooperating agent and/or co-host for any event and not as a sponsor. The Planning Committee suggested a golf tournament be held the first week of April and that an ad-hoc committee be assembled of Library Board and Friends representatives to organize the details. **The Board was in unanimous agreement that Mr. Martin chair the committee and Mr. Harkins assist in working with the charter Friends of the Library to investigate the feasibility of establishing a fundraiser.**

Ms. George provided an update on the Town 'N Country, Seffner-Mango and North Tampa Library projects. Shelving will be moved into the new Town 'N Country Library on October 15th in preparation for a December 3rd grand opening. At Seffner-Mango shelving is scheduled to arrive November 2. The existing library will be closed to the public November 15, and staff will start work at the new site. The new library is on schedule to open by the end of December. Construction is going well for North Tampa Library with the foundation already in place.

The next regular meeting of the Planning Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, October 21, 2008, 3:00 p.m. at John F. Germany Public Library, Martin Luther King Room.

Policy & Bylaws Committee—

Dr. Hires presented two library policies for Board approval. **The Board unanimously approved LS1110, *Community Displays* and LS503, *Unattended Minor Children*. In conjunction with the unattended minor children policy, the Policy & Bylaws Committee directed staff to develop policy to address school-aged children who spend time in the libraries unattended during school hours.**

In addition to a previous request to rename New Tampa Library for Carol Poland, a request has also been received to rename the library for Jeri Zelinski. **The Committee will hear community input as they consider these requests during a special meeting on Thursday, November 6, 2008, 4:30**

p.m. at New Tampa Regional Library, 10001 Cross Creek Blvd., Tampa 33647. The meeting is open to all Library Board members as well as the public.

The Policy & Bylaws Committee also plans to re-examine BOCC Policy-Section Number 02.14.00.00, Abstention from Selected Recognition and Events. Background information was provided to all Board members for review in preparation for discussion in January, 2009.

The next meeting of the Policy & Bylaws Committee is scheduled for Thursday, October 23, 2008, 3:00 p.m. at John F. Germany Public Library Auditorium.

Unfinished Business

The Nominating Committee plans to meet immediately following this meeting to select a slate of officers for the Library Board. The slate of officers will be presented at the October meeting.

Marcee Challener provided information concerning the library holdings in languages other than English. This report was a follow-up to the overview on collection development and materials selection program presented at the August, 2008 meeting.

New Business

Ms. Cottle requested staff provide a report at the the next Library Board meeting concerning the library circulation statistics.

Director's Report

A copy of the Hillsborough Literacy Council's annual report was shared with the Board members. The Literacy Council recently held their annual assembly. Their annual report, *Visions*, contains inspirational essays by new adult readers and speakers of English as a second language and highlighting the work that the Library does with the Literacy Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- Planning Committee
 - Workshop—Tuesday, October 14, 2008, 1:00 p.m., John F. Germany Library Auditorium
 - Tuesday, October 21, 2008, 3:00 p.m., John F. Germany Library, Martin Luther King Room
- Budget Committee—Tuesday, October 21, 2008, 4:00 p.m., John F. Germany, Martin Luther King Room
- Policy & Bylaws Committee
 - Thursday, October 23, 2008, 3:00 p.m., John F. Germany Library Auditorium
 - Special Meeting—Thursday, November 6, 2008, 4:30 p.m. @ NTR
- Library Board Meeting—Thursday, October 23, 2008, 4:00 p.m. @ AUD