

TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
JOHN F. GERMANY PUBLIC LIBRARY
FEBRUARY 22, 2007

Board Members Present: Chair, Jim Johnson, James Martin, Alma Hires, Bob Argus, Kay O'Rourke, William Scheuerle, and James Harkins.

Excused: Sandra Cameron, Laura Vickers, and Dora Reeder. Absent: Michelle Schofner and Margaret Fisher.

Staff Present: David Wullschleger, Manager, Operations; Linda Gillon, Manager, Programming; Suzy George, Chief Librarian; Barbara Marquette, Administrative Specialist; and Assistant County Attorney Alicia Gonzalez.

Mr. Johnson called to order the Ad Hoc Book Buying Committee at 4:00 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Mr. Johnson called the Library Board meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of the Library Board Minutes of January 25, 2007. Mr. Harkins moved that the minutes be approved. Dr. Scheuerle seconded. The motion passed unanimously to accept the minutes with corrections.

Comments from the Public: Doug Wall representing the Board of Directors of the New Tampa Players stated they are fully in support of the New Tampa Regional Library and would be willing to raise funds for an auditorium.

Brenda Staton, Ada T. Payne Friends of the Urban Libraries thanked the Board for their continued support. The Friends had their first gala in January which was very successful and they plan to make this an annual event. Their next event will be "Jazz in the Stacks" on May 11, 2007.

Patricia Boody, Friends of the Bloomingdale Regional Library, stated the art will be installed by the Hillsborough County Art in Public Places program and the Friends are planning a dedication ceremony in April. Ms. Boody stated that the library is very cramped and would appreciate the Library Board's consideration for expansion in this year's budget cycle.

Maureen Gauzza, Friends of the Upper Tampa Bay Regional Library, stated the consultant's statement on the March 19, 2003 tape mentions the lack of space for the Bloomingdale and the Upper Tampa Bay libraries. Those minutes also reflect the Board's approval of the expansion for these libraries.

Frank Margarella, New Tampa Community Council, stated that in 1992 the Council helped select the site of the current library which helped launch the neighborhood. Mr. Margarella expressed his support of an expansion for the New Tampa Regional Library.

Said Iravani, Friends of the New Tampa Regional Library, thanked the Library Board for taking the input from the public and stated that the shelving space is at a premium at the library. He is also following up on a proposal with the Parks and Recreation Department for an after school facility at the library site.

Committee Reports

Budget Committee: Chair, William Scheuerle went over the mandated budget decision units:
Westgate new regional library operating funds
Sulphur Springs Partnership Library
Seffner/Mango replacement library
North Tampa Branch Library expansion

The prioritized decision unit ranking:
John F. Germany third floor renovation
Lease space for the Seminole Heights library
Imagination Library
Lease space for Delivery, Mail, and Supply relocation
Website design
Customer satisfaction with Children's Programming

Mr. Wullschleger stated that the Library's management team had discussed and decided to eliminate the Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) and to continue to implement the project in small increments. Discussion followed. Dr. Scheuerle stated that the Committees recommendation was not the same as the information that Mr. Wullschleger had distributed.

The Budget Committee's recommendation to the Library Board is as follows:

1. John F. Germany
2. Lease space for Seminole Heights
3. Radio Frequency Identification system-wide implementation
4. Imagination Library
5. Lease space for Delivery, Mail, and Supply relocation
6. Web site design
7. Customer satisfaction with Children's Programming

Mr. Argus made the motion that the Budget Committee's recommendation be accepted for discussion purposes, as they voted on it. Mr. Martin seconded. Discussion followed. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Argus made the motion regarding item number three, to spread the cost of the RFID system over time and budgeting \$500,000 per year allowing installation at three to four libraries a year. Mr. Harkins seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Planning Committee: Chair, James Martin stated the Committee reviewed and ranked the Capital Needs List

1. John F. Germany
2. Seminole Heights
3. Library Expansions
 - A. Jimmie B. Keel 10,000 sq. ft.
 - B. Riverview 5,000 – 8,000 sq. ft.
 - C. New Tampa 15,000 sq. ft.
 - D. Bloomingdale 15,000 sq. ft.
 - E. Upper Tampa Bay 15,000 sq. ft.
4. Fishhawk 15,000 sq. ft.
5. Carrollwood 15,000 sq. ft.
6. Wimauma 10,000 sq. ft.
7. Triple Creek Partnership 15,000 sq. ft.

8. Bealsville/Keysville Area 10,000 sq. ft.

This is the Planning Committee's recommendation to the Library Board. Mr. Harkins seconded. Dr. Scheuerle noted that 3D is not prioritized over 3E they have been looked upon as a pair.

Mr. Argus stated that the New Tampa region is already at .6 sq. ft. per capita and the resources need to be put where they are most desperately needed. **Mr. Argus made the motion to support a 5,000 sq. ft. expansion at New Tampa (enclosing the patio) and the additional second floor be listed as item F. The motion failed due to lack of a second.**

Ms. O'Rourke stated that the Board needs to look at the needs requests presented in the past rather than the newer requests. "Needs do not go away they just get worse." Therefore, the libraries that have been in existence longer have had the needs longer. Dr. Scheuerle stated he felt this list addressed that concern and that existing libraries should be expanded before new libraries were added to the list.

Mr. Johnson called for the vote on the Committee's recommended Unfunded Needs List. The motion passed unanimously.

Project Updates – Seminole Heights the additional emergency exit will be completed by the end of March. This will increase the capacity from 49 to 83 persons.

A draft copy of the temporary West Gate site lease has been received by Library Services. The original is scheduled to be approved by the BOCC on March 7th and West Gate will be closed on March 15th. An opening date for the temporary location has not been determined.

Sulphur Springs Partnership – the School District has agreed to build the expansion which should expedite the construction.

North Tampa – Architectural Services would like to add six months to the scheduled completion date. The Library Board directed Mr. Wullschleger to invite the Director of Real Estate, Mike Kelly and Architectural Services Manager, Swati Bose to the March 22nd Library Board meeting.

Policy and Bylaws Committee: No meeting was held this month. Mr. Argus stated that the attached policies were not accurate. The item was referred to the Committee.

Ad Hoc Book Buying Committee: Mr. Martin stated the Library Board has been directed by the BOCC to review the Library's purchasing exemption for books and materials. The Committee's recommendation is to leave the exemption in place with the updated language and incorporation of maximum utilization of the Pcard and competitive pricing. Dr. Scheuerle seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business – Mr. Johnson announced the Library Board appointments. District 1 - James Martin, District 2 - Kay O'Rourke, and District 3 - Margaret Fisher and District 4 - Patrick DeMarco. Committee appointments will be made at the next meeting.

New Business – Dr. Scheuerle asked whether the Library would be ordering The Higher Power of Lucky. Chief Librarian, Anne Ross stated that there is one copy for review at the Collection Center and more copies are on order.

Mr. Harkins stated the Hillsborough Community College (HCC) in Apollo Beach will be using the SouthShore Library as its principle library. Dr. Scheuerle asked whether HCC would be supplying financial support for the purchase of books that would be required for use by the college. Mr. Argus asked whether the Board would consider having the Hillsborough County Library System partner with HCC to allow patrons to drop off and pickup books at their facilities. Mr. Harkins will speak to Mr. Robert Wolf and report to the Library Board.

Director's Report: None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Meeting Dates:

Budget - Tuesday, March 13, 2007 - 2:00 p.m. at the John F. Germany Public Library

Planning –Tuesday, March 13, 2007 – 3:00 p.m. at the John F. Germany Public Library

Policy & Bylaws - Thursday, March 22, 2007 – 3:00 p.m. at the Lutz Public Library

Library Board – Thursday, March 22, 2007 - 4:00 p.m. at the Lutz Public Library