

TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
78TH STREET LIBRARY
JULY 24, 2008

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

Staff Present: Jacquelyn Zebos, Manager, Administrative and Reference Services; Suzanne George, Manager, Library Facilities Planning & Design; Marcee Challener, Manager, Materials & Circulation Services; Lisa Wagner, Coordinator, Administrative Services & Grants; Aracelis Putnam, Administrative Specialist; and Ricardo Cox, Assistant County Attorney.

The meeting was called to order at 4:12 p.m. and proceeded without a quorum.

Minutes from the June 26, 2008 Library Board meeting were reviewed and approved.

Public Comment

Mary Ann Murphy, a frequent patron of 78th Street Library, appealed to the Board concerning recent circulation policy changes specifically with regard to the allowable number of holds. A report on this will be prepared and placed on the agenda for the next Policy & Bylaws Committee meeting in August.

Committee Reports

Budget Committee—Dr. Scheuerle reported that an overview of the library book buying process was presented to the Budget Committee by Marcee Challener. Presentation to the Board was postponed until the next meeting.

The Committee was updated concerning the Library's response to the County Audit. Most of the 25 findings recommended by the Clerk of the Circuit Court have been addressed, mainly the fine/fee structure and updating of policies. The Friends organization is currently working rewriting policy. A representative from each regional Friends organization will serve on the charter Friends. Library staff will redraft an interlocal agreement to go before the Board of County Commissioners.

With regard to the proposed Gibsonton storefront library, Dr. Scheuerle recommended on behalf of the Budget Committee that Jim Johnson speak to the owner of the plaza and report to the Budget Committee at their next meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rosbough and received unanimous consent by those present.

The next meeting of the Budget Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, August 26, 2008, 4:00 p.m. at John F. Germany Public Library, Martin Luther King Room.

Planning Committee—An interlocal agreement for the Saunders Library/Booker T. Washington walkway is expected to appear on the consent agenda for the August 6, 2008 Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting. (*Update: The agenda item(A-21) was deferred to the August 20th meeting by request of the BOCC where it was approved under Consent.*)

No changes have been recommended for the Library Services CIP as a result of the recent budget workshops.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee is scheduled for August 26, 2008, 3:00 p.m. at John F. Germany Public Library, Martin Luther King Room.

Policy & Bylaws Committee—No meeting was held for lack of a quorum.

The next meeting of the Policy & Bylaws Committee is scheduled for August 28, 2008, 3:00 p.m. at John F. Germany Public Library Auditorium.

Unfinished Business—None.

New Business—None.

Director's Report

Ms. Zebos informed the Board members on behalf of director, Joe Stines, that he was in attendance at the BOCC workshop that afternoon where the BOCC delayed any discussion of the CIP until next Tuesday. (It is noted that Mr. Stines previously notified the Board of his absence.)

A final meeting was held concerning the public art process at SouthShore Library involving members of the public and the selection committee. A piece of public art was selected for the Harkins Plaza and will go next to the BOCC for approval. A drawing of the work titled, "the Reading Grasses" was shown to the Board members.

Dr. Scheuerle asked for the reasons for the 98% increase in Bookmobile circulation as indicated in the monthly statistics. Ms. Gillon explained that the increase is due to the work by the Bookmobile's librarian, Tim Staton, to increase the activity level on the Bookmobile. Dr. Scheuerle said that he was impressed by such an increase and requested that staff extend compliments to Mr. Staton on the Board's behalf.

Mr. DeMarco inquired whether fuel prices had made any impact to library delivery. Ms. Gillon replied that fuel prices have not made an impact so far and the library has been able to maintain service levels. In response to a question by Mr. Argus, Ms. Zebos explained that fuel for library

vehicles is supplied by the County's Fleet Management is an indirect cost paid for through the library budget.

At a previous meeting, Mr. Rosbough requested information as to when the construction draw downs from the library reserves would be coming out. A print out of the reserves was distributed. However, the draw down information was not reflected in the distributed budget document. It is included in the most recent proforma, a copy of which will be distributed to all by mail.

Ms. Zebos reported the the library has implemented the recent policy changes that were approved in the fine and fee schedule and the circulation policy.

Suzanne George provided an update on library construction projects:

Town 'N Country—Furniture and shelving order has been completed and on schedule for delivery and installation in mid-October.

Seffner-Mango—Furniture and shelving order is complete and on-schedule to be installed the first week in November.

North Tampa—A groundbreaking ceremony has been confirmed for August 14th at 9:30 a.m. The building has been demolished.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Planning Committee—Tuesday, August 26, 2008, 3:00 p.m. @ John F. Germany, MLK Room

Budget Committee—Tuesday, August 26, 2008, 4:00 p.m. @ John F. Germany, MLK Room

Policy & Bylaws Committee—Thursday, August 28, 2008, 3:00 p.m. @ John F. Germany, Auditorium

Library Board—Thursday, August 28, 2008, 4:00 p.m. @ John F. Germany, Auditorium