

TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
JOHN F. GERMANY PUBLIC LIBRARY
DECEMBER 8, 2011

Attendance: Bob Argus (Chair), Jim Johnson (Vice-Chair), Kay O'Rourke, Brenda Staton, John McWhirter, and James Martin were present. Cori Toler (Secretary), William Scheuerle, Mary Lou Tuttle, Michael Keller, Jim Harkins and Alma Hires were excused.

Staff Present: Joe Stines, Director; Marcee Challener, Manager, Materials & Circulation Services; Linda Gillon, Manager, Programming; Jacquelyn Zebos, Manager, Administrative & Reference Services; David Wullschleger, Manager, Operations; Aracelis Maldonado, Administrative Specialist; Renelda Sells, Chief Librarian; Anne Ross, Chief Librarian; Lauren Levy, Chief Librarian; Barbara Marquette, Administrative Specialist.

Guest: Ricardo Cox, Assistant County Attorney; Evelyn Cabezas and Jason Biggers, Fiscal & Support Services, Public Safety & Community Services; Armand Ternak, Division Director, Temple Terrace Library.

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. without a quorum.

Approval of the October 27, 2011 minutes was postponed to the next meeting.

There were no presentations from the public.

The Library Board recognized the following volunteers from Town 'N Country Regional Library for their many hours of service:

Mike Comer
Son Dang
Kay Griffith
Beth Johnson
Gene Ann Kennedy
Christopher Lombardo
Margaret Lombardo
Matty Matylewicz
JoAnn Olson
Virgil Pittsinger
Doris Weekly
Bonnie Wilpon

The Library Board agenda was amended to include a report from Fiscal & Support Services, Public Safety & Community Services staff concerning the library network outage that occurred on November 5 and 6, 2011.

Committee Reports

Budget Committee

Mr. Martin briefed the Library Board concerning the budget report and projections discussed at the Budget Committee meeting of December 6, 2011.

The next meeting of the Budget Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24, 2011, 2:30 p.m. at John F. Germany Public Library.

Planning Committee

Mr. Johnson shared information presented by Mr. Howard Harris, President, Ada T. Payne Friends of the Urban Libraries, concerning library safety issues and potential land available for the expansion of C. Blythe Andrews, Jr. Library.

Staff provided an online tour of the Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library Facebook page, which went live November 2, 2011. A link to the Facebook page is available from the Library's Web site, HCPLC.org.

At its next meeting, the Planning Committee plans to complete review and modifications to the list of FY13 unfunded capital improvement projects (CIP).

The next meeting of the Planning Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24, 2011, 4:00 p.m. at John F. Germany Library.

Policy & Bylaws Committee

Mr. McWhirter presented the Policy & Bylaws Committee's recommendation to close John F. Germany Public Library on January 28, 2012 due to the Gasparilla Parade. Parade activities are scheduled to conclude at the corner of Ashley Drive and Cass Street, blocking access to the library. No vote was taken; however, Library Board members that were present indicated their consensus that the recommendation be approved.

The next meeting of the Policy & Bylaws Committee is scheduled for Thursday, January 26, 2011, 3:00 p.m. at John F. Germany Library.

Unfinished Business—None.

New Business—None.

Director's Report

The Library Board was introduced to Lauren Levy, newly appointed Chief Librarian, responsible for John F. Germany Public Library.

Mr. Stines made several other announcements concerning staff appointments.

The History & Genealogy department at John F. Germany Library now has new hours.

An update was provided on the Library's on-going History Roadshow events.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.