

TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
SEMINOLE HEIGHTS LIBRARY
JUNE 22, 2017

Attendance: Brenda Staton (Chair), Felicia Pecora (Vice Chair) Phyllis Alpert (Secretary), Davis Gandeas, Candi Martin, Bob Argus, Shelley Blood, Howard Harris, Christine Kazor, Joan Zacharias, Jim Johnson and Maggie Coleman were present.

Staff Present: Andrew Breidenbaugh, Aracelis Chapman, Jacquelyn Zebos, Emily Anderson, Lorie Tonti, Sheryl Herold, Renelda Sells, Janet Marnatti and Bridgett Lattimore.

Guests: Tom Fesler and Kevin Brickey.

The meeting was called to order at 4:20 pm with a quorum present.

The Library Board welcomed newly appointed District 3 member, Maggie Coleman.

Chair, Brenda Staton, has completed her term on the Library Board and did not seek reappointment. The Library Board expressed support for the Vice Chair to serve as Chair and carry out the related duties as per the Library Board Bylaws.

Minutes from the April 27, 2017 meeting were approved.

Presentations from the Public: Detective Robin Polk of the Tampa Police Department presented information regarding the Safe Place program. The Library Board requested that explore any requirements for the library's participation.

Tom Fesler, Director of the County's Management and Budget office, discussed and addressed questions regarding the Library's indirect costs. A one-page analysis of the indirect costs was distributed.

Committee Reports

Combined Finance & Planning Committees

Kevin Brickey, County Economist, presented the Library Services Taxing District Pro Forma.

The FY17 budget reports for the months of May and June 2017 were reviewed along with the Monthly Library Activity summaries. A concern was raised about centralized control of air conditioning at library facilities. Staff is working with County Real Estate & Facilities to ensure adequate temperatures. The monthly activity summaries indicated increases in several areas, namely online learning, meeting rooms and registered card holders.

Staff will provide an overview of meeting room use activity at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the combined Finance & Planning Committee is scheduled for Thursday, July 27, 2017, 3 pm at Seffner-Mango Library.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Argus discussed an update on the downtown tower. Staff will reach out to the developer about coming to a future library board meeting to provide an update.

New Business

A proposed quarterly Policy & Bylaws schedule was approved. The next Policy & Bylaws meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2017.

Director's Report

Chair Brenda Staton was recognized for her service on the Library Board.

A posthumous recognition for the late James Duffy is being planned for the October Library Board meeting.

An update was provided regarding the FY18 Budget. The County Administrator has ordered a hiring freeze in anticipation of the budget impacts. Library staffing is being reviewed and any potential impacts will be reported at a future meeting.

Staff presented a report on upgrades to the wireless free internet access at the libraries.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.