

TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD  
78<sup>TH</sup> STREET COMMUNITY LIBRARY  
OCTOBER 25, 2018

**Members Present:** Felicia Pecora (Chair), Phyllis Alpert (Vice Chair), Shelley Blood (Secretary), Carmen Alvarez, Bob Argus, Maggie Coleman, Jim Johnson, Candi Martin, and Benjamin Hom.

**Members Absent:** Vernon Noronha

**Guests:** Andrew Breidenbaugh, Aracelis Chapman, Sheryl Herold, Bridgett Lattimore, David Wullschleger, Janet Marnatti, Lorie Tonti, Chely Cantrell, Janet Marnatti, Renelda Sells, Roland Ford, Candy Granda, Lisa Wagner and Eridan Thompson.

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

Minutes from September 27, 2018 were approved.

There were no presentations from the public.

Welcome Benjamin Hom, new member representing District 4, appointed by the Board of County Commissioners on October 3, 2018.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee presented their recommendation that the current officers serve another term. There were no other nominations from the floor. The election of officers will be held at the December 6, 2018 Library Board meeting at John F. Germany Public Library.

### Policies & Bylaws

The Library Board approved changes to the Library Board Bylaws as recommended by the Policies & Bylaws Committee.

The Library Board was in support of staff's recommended holiday closing schedule for 2019.

A request to name the early learning hive at the new Riverview Library in memory of formerly Library Board member, Christine Kazor, received the unanimous approval of the Library Board pending input from the Riverview Friends of the Library. The new early learning hive will be funded through a generous donation from the Kazor family.

The next meeting of the Policies & Bylaws Committee is scheduled for Thursday, January 24, 2018 at 2:30 pm.

### Finance & Planning Committee

The FY2018 monthly budget reports for September 30, 2018 and the FY2019 Budget for October 1, 2018 were reviewed along with the Monthly Library Activity and Branch summaries. There was discussion regarding population areas served. Staff will bring back a report to include a review of the areas and demographics served by the libraries and area businesses for the January or February 2019 Finance and Planning Committee meeting.

Drinking fountain water filters have been replaced at all libraries. Water testing for lead was also conducted at library locations built prior to 1987 (Riverview, Ruskin, Fendig, Tampa Free Library, John F. Germany, Lutz and Port Tampa). The results were found to be well within acceptable levels.

A capital project is currently underway to restore, digitize and preserve the Burgert Brothers photographic collection. This preservation project, which received recognition at the Annual Planning & Design Awards last year, will increase the collection's accessibility for public viewing.

The next meeting of the Finance & Planning Committee is scheduled for Thursday, December 6, 3 pm at John F. Germany Public Library.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The proposed 2019 Library Board meeting schedule was approved as presented.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The Library Board was in unanimous support of the proposed distribution for 2019 for the Jim and Joann Duffy Foundation grant to be used specifically for children's programs.

#### ADVOCACY REPORTS

Shelley Blood presented a Tampa Bay History Center program at Jan Platt Library, which provided an opportunity to talk about the Library's Burgert Brothers photographic collection.

#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Library has received a generous donation from the estate of Helen Swisshelm that will be used to refurbish the Lutz Library reading room.

The Transformative Urban Libraries study, a collaboration together with Temple Terrace Library, is now complete and copies were distributed to the Library Board for discussion next month.

It was announced that Miami-Dade Public Library System is no longer charging fines for overdue materials.

This year's Florida Public Library Director's Annual Meeting was hosted in Tampa and included a tour of two of our library locations with visiting dignitaries including Deputy Secretary of State, the Director of the American Library Association Washington office, and the State Librarian.

Staff provided an overview of the Library's new catalog solution, BiblioCommons, which is being implemented as a result of customer feedback gathered from the 2020 Vision strategic planning. New features include an improved search experience and mobile-friendly catalog among other improvements.

A status update was provided regarding the Charles Fendig Library interior renovations project. Staff is currently working with a furniture designer prior to coordinating construction. Expected completion of the project is Fall 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 pm.

The next meeting of the Library Board is scheduled for Thursday, December 6, 2018, 4 pm at John F. Germany Public Library.