

TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD SouthShore Regional Library

July 25, 2019

Members Present: Phyllis Alpert (Vice Chair), Maggie Suttell, Carmen Alvarez, Bob Argus, Candi Martin, Jim Johnson, Shelly McClellan, Abigail St. Claire and Michael Newett.

Members Absent: Felicia Pecora, Ben Hom and Vernon Noronha.

Library Staff: Andrew Breidenbaugh, David Wullschleger, Renelda Sells, Roland Ford, Jeffrey Huggins, Chely Cantrell, Aracelis Chapman, Sheryl Herold, Janet Marnatti, Frank Collia and Ana Juarez.

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

Welcome and introduction of new Library Board members, Abigail St. Claire (District 1) and Michael Newett (District 2).

Minutes from the May 23, 2019 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT—None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policies & Bylaws Committee

The Policies & Bylaws Committee was briefed on issues with establishing customer identity and non-resident account access to digital materials. Staff will bring back recommended adjustments to library card registration and access policies.

Finance & Planning Committee

The FY2019 monthly budget report for the months of May and June 2019 were reviewed along with the monthly statistical summaries. Items of note were program attendance in general during the summer months and increased meeting room attendance at Saunders Library.

Staff provided an update on capital projects currently underway.

NEW BUSINESS

Michael Newett inquired about policies and standards related to elections signage at library facilities. Staff advised that this is governed by the Supervisor of Elections; however, the Library is working with them to provide more directional signage during election season.

ADVOCACY REPORTS

Carmen Alvarez has been working with Library staff to bring back a teen literature author festival at SouthShore Regional Library to take place next year.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

An update was provided on the Brandon Library replacement property search. The County continues to pursue a contract for the property at the corner of Lumsden Road and Parsons Avenue while also evaluating potential alternative sites.

New services funded in the FY20 budget will include a books-by-mail program and increased spending on digital services.

Planning is underway for a new early learning hive at Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library. This will be the third early learning hive funded by public bequest.

Mosaic Co. has expressed interest in corporate sponsorship of a public space enhancement for the upcoming new Riverview Library.

There have been preliminary discussions between Hillsborough County and the City of Tampa to explore redevelopment of the John F. Germany Public Library site integrating museum partnership, events space and other use.

SouthShore Regional Library Branch Manager, Frank Collia and Friends of the Library President, John Smith were introduced.

Staff shared performance statistics on the library's materials collection and the trend towards digital borrowing.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm.

The next meeting of the Library Board is scheduled for Thursday, August 22, 4 pm at New Tampa Regional Library.