



TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Austin Davis Library

May 23, 2019

Members Present: Felicia Pecora (Chair), Phyllis Alpert (Vice Chair), Shelley Blood (Secretary), Maggie Suttell, Carmen Alvarez, Bob Argus, Ben Hom, Vernon Noronha, Candi Martin, Jim Johnson and Shelly McClellan.

Library Staff: Andrew Breidenbaugh, David Wullschleger, Lorie Tonti, Chely Cantrell, Aracelis Chapman, Sheryl Herold, Janet Marnatti, Suzanne George and Kalleen Marquise.

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

Minutes from the April 23, 2019 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT—None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Planning Committee

The FY2019 monthly budget report for the month of April was reviewed along with the Monthly Library Activity and Branch summaries. Questions were addressed regarding indirect administrative costs and State Aid grant fund expenditures. The activity reports review included discussion regarding app and social media interactions as well as meeting room attendance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—None.

NEW BUSINESS

Staff reported on the status of the Brandon Library replacement. A purchase contract for two parcels of land is under a due diligence review period that expires in August. An alternative proposal for a town center project is in preliminary discussions. Staff recently met with the Center Place executive board to address questions regarding the current Brandon Library building.

ADVOCACY REPORTS

Chair Felicia Pecora urged all members to help expand the Library's reach by sharing promotional notices and events through social media.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The dedication ceremony for the new C. Blythe Andrews, Jr. Library is set for Sunday, May 26, 2019 starting at 2 pm.

The Library has been awarded a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts for The Big Read, featuring *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien. A kick-off event will be planned for April 2020. The Library is partnering with Hillsborough County Public Schools, Florida Museum of Photographic Arts and Hillsborough Community College – Ybor Campus to have related events.

An update was provided on Library Board vacancies and reappointments, which are scheduled on the June 6, 2019 BOCC Consent Agenda. Outgoing Library Board member, Shelley Blood, was presented with a letter and certificate from the Board of County Commissioners in appreciation for her service on the Public Library Board.

The June Library Board meeting has been canceled due to budget preparations and summer programs.

Staff presented a recap of 2019 Libcon and Afrocon community events.

The Library is honored to have been named Florida Library of the Year 2019 by the Florida Library Association.

Staff provided an update on the Summer Reading program.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

The next meeting of the Library Board is scheduled for Thursday, July 25, 4 pm at SouthShore Regional Library.