

TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
JAMES J. LUNSFORD LAW LIBRARY
SEPTEMBER 28, 2017

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

Staff Present: Andrew Breidenbaugh, Aracelis Chapman, Jacquelyn Zebos, Sheryl Herold, Renelda Sells, Janet Marnatti, Candy Granda, Bridgett Lattimore, Lisa Wagner, Chely Cantrell, Lauren Levy, Norma Wise, Suzanne George, David Wullschleger and Sharon Stegemeyer, Charlotte Diggs and Mary Helen Farris.

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

Minutes from the August 24, 2017 meeting were approved as amended.

There were no presentations from the Public.

Mary Helen Farris of the County Attorney's office, presented a summary of the Sunshine Laws as they relate to the Library Board members as well as discussed and answered questions about the library's video surveillance policy and public records laws.

Norma Wise, Law Library Manager and James Schmidt, Chair of the Law Library Advisors were introduced.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Combined Finance & Planning Committees

The FY17 monthly budget reports were reviewed along with the Monthly Library Activity summaries.

Staff reported that the Library is exploring discontinuation of fines and fees with the approval of County Administration.

A decision unit was approved in the FY18 budget to restructure library mobile services with use of smaller vehicles.

The next meeting of the combined Finance & Planning Committee is scheduled for Thursday, September 28, 2017, 3 pm at the James J. Lunsford Law Library.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There is an opening for a vice chair on both the Finance committee and the Policy & Bylaws committee. Members are asked to indicate their interest via email to the Library Board coordinator prior to the next full meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The Library Board Chair discussed library advocacy and proposed the topic be included as a regular part of the library board agenda for members to share any advocacy efforts or events attended where they have represented the library.

A proposed schedule of library board meeting locations for next year and a revised hours/location chart were reviewed.

The October 26, 2017 Library Board meeting will feature a recognition of Jim Duffy's contribution to the library with members of the Duffy family and Commissioner Sandra Murman in attendance.

The Friends are planning a renaming celebration for the Maureen B. Gauzza Library to be held in January.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Staff have put together an advocacy newsletter. A draft of the next one was provided highlighting a report of the library's contributions during hurricane Irma. 115 staff contributed to the hurricane effort having served 248 12-hour shifts.

A copy of the Hillsborough Literacy Council's annual *Visions* publication was shared. *Visions* is a collection of essays written by new adult readers and English language learners.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:24 pm.

The next meeting of the Library Board is scheduled for Thursday, October 26, 4 pm at SouthShore Regional Library, 15816 Beth Shields Way, Ruskin FL 33573.