



TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Port Tampa City Library

January 24, 2019

Members Present: Felicia Pecora (Chair), Phyllis Alpert (Vice Chair), Carmen Alvarez, Bob Argus, Ben Hom, Jim Johnson, Candi Martin, Vernon Noronha.

Members Absent: Maggie Suttell and Shelley Blood (Secretary).

Library Administration/Guests: Andrew Breidenbaugh, Jacquelyn Zebos, David Wullschleger, Renelda Sells, Lorie Tonti, Chely Cantrell, Aracelis Chapman, Sheryl Herold, Stacey Jurewicz, Janet Marnatti and Rachel Robledo.

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

Minutes from the December 6, 2018 meeting were approved.

There were no presentations from the public.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policies & Bylaws Committee

Updates to policy LS534, Alcohol Use during Special Events, were accepted as recommended.

The Library Board voted in support of naming the community room of the current and future replacement Riverview Library in honor of James B. Johnson, Jr.

The South Bay Genealogy Society has submitted a request to name the genealogy room at SouthShore Regional Library the "Jack Fischer Genealogy Center." Library staff will meet with the SouthShore Friends to gather input and review the request for alignment with the Library's naming guidelines. The request will be added to a future Policies & Bylaws agenda.

Finance & Planning Committee

The FY2019 monthly budget reports for the months of November and December were reviewed along with the Monthly Library Activity and Branch summaries.

County Real Estate have negotiated land acquisition contracts for the proposed Brandon Library replacement site.

The Library's recommended unfunded Capital Projects request list was presented. A vote on the final list of priorities was deferred to the next meeting to allow time for further review and discussion.

The County Administrator has identified the following areas of priority in this year's budget process: Sustainability, the unincorporated General Fund; Transportation; Land Use; Affordable Housing; and the Foster Care program in Hillsborough County. Accordingly, Library Services is planning for enhanced digital services; a more robust Books by Mail program; and increased staff for support services dealing with facilities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS –None.

ADVOCACY REPORTS

Carmen Alvarez reported that a link to the Library's online magazine appeared in a newsletter published by the legal community.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Staff Day will take place on Monday, February 18 at the Regent starting at 9am. Training and keynote speakers will focus on safety and security.

News was shared regarding former Library Board members.

The Library held its first Passport Fair on January 5th at Town N' Country Regional Library. Passport program will soon be expanded to offer services at the following locations: Jan Platt Regional Library, Austin Davis Library, Town N' Country Regional Library.

Statistical data gathered following a full year of no fines indicates positive effects including decreases in lost items and more items returned.

The two Library Board vacancies are still under recruitment. There is one candidate for the District 3 candidate Library Board vacancy. The District 2 vacancy will be re-advertised.

Staff briefed the Library Board regarding Polaris Leap, a web-based platform that will allow staff connectivity to Polaris via desktop, or mobile device. Leap will be used to assist customers with a variety library services and to enhance outreach events. Leap is undergoing limited testing at certain sites with plans for full implementation May 1, 2019.

Mr. Noronha shared an editorial from The Washington Post—*Act Four: The best thing I did in 2018 was rediscover my public library.*

Meeting was adjourned at 4:48 pm

The next meeting of the Library Board is Thursday, February 28, 4 pm at Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library.