



TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

North Tampa Branch Library

January 26, 2023

Members Present: Phyllis Alpert (Chair), Candi Martin (Vice Chair), Maggie Mardirosian (Secretary), Michael Newett, Carmen Alvarez, Jessica Ocasio, Curtis Brown and Abigail St. Clair.

Member(s) Absent: Lauren Guerin.

Staff Present: Andrew Breidenbaugh, Jacquelyn Zebos, Chely Cantrell, Sean McGarvey, Kathleen Langevin, Aracelis Chapman, Allie Brazis, Frank Collia, Melissa Falvey.

The meeting was called to order at 4 pm.

Public Comment: Bob Argus highlighted the Maureen B. Gauzza Library in relation to a news article that included the Westchase community.

Minutes from the December 8, 2022 meeting were approved.

Staff updated the Library Board on changes resulting from the county's redistricting. Five Library Board members are now in new districts. Those members whose terms have not yet expired were approved by the BOCC to complete the remainder of their original term in their new district. There will be upcoming recruitments for vacant positions Districts 2 and 3 sometime in February 2023.

BUDGET REVIEW

The Library's Fiscal 2023 Budget reports for November 2022 and December 2022 were reviewed along with Activity summaries. Clarification was requested regarding the decrease in Database Use/Downloads.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Staff reported that the County has returned management of the Robert W. Saunders Sr. Community Room to the library. The children's area is being transformed into a technology center. An update was also provided regarding a new development in the area surrounding Saunders Library.

NEW BUSINESS

Staff discussed plans for the upcoming Fiscal 2024 department budget kick off, including an overview of the operating budget for the system and a timeline for the budget. Four areas of focus in budget considerations will be to cover ongoing inflation; changes in shifting customer demand; Increasing security costs; increasing labor costs to support growth.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Staff are reviewing the Library's Borrow by Mail program and will bring back a report of the cost effectiveness of the service.

Staff is also preparing a report looking at safety and security incidents in libraries to be shared at a future meeting.

The Library Board was adjourned at 4:57 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 23, 2023, 4pm at Maureen B. Gauzza Library.