



TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Riverview Library

February 22, 2024

Members Present: Phyllis Alpert (Chair), Maggie Mardirosian (Vice Chair), Liz Hawley (Secretary), Mary Kate Downing, Curtis Brown, Carmen Alvarez, Abigail StClair, Jessica Ocasio, Bob Argus, Michael Newett.

Members Absent: Alicia Guy.

Guests and Staff Present: Jim Johnson (Emeritus), Andrew Breidenbaugh, Renelda Sells, Jacquelyn Zebos, Chely Cantrell, Aracelis Chapman, Jasmine Qronfleh, Julio Granda, Frank Collia, Karen Slaton, Ray Likely, Hetalben Patel, Shedriek Battle, Allie Brazis.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm with a quorum present.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

Minutes from the January 25, 2024 meeting were approved.

BUDGET REVIEW

The Library's Fiscal 2024 Budget reports for January 2024 were reviewed along with the monthly activity summaries. Clarification was provided regarding meeting room use due to early voting cycles. During review of the Quarterly Source and Use statement, it was noted that funds from existing reserves are expected to be drawn down to be used for capital projects underway.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—None.

NEW BUSINESS

Staff presented architectural renderings and plans for the Brandon Library replacement library. Final completion of the project is expected in early 2027.

In response to a Thonotosassa resident request, there was discussion of the mobile hotspot program and plans to increase number of hotspot devices in circulation. **The Library Board unanimously moved to mail a written response to the requestor (Alpert/Argus).**

An update was provided regarding the Library's network upgrade.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Library Board Member Emeritus, Jim Johnson, was recognized.

Independent investigations from both fire incidents that occurred at Riverview Library are still ongoing. It is expected to be a lengthy process, and no information is available until the investigations are concluded and reports are issued through Hillsborough County Risk Management. In the meantime, restoration work was covered by insurance, incurring no operational costs .

Since the new library card types for children recently went into effect, data indicates a robust selection of all various types of cards available for minors. By and large the changes have been well received.

Riverview Library Branch Manager, Karen Slaton and Supervisory Librarian, Shedriek Battle were introduced.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 pm. The next regular meeting of the Public Library Board is scheduled for Thursday, March 28, 2024 at Town 'N Country Regional Library.