



TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Thonotosassa Library

January 25, 2024

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

Staff Present: Andrew Breidenbaugh, Renelda Sells, Jacquelyn Zebos, Chely Cantrell, Aracelis Chapman, Jasmine Qronfleh, Lauren Levy and Ezekiel Weldon.

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

PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Local resident, Elizabeth Barbour, spoke regarding the Library's Mobile Hot Spot program requesting the Library consider making hot spot devices available within the collection at Thonotosassa Library. This topic will be placed on a future Library Board meeting agenda.

Minutes from the October 26, 2023 meeting were approved.

BUDGET REVIEW

The Library's Fiscal 2024 Budget reports for October and November 2023 were reviewed along with monthly activity summaries. Clarification was provided regarding indirect administrative costs and Borrow by Mail service circulation. A Quarterly Source and Use statement will be provided at a future meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

On November 15, 2023 the BOCC approved a request to extend terms for Public Library Board positions in order to meet the requirement for staggered terms under Section 4 of Special Act 84-443. Those whose terms were extended have been notified by letter. In a separate action, the BOCC amended its policy 01.30.00.00 for appointing and/or confirming nominations of citizens to boards and councils. Going forward when there are multiple candidates for a district, the BOCC will look at the number of terms served by the incumbent and consider giving preference to those who have not previously served.

Staff presented an update and timeline regarding the future Fishhawk community library. The County is currently in discussion with Fishhawk Community Development District for a proposed

site. Should the site be declined, the project will go forward utilizing an already designated County site.

A project overview and timeline of the Thonotosassa Library replacement project was provided followed by Library Board discussion. The expected construction completion is late 2026.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Library is prepared to implement the new juvenile access rules and processes accepted by the Board of County Commissioner via a staff report on October 18, 2023. Publicity materials and brochures including frequently asked questions and staff talking points have been made available to inform the public of the upcoming changes to be rolled out February 5, 2024.

The Library's Community Engagement team has been working with Downtown Partnership on the "Date with a Book" program and have been named finalists in a Downtown Collaboration award.

Branch manager for Thonotosassa Library, Ezekiel Weldon, and Lauren Levy, Public Service Regional Manager were introduced.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01pm. The next regular meeting of the Public Library Board is scheduled for Thursday, February 22, 2024 at Riverview Library.