

Agenda
Board of Library Trustees
July 9th, 2015
Main Library
303 North Laura Street

Board Members Present:

Erin Vance Skinner, Chair
Guy Anderson, Vice-Chair
Tim J. Anderson, Trustee
Sybil Ansbacher, Trustee
Ronnie King, Trustee
Charlie Kleeman, Trustee

Board Members Absent:

Marc Hardesty, Trustee
Joshua R. La Bouef, Trustee
Mario J. Payne, Trustee
Jackie Perry, Secretary
Gerald Reid, Trustee
Brenda R. Simmons-Hutchins,
Foundation Liaison

Others Present:

Barbara A. B. Gubbin,
Director
Jennifer Giltrop,
Deputy Director, Public Services
Mark Merritt,
Deputy Director, Administration &
Finance
Marshelle Berry,
Region Manager, Webb Region
Jane Harris,
Region Manager, West Region
Amber Holley,
Manager, Youth Services
Eric Lawrence
Assistant Director, Facilities
Julie McNeil
Assistant Director, Public Services
Gretchen Mitchell,
Assistant Director, Support Services
Richard Mott,
Manager, Strategic Initiatives
Mitesh Sangani,
Conference Center Manager
Bob Silkett,
Region Manager, Pablo Creek
Region
Andrew Herron,
Exec. Assistant to the Director

Larry Roziers,
Trustee Ex-Officio, DCPS
John Sawyer,
Assistant General Counsel
Janet Wesley,
Director of Development,
Jacksonville Public Library
Foundation
Virginia Maxted,
Friends of the Beaches Library
Melvin Turnage,
Friends of the Brentwood Library
Celia Miller,
Friends of the Dallas Graham Library
Judy Klein,
Friends of the Murray Hill Library
Roxanne Henkle,
Friends of the Willowbranch Library
Elaine Burnett
Friends of the Willowbranch Library
Elaine Starling
Friends of the Willowbranch Library
Darryl White, Teach for America, guest
of Larry Roziers, DCPS, above

Call to Order

Chair Erin Vance Skinner called the meeting to order at 12:10PM. A quorum was not present. There were no public comments. She congratulated Jacksonville Public Library (JPL) for being recognized as a top innovator and winning an Innovation Award for customer experience from the Urban Libraries Council for the library's innovative approach toward promoting online products, including the Transparent Language database.

Approval of Minutes

Absent a quorum, no minutes were approved.

Staff Presentation—Susan Mankowski—The Correlation Between Early Learning and Educational Success

Susan Mankowski, Early Childhood Specialist for JPL, explained to the Board how JPL's early learning programs for pre-school children impact educational readiness. Last year the program served over 82,000 attendees.

Chairman's Report

Chair Skinner shared recent events of interest to the Board. The South Mandarin Branch Library celebrated its 10th anniversary on June 18th, with Council Member Matt Schellenberg, Regional Director for Senator Marco Rubio Adele Griffin, Trustee Guy Anderson, Trustee Ronnie King and Ex-Officio Trustee Larry Roziers joining Chair Skinner in attendance. The Dallas Graham Library celebrated its 50th anniversary on June 22nd, with State Senator Audrey Gibson, Council Member Denise Lee, Trustee Mario Payne, Regional Director Griffin and Ex-Officio Trustee Roziers joining her. Trustee Jackie Perry served as MC. Almost 300 teens attended the Dallas Graham Branch Library Job Fair on June 19th, nearly nine times the number that participated in last year's event. Director Barbara A. B. Gubbin continues to meet with newly elected Council Members to build working relationships with the library, most recently with Council Members Anna Brosche and Al Ferraro, and has been joined by Trustees Gerald Reid and Sybil Ansbacher. Chair Skinner recently joined Director Gubbin and Mark Merritt to meet with Mayor Curry's Transition Task Force on Budget, chaired by Sam Mousa,

and Senior Staff are attending meetings of transition subcommittees to learn ways the library can support the new administration's priorities.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee – Committee Chair Guy Anderson reviewed the library's Financial Reports for the month ending June 2015. In so doing, he thanked the Friends for monies which were spent to replace vital microfilm records of the Florida Times Union from 1881 through 1959.

Reports on Trustee Work Plans

At Chair Skinner's invitation, Trustee Ronnie King reported on his recent Board-related work, including attendance at the South Mandarin Library's 10-year anniversary and representation of the Library at the orientations of new City Council Members.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Director's Report

Director Barbara Gubbin reported on recent events of relevance to the library, including a community meeting about the progress of renovations at the Beaches Branch Library and a now signed contract for redesigning the library's website. She also reported on the library's collaboration with Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent of Duval County Public Schools, to get more school children into local libraries and to ensure that they have library cards. Board action will be necessary at some point to approve a special "school library card."

Strategic Discussion—FY 2016 Budget Review

Chair Skinner led a discussion about the city's upcoming budgeting process for FY 2016 in anticipation of the Mayor's upcoming budget being presented to the City Council July 20th. The Board reviewed the goals of "Rebuilding JPL," a series of Board approved budget objectives for the coming year, including restored hours of service from cuts in FY 2013. The Board also reviewed possible scenarios in the unlikely event that the library is required to reduce its budget.

Ex-Officio, Mayor's Office, and Foundation Reports


Ex-officio Trustee Larry Roziers, DCPS, introduced Mr. Darryl White, a Teach for America Intern working at Matthew W. Gilbert Middle School. Janet Wesley reported on recent events of relevance to the Jacksonville Public Library Foundation, including a productive meeting with Community First Credit Union, per Foundation Liaison Brenda Simmons-Hutchins.

Friends' Reports

Celia Miller of the Friends of the Dallas Graham Library noted the branch's successful 50th Anniversary celebration. Friends of the Willowbranch Library asked when the branch would re-open after renovations. Library staff answered that the city's Department of Public Works estimates a September 30th reopening date, though that could change. Judy Klein of the Friends of the Murray Hill Library mentioned recent efforts to increase membership.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:48PM.

 8/13/15
John V. Skinner
8/13/2015