

Minutes
Board of Library Trustees Work Day
March 8th, 2018
Regency Square Branch Library
9900 Regency Square BLVD

Present:

Ronnie King II, Chair
Tim J. Anderson, Vice-Chair
Jill Dame, Secretary
Sybil Ansbacher, Foundation Liaison
Guy K. Anderson, Trustee
Carlo Fassi, Trustee
Charlie Kleeman, Trustee
Celia Nass, Trustee
Mario Payne, Trustee
Jackie Perry, Trustee
Gerald Reid, Trustee

Absent:

Marc Hardesty, Trustee

Staff:

Tim Rogers, Director
Raymond Albury, Assistant Director,
Facilities Management and Planning
Chris Boivin, Assistant Director,
Community Relations and Marketing
Monica Crowley, Administration &
Finance
Andrew Herron, Executive Assistant to
Director
Amber Holley, Manager, Youth Services
Julie McNeil, Assistant Director, Public
Services
Gretchen Mitchell, Assistant Director,
Support Services
Richard Mott, Manager, Strategic
Initiatives

Others Present:

Tia Leathers, Ex Officio, Duval County
Public Schools
Dr. Johnny Gaffney, Mayor's Liaison to
Boards and Commissions
Jim McCain, Office of the General
Counsel
Jamie Self, Executive Director,
Jacksonville Public Library Foundation
Margaret Smith, Friends of the
Jacksonville Public Library
Joshua Messinger, Friends of the
Beaches Library
Melvin Turnage, Friends of the
Brentwood Library
Judy Klein, Friends of the Murray Hill
Library

Guests and honorees noted below

1. Call to Order and Introductions of Guests

Board Chair Ronnie King called the meeting to order shortly after 12:05PM and welcomed Mr. Andrew Johnson, a member of the public who spoke on behalf of extended hours of service and expanded handicapped access to the Main Library.

2. Honors and Recognition

Chair King and Library Director Tim Rogers honored Mark Merritt, who is retiring after six years of service as JPL's Deputy Director of Administration

and Finance. He lauded Merritt's robust helpfulness to staff and surefooted guidance in the development of six annual budgets.

They also honored longtime Library employee Carolyn Hampton on her retirement after three decades of service.

3. Approval of Minutes

Trustee Sybil Ansbacher moved to approve the Board minutes of February 8th and February 23rd, 2018.

Trustee Perry seconded the motion. Approved.

4. Chair's Report

Chair King thanked trustees who attended the Board Work Day on February 23rd and the Jax Book Fest on Saturday the 3rd at the Main Library, which broke attendance records with 3800 attendees.

5. Staff Presentation

Richard Mott updated the Board on the library's progress towards strategic goals.

6. Director's Report

Director Rogers summarized his monthly Director's Report, which was provided to trustees in written form.

7. Business

FY 2019 Budget Planning

Director Rogers also discussed the budget themes that were explored at the Board Work Day, such as providing safe learning zones, expanding the impact of early childhood literacy, and improving self-service alternatives. Trustees offered constructive feedback.

Authorization for Director to sign Memorandum of Understanding with Jacksonville Public Education Fund and Duval County Public Schools

In order to authorize further co-operation between the Library, Duval County Schools, and the Jacksonville Public Education Fund:

Trustee Jackie Perry moved to authorize the Director to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Jacksonville Public Education Fund and Duval County Public Schools.

Trustee Gerald Reid seconded the motion. Approved.

8. Committee Reports

Finance Committee Vice-Chair Tim Anderson reported on the most recent meeting of the Finance Committee, at which the library's financial reports were reviewed.

Co-Chair Guy Anderson of the Committee on Capital Improvements reported on progress towards an Oceanway Library and the renovation of children's centers at the Webb and Highlands Libraries.

Foundation Liaison Sybil Ansbacher and Executive Director Dr. Jamie Self discussed recent and upcoming campaigns and events of the Foundation.

9. Mayor's Office and Ex-Officio Reports

Mayor's Liaison Dr. Johnny Gaffney and DCPS Liaison Tia Leathers reported on their recent and upcoming areas of activity.

10. Friends Reports

Friends groups reported on their recent and upcoming areas of activity.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

-APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES APRIL 2018.