

Minutes
Board of Library Trustees Meeting
May 10th, 2018
Main Library Conference Center
Jacksonville Public Library
303 North Laura Street

Present:

Ronnie King II, Chair
Jill Dame, Secretary
Sybil Ansbacher, Foundation Liaison
Guy K. Anderson, Trustee
Marc Hardesty, Trustee
Celia Nass, Trustee
Mario Payne, Trustee
Jackie Perry, Trustee

Absent:

Tim J. Anderson, Vice-Chair
Carlo Fassi, Trustee
Charlie Kleeman, Trustee
Gerald Reid, Trustee

Staff:

Tim Rogers, Director
Julie McNeil, Assistant Director, Public Services
Gretchen Mitchell, Assistant Director, Support Services
Chuck McNeil, Assistant Director, Finance & Administrative Services
Raymond Albury, Assistant Director, Facilities Management and Planning
Chris Boivin, Assistant Director, Community Relations and Marketing
Wanda James Crowley, Administration & Finance
Andrew Herron, Executive Assistant to Director
Amber Holley, Manager, Youth Services
Lynn Jacobson, Bibliographic Systems and Access Manager
Richard Mott, Manager, Strategic Initiatives
Sara Roberts, Manager, Main Region
Michael Sullivan, Manager, Pablo Creek Region

Others Present:

Hon. Jim Love, Board Liaison, Jacksonville City Council
Ryan Traher, ECA Hon. Tommy Hazouri, Board Liaison, Jacksonville City Council
Dr. Johnny Gaffney, Mayor's Liaison
Brandon Mack, Attending for Tia Leathers, Ex Officio, Duval County Public Schools
Jim McCain, Office of the General Counsel
Joseph Peppers, CEO, Kids Hope Alliance
Jamie Self, Executive Director, Jacksonville Public Library Foundation
Margaret Smith, Friends of the Jacksonville Public Library
Roxanne Henkle, Friends of the Willowbranch Library
Judy Klein, Friends of the Murray Hill Library
Melvin Turnage, Friends of the Brentwood Library

Guests or honorees mentioned below.

1. Call to Order and Introductions of Guests

Board Chair Ronnie King called the meeting to order shortly after 12N, noted the helpful work of COJ Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Ali Korman Shelton, who is stepping down this month, and noted that the Board would be visited by Mr. Joseph Peppers, newly appointed CEO of the Kids Hope Alliance. Later in the meeting, Chair King and Library Director Tim Rogers welcomed Mr. Peppers to the session.

2. Honors and Recognition

Chair King and Director Rogers honored JPL employees for meritorious service: Laura Minor, Olga Bayer, Jay Brasfield, Catherine Currier, Shirdellah Groulx, Jessica Morio, Emma Poncho, Christa Snow, Bryan Thomas, and John Wilson for their work on the successful Mapping our Past event featuring Christopher Lane of Antiques Roadshow; Kathy Tekin, Curt Beadell, Kristi Dorney, John Jessee, Brenda Johnson, and Jessica Serrano for their work providing the Arbor Terrace Reading Program for patients of the Arbor Terrace dementia care center; Zoe Carr, Development Associate for the Foundation, for her work redesigning the Friends website; Joanna Nigrelli for her work covering short-staffed positions in the Children's and Teen departments; and Tonja Baker-Ferrell of the Argyle Library for reinvigorating the Teen Advisory Board.

3. Approval of Minutes

Trustee Marc Hardesty moved to approve the Board minutes of April 12th and May 3rd, 2018.

Trustee Guy Anderson seconded the motion. Approved.

4. Chair's Report and Budget Discussion

Chair King updated trustees on library events of relevance to the Board. He thanked library staff who made the Main Library's third annual job fair a success and thanked the library's Center For Adult Learning for its work in graduating 20 students who recently earned their GED's.

5. Director's Report

Director Rogers highlighted his monthly report to the Board, which was provided in written form, noting the promotion of Assistant Director for Support Services Gretchen Mitchell to Deputy Director and remarking on successful Comic Cons he recently attended at multiple libraries.

6. Business

-FY 2019 Same Level of Service Budget

In order to provide the Mayor's administration with up-to-date financial guidance on what funds will be necessary to continue providing the library's current level of service into FY 2019:

Chair Mario Payne moved on behalf of the Finance Committee to approve a revised version of the proposed FY 2019 Same Level of Service budget (approved in April).

Approved.

-FY 2019 Proposed Enhancements

In order to provide the Mayor's administration with a list of the most socially valuable enhancements that could be added to the library budget, including funds to provide community safe learning zones with enhanced hours of service at multiple locations, support efficiency and entrepreneurship initiatives, and expand early childhood literacy offerings:

Chair Mario Payne moved on behalf of the finance Committee to approve requesting the proposed enhancements above.

Approved.

8. Committee Reports

Committee Chairs and trustees reported on their committee's latest areas of discussion (business items listed above), and Foundation Liaison Sybil Ansbacher and Executive Director Dr. Jamie Self discussed recent and upcoming efforts of the Foundation.

9. Mayor's Office and Ex-Officio Reports

City Council Member Jim Love, City Council ECA to Tommy Hazouri Ryan Traher, and Brandon Mack of DCPS reported on their 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 JULY 2018.