

## Library Advisory Board Meeting July 26, 2021

**In Attendance:** Joan Hook, Marci Mihall, Peter Segall, Jayne Brewin, Bonnie Martin, Ron Becker (telephone), Mark Vandebroek, and Andi Figart

**I. Call to Order:** 9:30 a.m. by Chairwoman Joan Hook

**II. Minutes:** The June 2021 meeting minutes were unavailable and will be reviewed, with July's minutes during the upcoming August 23rd meeting.

**III. Public Comment:** Councilman Mike Peters attended the meeting.

**IV. Officer/Committee Report:**

A. Pasco County Library Advisory Board & Library Cooperative Board (Ron Becker) -

- The Cooperative is not meeting over the summer. Pasco County is making good progress with the building of their new libraries. The Starkey Park library will have a soft opening August 2nd. The LAB would like to have a meeting there to see the new facility.

B. The Friends of the New Port Richey Library (Bonnie Martin) -

- The FOL provided the Library Director with their time capsule items. As of this meeting, the FOL and the New Port Richey Library Foundation have paid the City for the purchase of the benches.

C. Library Director's Update (Andi Figart) -

- The last presentation in the **Summer Reading Series** was about environmental sustainability. It was well attended and provided by PHSC.
- The **renovations** are proceeding very well. The second floor is amazing and the flooring should be in this week. New high-end shelving was ordered at a reduced cost. The first floor renovations will begin soon.
- The **Tampa Bay Library Consortium** received American CARES funding and is providing us with a stand-up sanitary kiosk which includes an LCD screen for facial temperature scanning, digital messaging, and more. The TBL is also paying for high-end hand dryers to be installed in the bathrooms.
- During the renovation, the **time capsule** will be placed in a wall on the second floor. A wall plaque will be added to identify the capsule. The LAB is recommending the container be in view by covering the wall opening with plexiglass.
- The **Culver's Share Night** was attended by many of the library staff and county residents. The funds which we receive will be applied to the renovations.
- The **library benches** have arrived at the Public Works Dept. They will be installed during the library renovation.
- The **Youth Programs** have had a very large attendance this summer. Having the programs in-person vs. virtual has made a big difference in the number of participants.

- The changes to the **City Ordinance** 2.11-2.233 of Chpt. 2, Article VII is under review by City officials. The LAB members are encouraged to attend the City Council meeting when the ordinance reading and vote are scheduled.

**V. Continuing Business:**

- A. The Annual Plan of Service was presented and reviewed. This is the last year for the current long-term Strategic plan. Due to the pandemic, a few of the items on the Plan of Service were unable to be completed. To meet some of the new and uncompleted goals, the library is working on local program-partnerships with Premier Healthcare and Morton Plant North Bay Hospital. Andi and Joan will speak with North Bay as they are on a North Bay community board.
- B. The future of libraries was discussed and continued with last month's content:
  - Inclusion of co-located community services
  - Increase availability of technology and databases
  - Libraries may decided to specialize their services for a specific group (i.e.: focus on youth services) or programs (i.e.: technology)

**VI. New Business:**

- A. The Library Budget will be reviewed at a City Council Work Session tomorrow evening. The budget was provided to LAB members for review.
- B. A consultant will be used to construct the next Library Strategic Plan.
- C. Joan shared a Wall Street Journal article about how long libraries have been a beacon of communities.

**VII. Next Meeting:** August 23, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. in City Council Chambers

**VIII. Adjourn:** By unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bonnie M. Martin*

Bonnie M. Martin, Secretary