

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

June 25, 2018, 5:30 p.m.

**Members Present:** Margie Well / Vice Chair, G.K. Sharman, Susan Kellicut, Beverly Courtney, Barbara Hilderbrand

**Members Absent:** Anne West /Chair, Raychel Garcia

**Members of the Public:** Walter Griggs

**Staff:** Christine Patten, Library Services Division Manager, Joe Abel, Leisure Services Director

- A. Ms. Wells called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. Ms. Wells noted that there was a quorum for the June 25, 2018 Library Advisory Board Meeting. The motion was made to accept the official minutes from May 21, 2018 meeting with corrections, as noted. Ms. Kellicut made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Margie Wells, and approved by unanimous vote.
- B. Ms. Patten and the Library Advisory Board discussed the County's plan to request proposals to outsource the Seminole County Public Library employees and management. There were some Library Advisory Board members not present at the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting attended by Leisure Services Director, Joe Abel.
- On May 21<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Abel informed the Library Advisory Board that the County is looking for ways to cut costs ahead of the expansion of the Homestead Exemption that will be on the November ballot. When asked by Ms. Anne West what other County Divisions or operations were being considered for outsourcing, Mr. Abel said that there were none that he knew of. Mr. Abel informed the Library Advisory Board at the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting that he wanted to have a work session about the outsourcing proposals with the County Commissioners, July 24, 2018 which would include an opportunity for public input.
  - Library Advisory Board members noted that they have been asked about the outsourcing proposal by residents, friends, and coworkers who have expressed concerns and opposition to the idea. It was noted that League of Women Voters were undertaking a letter writing campaign to the County Commissioners. Library Advisory Board members mentioned community awareness campaigns by several organizations, including the Friends of the Library.
  - The Library Advisory Board discussed the article published in the Orlando Sentinel which mistakenly claimed that the Library has 70 full time employees.
  - At the May 21<sup>st</sup> Library Advisory Board Meeting, Ms. Patten provided a summary of statistics from the Florida Dept. of State, Division of Library Services. Mr. Griggs, a resident observing the June 25, 2018 Library Advisory Board meeting, expressed interest in having a copy the statistics summary which was given to the board May 21<sup>st</sup>.
- C. Ms. Patten informed the Library Advisory Board about the hold on the meeting room policy update.

- D. Ms. Patten reported on the very promising start of the summer reading program with library branches reporting over 1,000 children registered.
- E. Ms. Patten noted that the investigation into radio frequency identification (RFID) is on hold.
- F. Ms. Patten reported some progress on the parking lot remodeling project for the Northwest Branch in Lake Mary. The purchasing order has been released to pay the vendor for the survey and draft design.
- G. Ms. Patten informed that board that the County has retained ADA public restroom remodeling, as a project in the FY 18/19 County budget. Former Library Advisory Board member, Mr. Tom Boyko lobbied Commissioners for upgrading public restrooms at the library branches for ADA compliance.
- H. The floor was opened for any discussion under the Good of the Order.  
The Sanford Chamber of Commerce is presenting the Great Debate Series, an event to meet candidates for County Commission seats for Districts 2 and 4.
- I. Next Library Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for July 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM in the gallery at the Central Branch Library at 215 N. Oxford Rd., Casselberry.
- J. Ms. Wells adjourned the meeting at 6:30 PM.