

MEMORANDUM



LIBRARY

NOTICE OF MEETING

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There will be a Library Advisory Committee Meeting
on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 2:00pm,
in the Commission Chambers, City Hall,
155 Corey Avenue, St. Pete Beach,
Pinellas County, Florida,
to review the following:

Approval of Minutes
Activity Statistics
Library Programs
Library Planning

Any Other Matters the Advisory Committee Wishes to Discuss

The Public is cordially invited to attend.

*In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Florida Statutes 286.26,
persons with special disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding
should contact Mr. Ed Pickhardt, Superintendent of Buildings, at (727) 363-9243,
for assistance no later than seven days prior to the proceeding.
If hearing impaired, telephone the Florida Relay Service Number/TDD (800) 955-8771.*

*If a person decides to appeal any decision made at this hearing, they will need a record
of the proceedings and, for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings
is made, which includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based
(F.S. 286.105). The city does not furnish verbatim transcripts; interested parties should make
the necessary arrangements for the verbatim transcripts.*



Roberta L. Whipple, Library Administrator

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LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA
February 24, 2009 at 2:00pm

*NO AUDIO
EQUIPMENT
MANUFACTURE*

Call to Order, Roll Call

Activity Statistics

State Aid

Subscription Databases

Friends of the Library (Barbara)

Volunteers (Jean)

Preliminary Renovation Plan (Ward)

Program Announcements

Open Discussion

Adjournment



LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

February 24, 2009

THOSE PRESENT:

Jean Andrews
Ward Friszolowski, Chair
Mimi Gewanter

ALSO PRESENT:

Roberta Whipple, Library Administrator
Jim Parent, Library volunteer and Commissioner Elect for District 2

ABSENT:

Barbara Mooney
Judy Cohan

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Whipple reported that internet usage is up, Visitors' cards up. St. Pete. Beach and So. Pasadena cards up, but \$25 tourist cards slow. Library cards are up but not circulation.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

State Aid - none for a few years. The loss is too great to use for new books. \$300,000. was cut from State funding this year.

Courier Service need has risen.

News Bank

VOLUNTEERS

Jean Andrews reported that Friends is paying for background checks on volunteers.

RENOVATION PLAN

Using the existing plan for reference, the renovations will involve 3 dimensions with technology changes and new concepts. The last interior changes were done in 1994. At

present there is no teen area but may not be able to solve all issues at this time, just reorganization. We must deal with power issues, data locations, and wireless access. Currently we have limited City funds, however the Friends' group will help out as we are trying to avoid asking the Commission for funds.

COMPUTERS

Our goal is to have 28 computer stations over a period of time; we currently have 12 stations.

DISCUSSION

Creative Arts has been doing special effects on building and will bring PowerPoint show to our next meeting with the idea of designing a divider for the teen section of the Library.

Use of the conference room was also discussed.

Program announcements

"Meet the Times" writer series

Wednesday, March 11, 2009, at 7:00 pm, Editor Jay Cridlin of the Tampa Bay Times, will talk about relationship to the City and free papers.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Muriel Desloovere discussed self check-out counter to control people taking out unchecked books. She also suggested limited screen space with double-edged book cases, half to teen section and other half to children in lieu of the wall. Lower half could be shelf space with a screen on top.

She further suggested that due to our need for funds, an increase of \$.25 be added to library fees.

ACTIVITIES:

In our canned-goods drive for the troops, the Corey Avenue Merchants will be taking donations for Christmas.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the Meeting was adjourned.

Jean Andrews (note deletion on p.1)
Jean Andrews, Chairman

ATTEST:

Theresa McMaster
Theresa B. McMaster, City Clerk