BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

PLACEMENT: CONSENT
PRESET: 
TITLE: RECOMMENDED LIBRARY MEETING ROOM POLICY CHANGES FOR BOCC APPROVAL

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REQUESTED BY:  
Name: Richard Reilly, Deputy Library Director

DEPARTMENT:  
Library

PREPARED BY:  
Flory Anzueto

Procedures: None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Recommending changes to the Library Meeting Room Policy and requesting BOCC to authorize the Library Board of Trustees to approve all future revisions to the Library Meeting Room Policy.

APPROVAL:
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BACKGROUND/RELATED STRATEGIC GOAL:

The Library Board of Trustees has final approval of all Library policies except the Library Meeting Room Policy. The Library Meeting Room Policy is an exception because the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) requested scheduling preference of the newly constructed Blake Library John F. Armstrong
Wing Auditorium for regularly scheduled Commission public meetings to accommodate any overflow of public attendance (April 28, 1998 agenda item lib98a 004). On January 8, 2008, the BOCC rescinded this preference.

**ISSUES:**

Since January 8, 2008 small edits have been made to the Library Meeting Room Policy by Library staff and the Library Board of Trustees (on 2/22/2011, 5/15/2015, and 9/21/2016). Since the BOCC no longer has preferential scheduling of a Library meeting room and the Library Board of Trustees approves all other policies, it would be more efficient for future edits to be made by Library staff and approved by the Library Board of Trustees.

For ethical and equitable use, Article VI of the American Library Association’s Library Bill of Rights states, “Libraries which make exhibit spaces and meeting rooms available to the public they serve should make such facilities available on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use”.

**LEGAL SUFFICIENCY REVIEW:**

Reviewed.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Move that the Board approve changes to the Library Meeting Room Policy and authorize the Library Board of Trustees to approve all future revisions to the Library Meeting Room Policy.

**ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Pull this item from the Consent Agenda.

Approve changes and provide staff with direction.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**RECOMMENDATION**

There is no fiscal impact from these policy changes.

**ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Provide staff with direction.

**DOCUMENT(S) REQUIRING ACTION:**

- Budget Transfer / Amendment
- Chair Letter
- Contract / Agreement
- Grant / Application
- Notice
- Ordinance
- Resolution
- Other:
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EFFECTIVE DATE
05/16/2002 (Meeting Room Rental Fee Schedule effective 10/01/07)
Revised 10/01/2007
Revised 01/15/2008
Revised 10/15/2008
Revised 05/20/2009
Revised 10/19/2009 (changes to regulations only)
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RELATED DOCUMENTS:
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ATTN: Meeting Rooms

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MEETING ROOM EQUIPMENT
The following equipment may be provided at no charge and is subject to availability. Groups are responsible for their own setup and break down. Library staff is not available to help.

Screen   Lectern   Microphone   Easel   TV/DVD

The Blake and Cummings libraries have advanced A/V capabilities.
Regulations for Meeting Room Use

MUST BE INITIALED AND RETURNED WITH COMPLETED APPLICATION

(All Library facilities are smoke-free, drug-free environments)

1. The Library staff will not set up for meetings. Organizations or individuals using the facilities are responsible for setting up the rooms according to their own needs. Billable time must be scheduled for room setup. Groups will not be permitted access to the rooms prior to their reservation start time. It is the responsibility of the organization or group using the room to restore the furniture and the room to the order in which it was found. The group or individual that signed for the room is liable for costs for repair of any damage to facilities or equipment occurring during their period of responsibility. The use of ink, marker, tape, tacks, pins, or other fastening devices on the walls, drapes, curtains, valance, platform, furniture, or room divider is prohibited.

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3. Notices, press releases, posters, fliers, or other materials promoting or announcing events to be held in Library meeting rooms shall not be distributed without the advance written approval of Library Administration. Please fax to 772-463-2835 or e-mail to meetingrooms@martin.fl.us. All publications must contain the following disclaimer: “Use of the Library meeting rooms does not imply Library endorsement of the aims, policies, or activities of any group using the room.” Reservations for the John F. and Rita M. Armstrong Wing must state “John F. and Rita M. Armstrong Wing” in all publications. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in immediate revocation of meeting/conference room privileges. The Library promotes only those programs it sponsors or cosponsors.

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9. Food service is allowed in Library meeting rooms for a cleanup fee. Food or drink may not be left in the refrigerator. Organizations are required to provide their own utensils, coffee pot, etc. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted.

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   - Failure to meet payment deadline will be considered a cancellation of reservation.
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   - Prompt notification to Library for cancellation is required. Fees are refundable provided the Library has been given notice at least 3 business days prior to the meeting cancellation.

11. Exceptions to these policies and procedures will be referred to the Library Director/Library Board of Trustees.

12. Event start time must be 30 minutes after the Library opens.

13. The public presentation of a copyright protected media such as films, television shows etc. requires a Public Performance Rights License. Movie Licensing USA provides Public Performance Licensing.
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Name of Organization: ___________________________________________ Today’s Date: ____________________________

☐ Government Agency ☐ For Profit ☐ Non-Profit ☐ Non-Profit Tax Exempt Must provide Tax Exempt Certificate

Title of Event: ________________________________________________

Person applying for use: ________________________________________ Phone: _____________________________

Position in group: _____________________________________________ Fax: _____________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________ City: ______________________ State: _____ Zip: _________

E-mail Address: _______________________________________________

President of Group: ____________________________________________ Phone: _____________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________ City: ______________________ State: _____ Zip: _________

E-mail Address: _______________________________________________

Activity: _____________________________________________________ Expected attendance: ______

Subject of activity: ____________________________________________ Public contact phone number: ______

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______ ______ ______ ______ ______ ______ ______ ______ ______

Reservation Time (total billable time; set up and clean up times are billable): ______ am/pm ______ am/pm

Event Time (actual time your meeting/event is conducted): ______ am/pm ______ am/pm

Please check the room and equipment requested.

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Robert Morgade Library, Stuart
☐ Community Room ☐ Conference Room 1 ☐ Conference Room 2

Equipment Use Request
You must read and abide by Guidelines for Meeting Room Use

☐ Microphone
☐ Easel
☐ TV/DVD
☐ Lectern
☐ Screen
☐ Food/Drink
☐ Advanced AV (Blake & Cummings Only)

I have read and understood the Martin County Library System’s POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR MEETING ROOM USE. My signature indicates acceptance of responsibility for compliance.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

rev 9/13/16
TO: ALL LIBRARY STAFF

FROM: JENNIFER SALAS DONNA TUNSOY
LIBRARY DIRECTOR

PREPARED BY: NICOLE LEBAUD DONNA TUNSOY
LIBRARY FACILITIES PLANNER

SUBJECT: MEETING ROOMS

EFFECTIVE DATE 05/16/2002
Revised 10/01/07
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RELATED DOCUMENTS:
Meeting Room Application Packet (Guidelines, Costs, and Regulations) for Library Meeting and Conference Room Use — Attachment 1

APPROVED BY: Jennifer Salas - Donna Tunsoy, Library Director
DATE: ____________

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Today’s Date: Must provide Tax Exempt Certificate

Title of Event: Phone:

Person applying for use: Fax:

Position in group: Address: City: State: Zip:

E-mail Address: President of Group: Phone:

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E-mail Address: Activity: Expected attendance:

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Please check the month(s) and enter the date(s) requested below. If recurring, enter specific instructions (i.e. third Monday) once below checked months.

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Reservation Time (total billable time; set up and clean up times are billable): am/pm

Event Time (actual time your meeting/event is conducted): am/pm

Please check the room and equipment requested.

Library Location
Blake Library, Stuart
☐ Auditorium ☐ Conference Room

Elisabeth Lahti Library, Indiantown
☐ Community Room ☐ Conference Room

Hobe Sound Public Library
☐ Community Room

Hobe Library, Jensen Beach
☐ Community Room

Peter & Julie Cummings Library, Palm City
☐ Community Room ☐ Conference Room 1 ☐ Conference Room 2

Robert Morgade Library, Stuart
☐ Community Room ☐ Conference Room 1 ☐ Conference Room 2

Equipment Use Request

Microphone
Easel
TV/DVD
Lectern
Screen
Food/Drink
Advanced AV (Blake & Cummings Only)

I have read and understood the Martin County Library System’s POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR MEETING ROOM USE. My signature indicates acceptance of responsibility for compliance.

Signature: Date:

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