

# CORAL GABLES

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## DRAFT Library Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 14, 2019 | 3:00 p.m.

PAB MEMBERS	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	APPOINTING ENTITY
	'19	'19	'19	'19	'19	'19	'19	'19	'19	'18	'18	'18	
Lisa Bennett	X	E	X	X	X	X	X	-		P	X	P	Commissioner Frank Quesada
Jane Maranos	X	P	X	X	X	X	X	-		P	X	E	Mayor Raúl J. Valdés-Fauli
Samuel Boldrick	X	P	X	X	X	X	X	P		P	X	A	Commissioner Michael Mena
Sherry Shu Zhang, Chair	X	P	X	X	X	X	X	P		P	X	P	Board as a Whole
Myra Silverstein, Vice-Chair	X	P	X	X	X	X	X	P		E	X	P	City Manager
Charlotte Smiley	X	P	X	X	X	X	X	P		P	X	P	Commissioner Patricia Keon
Colette Worm	X	P	X	X	X	X	X	P		P	X	P	Vice Mayor Vince Lago

A = Absent    E = Excused Absence    P = Present    X = No Meeting    Ph = Present by Phone    - = Former Board Member

### STAFF AND GUESTS:

Belkys Perez, Assistant Director, Economic Development Department  
 Dona Spain, Director, Historic Resources & Cultural Arts Department  
 Zeida Sardinas, Asset Manager, Economic Development Department  
 Leo Gomez, Assistant Director of Miami-Dade Public Library System  
 Will Runyan, Coral Gables Library  
 Mariana Price, Administrative Assistant, Economic Development Department

### Meeting Motion Summary:

**A motion to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2019 meeting passed unanimously.**

Ms. Silverstein brought the meeting to order at 3:11 pm.

#### 1. Introductions

Board members and guests took turns introducing themselves.

#### 2. Review of February meeting minutes

Mr. Boldrick made a motion to approve the minutes, which Ms. Worm seconded, and which passed unanimously.

#### 3. Update on library renovations with Leo Gomez, Assistant Director of M-DLPS

Mr. Gomez stated that a private firm has been hired to work on the new design for the interior of the library. The conceptual drawings are being worked on now so they can be presented at an upcoming board meeting. The design will be presented to the community as well. Boards with the new concept will be posted in the lobby of the library and on the library's website. Construction will not begin until next year due to the permitting process. The library will be closed during construction but will most likely be moved temporarily to another location. The budget is set to almost three million dollars and the schedule is fluid. The new design layout will have expanded Wi-Fi to provide for the entire library.

The availability of electricity and data connections will increase tremendously. During the period when construction starts, the board expressed interest in promoting the e-Books feature.

**4. Open Discussion**

Mr. Runyan informed the members that events at the library are winding down. The library has applied for the cultural grants with the City for additional programming. There was a discussion about the cast-aluminum benches which have been restored by the Garden Club. A couple of benches have been relocated to parks. All board members agreed there should be guidelines for new benches. Ms. Spain said she could provide the guidelines that the Merrick House Governing and Pinewood Cemetery Advisory Boards currently use for new benches.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jordan Hernandez, Office Assistant - Economic Development Dept.