



**Library Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday | February 9, 2022 | 3:00 p.m.

Location: Police and Fire Headquarters (PFHQ), Community Meeting Room A
2151 Salzedo Street, Coral Gables, FL 33134

LAB MEMBERS	MEETING DATES												APPOINTING ENTITY
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James Worm	X	P											Mayor Vince Lago
Daniel Carson	X	P											Vice Mayor Mena
Leticia Milian	X	P											Board as a Whole
Myra Silverstein, Chair	X	P											City Manager
Charlotte Smiley	X	P											Commissioner Menendez
Melanie Zargham	X	P											Commissioner Anderson
Ruben Figueras	X	P											Commissioner Fors

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

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Belkys Perez, Assistant Director, Economic Development Department
 Yenis Gomez, Administrative Assistant, Economic Development Department
 Kara Kautz, Assistant Historic Preservation Officer, Historical Resources & Cultural Arts
 Leo Gomez, Assistant Director, Miami-Dade Public Library System
 Samuel Joseph, Vice Chair, School Community Relations Committee (SCRC)
 Samuel Boldrick, guest (Zoom)

Chairwoman Ms. Silverstein brought the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Ms. Silverstein welcomed new board member, Mr. Ruben Figueras, appointed by Commissioner Fors, Jr. All members both existing and new were asked for self-introductions.

2. Review and approval of December 8, 2021, Library Advisory Board Meeting Minutes.

Ms. Zargham made a motion to approve the meeting minutes and Mr. Worm seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. There was no discussion regarding the minutes.

3. Library Construction Update

Mr. Gomez provided the Board with an update on the library construction project. Crews were trenching the floors and running cabling, data and electrical for all the IT infrastructure for the building. Mr. Gomez considers this phase the most significant of the construction project as it will bring the historic building to modern standards. Crews are working to ensure they do not affect any of the finishes and millwork. The replacement of the roof and windows will take place next. Mr. Gomez says several city officials conducted a walkthrough of the landscaped areas to ensure that they are maintained and ready

for the reopening of the library.

Ms. Silverstein inquired if the completion date was still the same.

Mr. Gomez stated it is a moving target. They anticipate opening the building towards the end of the calendar year, but he could not provide a date.

Other Board members had additional questions and comments which Mr. Gomez addressed.

4. Literacy Festival Presentation

Mr. Joseph provided the Board with a presentation regarding the 2nd annual festival. He stated that the Coral Gables Family Literacy Festival focused on celebrating literacy and learning. The festival was highly successful in its first year. This year, Mr. Joseph was hoping to engage the city's foreign government offices to volunteer their time for an international section at the festival. The festival is scheduled for Saturday, May 28th.

Ms. Smiley inquired if there will be transportation provided to other areas to bring people to the festival.

Mr. Joseph stated they are working on provided transportation and Mayor Lago had pledged to talk to Freebee and Trolley to provide free transportation.

5. Recognition of former board members

Ms. Silverstein recognized Ms. Donna Heisenbottle and Mr. Samuel Boldrick for their service to the board and presented them each with a gift card. Members of the Board wishes them well in their future endeavors.

6. Open Discussion/Other Business

7. Adjourn

There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Yenesis Gomez, Administrative Assistant, Economic Development Department.