

CORAL GABLES LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Meeting, June 10, 2015

Coral Gables Branch Library, Meeting Room

MEMBERS	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	APPOINTED BY
Jane Maranos	P	P	P				E	P	P			Mayor Jim Cason
Lisa Bennett	P	P	P				E	P	P			Vice-Mayor Frank C. Quesada
Bonita Norman								P	E	P		Comm. Pat Keon
Danielle Cohen	E	E	E				P	A	P			Comm. Vince Lago
Vacant												Comm. Jeannett Slesnick
Robert Wyner	P	P	P				P	P	P			City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark
Sherry Zhang	P	E	P				P	P	A			Board as a Whole

STAFF:

Bob Boberman, Board Secretary

Ayliin Hernandez, Clerical Assistant, Recording Secretary

A = Absent

P = Present

E = Excused

GUESTS:

Will Runyan, Branch Manager, Miami-Dade Public Library System

OPEN MEETING:

The meeting was called to order by Lisa Bennett, Chair, at 3:10 p.m. The roll was taken and a quorum was present. **A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of April 8, 2015.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and passed with a unanimous vote.**

NEW BUSINESS:

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FILING: The Board was reminded that the deadline for Financial Disclosure Filing is July 1st, 2015. Ms. Norman and Ms. Maranos confirmed their compliance. Ms. Cohen requested a copy of the package. Ms. Hernandez will send her a copy.

CORAL GABLES 90TH ANNIVERSARY PINS: The pins were distributed.

OLD BUSINESS:

LIBRARY HISTORY: The Board complimented Ms. Maranos updated inventory list. Ms. Maranos mentioned the list was created in 1969. She added some artifacts and others items that were on the list could not be found. Ms. Cohen suggested adding more detail regarding the historical books. Ms. Maranos concurred. An inquiry was made on adding the Butterfly Sculpture and the Pancoast Mural to the inventory list. Ms. Bennett advised that the Mural should be included. Ms. Hernandez will look into the Butterfly Sculpture. Mr. Boberman gave Ms. Maranos historical projector slides that were found in the Public Service archives.

PUBLICATIONS & PUBLICITY: Ms. Bennett mentioned the inventory list should be available to the public. She suggested a hyperlink on the City’s website. Ms. Hernandez will look into it. Ms. Norman presented a Butterfly Garden Brochure. She requested that the brochure be displayed in the Library lobby. Mr. Runyan offered to have the copies made. **A motion was**

made “The Board recommends that 1,000 copies of the Butterfly Garden Brochure be printed and displayed at the Library.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and passed with a unanimous vote.

LIBRARIAN REPORT: Mr. Runyan reported the Adult Programs include Tia Chi, Pilates, and Yoga. Mr. Runyan mentioned there is a Free Lunch Program for children. He advised that the Get Social @ the Library Program is an eight week drawing activity targeting individuals 55 years and up. The program was created after a survey was conducted in which the public expressed an interest in the elements of drawing. The Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls need to be refurbished as well as the memorabilia in the display cases. Furniture reupholstering is in the process. The new Aventura Library Branch will open soon. It received certification under the U.S. Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system.

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE / BUTTERFLY GARDEN: Mr. Runyan reported that a complaint was received with regard to the condition of the Jean Ward Sculpture on the Segovia St. side of the Library grounds. It was noted that Ms. Birdsill was handling the relocation of a sculpture. Ms. Hernandez will follow up with Ms. Birdsill. Mr. Boberman reported that the County’s contractor will be planting in the open spaces. An inquiry was made on the sprinkler system. Mr. Boberman advised that the County is handling the sprinkler system repairs and the stain removal of the exterior walls of the building. The Butterfly Garden plants will be purchased when the Garden Club’s donation is received.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / GENERAL DISCUSSION: Ms. Bennett inquired on the turnout of the Arbor Day Celebration. Ms. Hernandez reported the attendance was excellent. Sixty five elementary school children attended. The Coral Gables Highschool Earth Club gave the main presentation. The tribute to Kathy Gaubatz was given by Stephen Pearson, Gifford Arboretum Director. Ms. Hernandez will share a video clip of the tribute with the Board. Mr. Pearson gave the presentation for the Children’s Program as well. Ms. Hernandez will see if Public Affairs can provide a video clip to share with the Board. Mr. Wyner questioned the wooden stakes in the swale areas. Mr. Boberman advised they are part of the Tree Succession Project. The stakes mark the new plantings. Ms. Hernandez advised the Board their two year term expired on May 31, 2015. The members that wish to continue serving should seek reappointment.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

APPROVED:

Lisa Bennett, Chair

ATTEST:

Bob Boberman, Acting Secretary

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
WEDNESDAY, **AUGUST 12, 2015**, AT 3:00 P.M.
IN THE CORAL GABLES BRANCH LIBRARY MEETING ROOM
3443 Segovia Street, Coral Gables, FL