

CORAL GABLES LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Meeting, June 11, 2008

Coral Gables Subregional Library Meeting Room

MEMBERS	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	APPOINTED BY
Amy Kutell	-	P		P	-	P	A		P				Mayor Donald D. Slesnick II
Ileana Davis	-	P		P	-	A	P		P				Vice-Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Susan Elwell	-	P		P	-	P	P		E				Maria Anderson
Kendell Turner	-	P		P	-	P	P		P				Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
Nancy Leslie	-	P		P	-	P	E		P				Wayne "Chip" Withers

A = Absent

P = Present

E = Excused

STAFF:

Dan Keys, Public Service Director

GUESTS:

Ian Rosenior, Miami-Dade Public Library System

James Paul, Miami-Dade Public Library System

RECORDING SECRETARY: Janet Carrasquillo, Public Service Department

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Kendell Turner at 3:00 p.m. The roll was taken and a quorum was present. A motion was made to adopt the minutes from the April 9, 2008 meeting. The motion was seconded, voted upon and passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LIBRARY HISTORY: Kendell Turner reported that the Pancoast mural plaque is finished and library staff will be letting her know when it will be installed. Dan Keys suggested that instructions for the placement of the plaque be specific, or someone be on hand when it is installed. Kendell also noted that she is waiting to hear from library staff as to the status of the brochure.

Regarding the art exhibit that was discussed at the April meeting, Kendell Turner advised that she met with Marty Grafton, Kay Pancoast's daughter, and Helen Pancoast, the widow of Lester Pancoast. She also met with Mr. Jim Davis and picked up the original color rendering of the library building. Kendell spoke with Belkys Perez and Maria Rosa Higgins-Fallon, in the City of Coral Gables Public Affairs Department regarding what the Library Advisory Board was hoping to achieve. She noted that they were very enthusiastic about the art exhibit and would like to create a program about it for Channel 77 as well as publicizing it. Gendry Bossano sent Kendell an email regarding the art exhibit, but was unable to attend this meeting. Gendry stated she would like to meet with Kendell Turner and Amy Kutell regarding the project. She noted that the show would need to be up

for 4-6 weeks due to the amount of effort that would need to be put into its creation.

Amy Kutell reported that she had contacted Cornell University regarding obtaining undergraduate work that Kay Pancoast had done while there. She also contacted the Bass Museum for anything they might have. They are both researching and will get back to her. Amy informed the board that she spoke with Cristina Martinez, the director of the Art Department at the Coral Gables Youth Center. Cristina suggested that some of the children be involved by having them see the Pancoast mural and create their own tiles as inspired by what they have seen. Some of their tiles may be included in the art exhibit. Members felt this was a very good idea.

PUBLICATIONS & PUBLICITY: Kendell Turner noted that the Public Affairs Department has stated they will provide publicity for the art exhibit.

LIBRARY REPORT: James Paul submitted the library report for Grace Armada. He mentioned that there are many new staff members due to transfers and promotions. He informed the board that he has been promoted and will be going to the Miami Lakes branch. James reported that four express check machines will be installed in the lobby by July. Kendell Turner inquired as to how visitors to the library can get into the meeting room to see the Pancoast mural. Ian Rosenior stated that there should not be a problem unless something is happening in the room at that particular time. He will inform staff that it is okay to allow people into the room when access is requested. She also asked that when the brochures are ready, that they be displayed and available to the public. Kendell asked what types of meetings are allowed in the meeting room. Ian Rosenior explained that any meeting held here would need to be open to the public and details for the process of reserving the room are on the application form.

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE/BUTTERFLY GARDEN: Dan Keys reported that the landscape is looking pretty good right now. He inquired if the library staff knew what was happening with the Inter-local agreement. Discussion was held regarding the status of the fountains. It was noted that Sylvia Mora-Oña had stated that the fountains were included in the master plan.

Nancy Leslie reported that she met with Dan Keys, library staff, and Coral Gables Garden Club representative, Jane Wilson, regarding the Butterfly Garden and the butterfly sculpture replacement. She advised the board that the quote received from the sculpture was rather high and she is looking elsewhere for an alternative. If anyone knows a sculptor or has any ideas, please let her know.

Kendell Turner asked if library staff could check on the status of the brass plaques to be placed at both entrances to the library. She requested that the information be forwarded to the Public Service Department and Janet Carrasquillo will inform the board via email.

INTERIOR DESIGN/CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT: Covered in the Librarian's Report.

OLD BUSINESS: Kendell Turner reported that the presentation of the proclamation to the Miami-Dade Public Library System by the City of Coral Gables at the City Commission meeting went

nicely. She noted that there is a photo of the event online that she will send to Janet to be forwarded to the board and library staff.

NEW BUSINESS: Kendell Turner brought up the fact that since Susan Elwell will be completing her 8 years of service on the Library Advisory Board as of May 2009. She noted that recently retired librarian Sam Boldrick may be a very good replacement to suggest to Commissioner Maria Anderson.

BOARD ITEMS/CITY COMMISSION UPDATE: None.

CITY PROJECTS UPDATE: None.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

APPROVED:



Kendell Turner, Chairman

ATTEST:



Daniel Keys, Secretary

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2008 AT 3:00 P.M.
IN THE CORAL GABLES SUBREGIONAL LIBRARY MEETING ROOM
3443 Segovia Street, Coral Gables, Florida