

CORAL GABLES LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Meeting, June 13, 2018

Coral Gables Branch Library, Meeting Room

MEMBERS	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	APPOINTED BY
Jane Maranos	E	P	-	P	P	E	P						Mayor Raúl Valdés-Fauli
Charlotte Smiley	P	P	-	P	P	P	P						Commissioner Patricia Keon
Lisa Bennett	P	P	-	P	P	P	P						Vice Mayor Frank Quesada
Colette Worm	-	-	-	P	P	P	P						Commissioner Vince Lago
Samuel Boldrick	-	P	-	P	P	P	P						Commissioner Michael Mena
Myra Silverstein	E	E	-	P	P	P	P						City Manager, C. Swanson-Rivenbark
Sherry Zhang	E	P	-	P	P	P	A						Board As a Whole

STAFF:

Leonard Roberts, Assistant Director of Economic Development, Board Secretary
 Stephanie Throckmorton, Assistant City Attorney
 Ayliin Hernandez, Clerical Assistant, Recording Secretary

A = Absent
P = Present
E = Excused

GUESTS:

William Runyan, Coral Gables Library Branch Manager
 Samuel Joseph, School and Community Relations Committee Chair
 Brett Gillis, Coral Gables Resident
 Kathleen Kauffman, Coral Gables Resident

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 11, 2018.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and passed with a unanimous vote.**

Introductions took place. Ms. Throckmorton provided a Sunshine Law update. She answered questions. She recommended the Ethics Seminar video that is available on the City’s website. Ms. Throckmorton advised that board members should not discuss among each other items on the agenda. Mr. Roberts advised the Library Advisory Board has transitioned to Economic Development. He is the Board Secretary and Mariana Price is the Recording Secretary. Coral Gables resident Brett Gillis introduced himself and shared his thoughts on the relocation of the historic furniture. Leaving the furniture in the Library would lead to deterioration. He offered assistance in acquiring a grant for other historic furniture. The board expressed appreciation.

Samuel Joseph introduced himself as the Chair of the School and Community Relations Committee (SCRC). He mentioned the committee oversees the educational landscape of eleven schools within Coral Gables jurisdiction. The SCRC would like to collaborate with the Library Advisory Board (LAB) to promote the importance of school libraries and their relationship to student achievement. He mentioned planning a Summer Reading Program for 2019. Mr. Joseph requested creative ideas and referrals. Ideas should be sent to Mr. Roberts who will forward them to Mr. Joseph. Mr. Joseph also inquired on having a future meeting in the Coral Gables Library. He offered the Library Advisory Board assistance in promoting the Library. He added the SCRC could also promote the Library activities at the Farmer’s Market. Discussion developed on improving Library publicity on the City’s quarterly magazine. Mr. Joseph advised he will look into it.

NEW BUSINESS:

VOTE FOR CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR: Deferred.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENT: The board was unable to open the Financial Disclosure package that was sent by the Clerk's office. Ms. Hernandez will send the board a copy.

OLD BUSINESS:

LIBRARY RENOVATIONS: Kathleen Kauffman is a resident with a professional background in Historical Preservation. She mentioned there needs to be more publicity on the Library Renovations. Mr. Roberts will look into it. Ms. Kauffman emphasized the importance of preserving history. She expressed concern on how the proposed design is not embracing the historic elements that shape the character of the Coral Gables Library. She also mentioned the Children's room needs to be more creative and inviting. She is concerned with the reduction in stacks as well as the design of the study tables. She referenced the Phoenix Library for inspiration. She mentioned the Girl Scouts have considered a fundraiser to assist with the Children's room. She inquired whether donations would be accepted. Mr. Roberts replied that donations are acceptable. Discussion developed on the presentation scheduled for July 12th, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the Coral Gables Library. There needs to be more publicity. Mr. Roberts will look into it. The Board discussed the proposed design. Mr. Roberts received a list of the board's comments. Discussion developed on scheduling the board meetings more frequently. Ms. Bennett requested a special meeting before the July 12, 2018 design presentation.

LIBRARY HISTORY: Historic "White Way Lights" Marker which was on the library grounds, has been damaged and removed by Public Works Dept. The Historic Preservation Association of Coral Gables which purchased the marker have since ordered a replacement and the City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark has stated that the City will cover the cost of a replacement. The historic White Way light post next to the marker has also been damaged, FP&L have been notified but it has not been repaired yet.

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE/BUTTERFLY GARDEN: Deferred.

PUBLICATIONS & PUBLICITY: Deferred.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Deferred.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / GENERAL DISCUSSION: N/A

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

APPROVED:

Lisa Bennett, Chair

ATTEST:

Leonard Roberts, Secretary

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2018, AT 3:00 P.M.
IN THE CORAL GABLES BRANCH LIBRARY MEETING ROOM
3443 Segovia Street, Coral Gables, FL**

12/13/18-No Quorum
01/16/18-Special Meeting