

CORAL GABLES LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Excerpt Minutes of Meeting, April 12, 2017

Coral Gables Branch Library, Meeting Room

MEMBERS	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	APPOINTED BY
Jane Maranos	A	P	E	E	P	P							Mayor Cason
Lisa Bennett	P	P	P	P	P	P							Vice-Mayor Quesada
Charlotte Smiley	P	P	E	P	P	E							Comm. P. Keon
Blanca Mesa	P	E	P	P	P	P							Comm. V. Lago
Donna Heisenbottle	P	P	P	P	P	P							Comm. J. Slesnick
Myra Silverstein	P	P	P	P	P	P							City Manager, C. Swanson-Rivenbark
Sherry Zhang	A	P	P	E	P	P							Board As a Whole

STAFF:

Bob Boberman, Landscape Services Superintendent
Ayliin Hernandez, Clerical Assistant, Recording Secretary

A = Absent
P = Present
E = Excused

GUESTS:

Leonard Roberts, Coral Gables Economic Development Asst. Director
Leo Gomez, Miami-Dade Public Library Systems, Support Services Administrator
Rafael Costa, Miami-Dade Public Library Systems, Services Specialist
William Runyan, Coral Gables Library Manager

OPEN MEETING:

The meeting was called to order by Lisa Bennett, Chair, at 3:00 p.m. The roll was taken and a quorum was present. **A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of February 8, 2017, as corrected.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and passed with a unanimous vote.**

OLD BUSINESS:

LIBRARY RENOVATIONS: Mr. Gomez provided an update on the improvements. The building’s exterior was pressure washed. Three or four more applications will be required. A water treatment system was installed at each pump to reduce the sprinkler system wall stains. The HVAC system repairs commenced. Replacement parts were ordered. They should be delivered between 90 and 120 days. **The plaza pavers will need to be manufactured. He further noted, a general contractor working with Conservationist Rosa Lowinger & Associates will handle the fountain repairs. The City of Coral Gables will handle the fountain restoration process and the County will reimburse the City and the Board concurred.** The Historical Preservation Board approved \$27,500 for the fountain restorations. It is pending the City Commission approval. The County approved \$124,000 for the pumping, electrical and the plaza restoration. The County staff is handling the interior design. They are currently in the conceptual stage. After the bidding process, construction will begin. The seating and table improvements will include outlets to ensure greater technology speed. The flooring improvements have not been finalized. A combination of hard floor and carpet tile is under consideration. The antique furniture will be exhibited in the main room. Historical photographs will be incorporated. Priority has been given to the public space improvements. The County is hopeful that sufficient funding is available. Discussion developed on combining the ancient and modern design. Mr. Gomez assured that the preliminary design will

be presented before the board for their review. The board emphasized the importance of having the Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Director, Dona Spain, attend the presentation. The board offered to schedule a special meeting for the design presentation. The board thanked Mr. Gomez for the presentation. An inquiry was made on whether the Library will be closed during the renovations and the affect it will have on the Library staff. Mr. Gomez replied the scope of the project will determine whether the Library will need to be closed. He mentioned having the Mobile Team return is in the process. The board discussed the need for a Master Plan. **A motion was made to “Have a Master Plan prepared of the entire Library, including the second floor.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and passed with a unanimous vote.** Discussion developed on requesting a copy of the original floor plans of the Library.

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE/BUTTERFLY GARDEN: Mr. Gomez advised the grounds were mulched. The County purchased plants that were planted by City staff. Mr. Runyan mentioned some plants look sick. Mr. Boberman will look into it.

PUBLICATIONS & PUBLICITY: The City Magazine did not include information on the Library. Mr. Boberman will contact Public Affairs. Ms. Bennett advised that Major Cason approved her request to have Library information publicized on the City Magazine during her presentation before the Commission. The board requested a copy of those minutes. Ms. Hernandez advised they are on the City website.

LIBRARIAN’S REPORT: Mr. Runyan mentioned they had a Jazz Band performance that was excellent. Next week, University of Miami’s Jazz Band will perform. Broadcasting the event live should be considered. Story/Toddler Time always has an excellent attendance. The Legos activity was also very successful. The Charter School students will have a Musical Theater. Historical Preservation sponsored a children’s tour for Thursday, April 13, 2017 from 10:00 am and 2:00 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / GENERAL DISCUSSION: Ray Baker’s appointment to Interim Director was noted. Commissioner Keon’s support of the Library renovations was acknowledged. The new member term begins June 1, 2017. Members that wish to continue serving to contact the appointing Commissioner or the City Clerk.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

APPROVED:

Lisa Bennett, Chair

ATTEST:

Bob Boberman, Secretary

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2017, AT 3:00 P.M.
IN THE CORAL GABLES BRANCH LIBRARY MEETING ROOM
3443 Segovia Street, Coral Gables, FL