

## **CORAL GABLES LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD**

Minutes of Meeting, June 18, 2014

Coral Gables Branch Library, Meeting Room

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>APPOINTED BY</b>
Jane Maranos	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			Mayor Jim Cason
Amy Kutell	P		A	P	P	P	P	-					Vice-Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Bruce Litwer			P	E	E	P	P						Comm. Pat Keon
Danielle Cohen			-	P	P	P	A						Comm. Vince Lago
Lisa Bennett	P		P	-	-								Comm. Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
Lisa Bennett				P	P	P	P						Comm. Frank C. Quesada
Sherry Zhang											P		City Manager, Patrick Salerno
													Board as a Whole

### **STAFF:**

Cindy Birdsill, Acting Assistant City Manager

Bob Boberman, Interim Board Secretary

Ayliin Hernandez, Clerical Assistant, Recording Secretary

**A = Absent**

**P = Present**

**E = Excused**

### **GUESTS:**

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

Ian Rosenior, Operations Administrator, Miami-Dade Public Library System

Bob Wyner, Coral Gables Resident

### **OPEN MEETING:**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Lisa Bennett, at 2:03 p.m. The roll was taken and a quorum was present. **A motion was made to "Approve the minutes of February 12, 2014."**

**The motion was seconded, voted upon and passed with a unanimous vote. A motion was made to "Approve the minutes of April 9, 2014." The motion was seconded, voted upon and passed with a unanimous vote.**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**JEAN WARD SCULPTURE:** Ms. Birdsill mentioned there are three (3) sculptures on the Library grounds that are in the process of restoration. The sculpture facing University Drive is covered by foliage and rusting. Ms. Birdsill has proposed that the foliage be cut back and that a stone walkway and a bench be installed. This should make the area more inviting to the public.

Ms. Birdsill also recommended that the sculpture on the Segovia St. side be moved to an open green space just south of South Greenway Drive. This request has been approved by the Cultural Development Board and now needs to be approved by the Library Advisory Board. Discussion took place. Mr. Litwer opposed. **A motion was made to "Approve the relocation of a Jean Ward Sculpture to an open space south of S. Greenway Dr." The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted.**

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE / BUTTERFLY GARDEN:** Mr. Boberman advised he will meet with the contractor tomorrow. He also inquired on the status of the Garden Club donation. Ms. Bennett inquired how previous donations were handled. Ms. Hernandez advised they were deposited into the Coral Gables Community Foundation account. Ms. Birdsill recommended waiting until Brook Dannemiller is present.

**BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE UPDATE:** Ms. Bennett advised that the Dade County Commission will need to cut Library services, if the millage rate is not increased. The County Commission is scheduled to meet on July 15, 2014 to vote. Ms. Bennett would like the Coral Gables Commission to present the Dade County Commission with the Library Advisory Board's recommendations. Ms. Bennett presented the Library Advisory Board with a Recommendation Summary in support of raising the Library funding through an increase in the Dade County Library District Millage Rate and to recommend, if Dade County fails to pass said Millage Rate, that the Coral Gables Commission take action to provide supplemental funding for the Coral Gables Branch Library. Discussion developed. Ms. Bennett will finalize the Recommendation Summary by including the "WHEREAS" and "WHEREFORE" clauses. The board agreed that Ms. Bennett, Board Chair, will e-mail everyone a copy. **A motion was made to, "Approve the Library Advisory Board's Recommendation in support of raising the Library District Millage Rate and to recommend, if the County fails to pass said Millage Rate Increase, that the Coral Gables Commission take action to provide supplemental funding to the Coral Gables Branch Library." The motion was seconded, voted upon and passed with a unanimous vote.**

**LIBRARY HISTORY:** None

**PUBLICATIONS & PUBLICITY:** None

**LIBRARIAN REPORT:** Mr. Lunyan mentioned the Reading Program, the Senior Citizen's Exercise Classes, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Services and there will be a Magician Show in July. Mr. Rosenoir mentioned that a copy of the Library program can be sent to everyone. Mr. Lunyan added that the Congressional Primary Voting will begin in August. He also expressed gratitude for the Coral Gables grant that made the Summer Program possible.

**LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE/BUTTERFLY GARDEN:** Mr. Rosenior followed up on the request to have a memorial bench installed. The board recommended that a written request be presented at the next board meeting. Ms. Birdsill mentioned that she could include the bench in her proposal.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS / GENERAL DISCUSSION:** Ms. Bennett mentioned that there are two (2) vacant seats on this board, the Vice Mayor Kerdyk appointment and the City Manager appointment. Ms. Birdsill offered to follow up. The board was reminded that Financial Disclosure Forms need to be turned in to the Clerk's Office before July 1, 2014.

## **BOARD ITEM/CITY COMMISSION UPDATE:**

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Lisa Bennett, Chair

ATTEST:

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Bob Boberman, Acting Secretary

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD  
WEDNESDAY, **AUGUST 13, 2014**, AT 3:00 P.M.  
IN THE CORAL GABLES BRANCH LIBRARY MEETING ROOM  
3443 Segovia Street, Coral Gables, FL