

CORAL GABLES LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
 Summary of the Library Walk-through, March 25, 2016
 Coral Gables Library Branch
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MEMBERS	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	APPOINTED BY
Jane Maranos					-		P		P		P	P	Mayor J. Cason
Lisa Bennett					-		P		P		P	-	Vice-Mayor Quesada
Bonita Norman					-		P		P		P	P	Comm. P. Keon
Blanca Mesa					-		-		-		-	-	Comm. V. Lago
Donna Heisenbottle							P		P		P	P	Comm. J. Slesnick
Myra Silverstein					-		P		P		P	P	City Manager, C. Swanson-Rivenbark
Sherry Zhang					-		P		P		P	-	Board As a Whole

STAFF:

Bob Boberman, Board Secretary
 Ayliin Hernandez, Recording Secretary

A = Absent
P = Present
E = Excused

GUESTS:

Jeannett Slesnick, Commissioner
 Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark, City Manager
 Dona Spain, Historical Resources & Cultural Arts Director
 Leonard Roberts, Economic Development Asst. Director
 Chelsea Granell, Commission Liaison
 Will Runyan, Miami-Dade Public Library System Branch Manager
 Marny Ardito, Miami-Dade Public Library System Branch Manager

SUMMARY:

WALK-THROUGH OF THE CORAL GABLES LIBRARY: City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark, opened the Library visit at 2:30 p.m. Introductions took place. Commissioner Jeannett Slesnick shared her support of the Library Advisory Board and the Coral Gables Library. The board's Vice Chair, Jane Maranos, expressed her appreciation. She advised that the Library Advisory Board received a public complaint regarding the conditions of the Library. As a result, the Board decided to look into the improvement process which led to the walk-through.

With the assistance of the Library staff, the observation process commenced. The (2) exterior entrances of the building were initially observed. Comments were made on the deteriorated conditions of the entrance doors, the outdoor lighting fixtures, the broken exterior floor tiles, the damaged Coquina wall and the well-water stains on the coral rock building exterior. With regard to the exterior decorative water fountains, one was inoperable and the other one was missing the fountain head.

The walk-through continued to the interior of the Library building. Comments were made on the mildew smell, the poor air-conditioning, the worn carpeting, the dim lighting and the outdated wallpaper. Comments were made on the poor space usage and the limited computer availability for public use. The lack of private space for tutoring, studying or meeting was also mentioned.

With regard to the work-room on the 2nd floor, a comment was made on ADA compliance in relation to an operable elevator. The low ceiling in the work-room was noticed as well as an evaluation the items that are kept in storage. An inquiry was made on the availability of the floor plans and on the importance of a structural inspection.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the walk-through was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.