

## CORAL GABLES LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Meeting, April 8, 2015

Coral Gables Branch Library, Meeting Room

MEMBERS	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	APPOINTED BY
Jane Maranos		P		P		P		P		E		P	Mayor Jim Cason
Vacant						-		-		-		-	Vice-Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Bonita Norman										P		E	Comm. Pat Keon
Danielle Cohen		E		E		E		E		P		A	Comm. Vince Lago
Lisa Bennett		P		P		P		P		E		P	Comm. Frank C. Quesada
Robert Wyner				P		P		P		P		P	City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark
Sherry Zhang		P		P		E		P		P		P	Board as a Whole

### STAFF:

Bob Boberman, Board Secretary

Ayliin Hernandez, Clerical Assistant, Recording Secretary

**A = Absent**

**P = Present**

**E = Excused**

### GUESTS:

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

Wil Fowler, Operations Administrator, Miami-Dade Public Library System

Rafael Costa, Administrator, Miami-Dade Public Library System

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### **OPEN MEETING:**

The meeting was called to order by Lisa Bennett, Chair, at 3:05 p.m. The roll was taken and a quorum was present. **A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of February 11, 2015.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and passed with a unanimous vote.**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**LIBRARY HISTORY:** Ms. Maranos reported that the Historical Preservation Officer, Dona Spain, has offered to help update the City’s Inventory List. The purpose of this project is to include artifacts that are in the Library that have not been in the Inventory List. Ms. Bennett mentioned that the Inter-local Agreement between the City of Coral Gables and Miami-Dade Public Library System might have helpful information on items owned by the City. The attic was mentioned as a possible location for historical artifacts.

**PUBLICATIONS & PUBLICITY:** Ms. Bennett requested an update on the Library event’s publicity on the City’s website. Mr. Costa advised that the Storytelling Festival was included in the Calendar of Events and monthly updates will follow. Mr. Costa inquired on the contact person’s information. Ms. Hernandez advised she will e-mail the information.

**LIBRARIAN REPORT:** Mr. Runyan advised that a Coral Gables grant made several programs possible. The Out on the Plaza event was an outdoor theatre activity that was well attended. The Get Social @ the Library program is an eight week drawing activity targeting individuals 55 years and up. This program was created after a survey was conducted and the public expressed an interest in the elements of drawing. The drawing materials are provided by the grant. Ms.

Bennett inquired on the popularity of the teen programs. Mr. Runyan replied that attendance could improve. Mr. Costa mentioned that the Library is offering Coding Application lessons. It is popular among teenagers. Ms. Bennett inquired on promoting the programs with the Public School System. Mr. Runyan confirmed that the Library has outreach. Mr. Costa added that the Main Library has Media Specialists that promote the programs. In regards to the Library's furnishings, Mr. Fowler mentioned that the furniture will be reupholstered.

**LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE / BUTTERFLY GARDEN:** Mr. Runyan complimented the landscape of the Butterfly Garden. Mr. Fowler mentioned that the landscape improvements should be completed before Arbor Day event on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Two bids were awarded; one is for the lifting of the low hanging branches and the other is for the removal of an Umbrella tree. There is also a Poinciana tree that needs to be looked into. The sprinkler system heads will be changed by the City. Dade County will try to remove the stains on the building's exterior. Mr. Fowler added that functioning water fountains were discussed during an onsite meeting with Mr. Dannemiller, Ms. Norman and Ms. Fulks. Mr. Dannemiller requested that Dade County gather several repair estimates and mentioned that the City will collaborate with the water fountain repairs.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS / GENERAL DISCUSSION:** The Board and the Library System Administration received an invitation to the Arbor Day Celebration. Discussion developed on the million orchids donated by Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden. The Million Orchid Project will reintroduce the once-native orchids to the street trees of Coral Gables.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:46 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, **JUNE 10, 2015**, AT 3:00 P.M.  
IN THE CORAL GABLES BRANCH LIBRARY MEETING ROOM  
3443 Segovia Street, Coral Gables, FL