

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item 2-1
March 12, 2019
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli
Vice Mayor Vince Lago
Commissioner Pat Keon
Commissioner Michael Mena
Commissioner Frank Quesada

City Staff

City Manager, Peter Iglesias
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos
City Clerk, Billy Urquia
Economic Developer Assistant Director, Leonard Roberts

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item 2-1 [9:21:37 a.m.]

Library Advisory Board Meeting of December 12, 2018, requesting guidance and consideration from the City Commission to repair, restore, and maintain the metal benches that have been in the Butterfly Garden since its inception, which would be fully funded by the Garden Club.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Item 2-1 – Library Advisory Board Meeting of December 12, requesting guidance and consideration from the City Commission to repair, restore and maintain the metal benches that have been in the Butterfly Garden.

Assistant Director Roberts: Good morning, Leonard Roberts, Economic Development Assistant Director. So our Library Advisory Board has been very active in the maintenance and the operations of the Library and one of the recommendations is that the actual benches that have been placed on the exterior...[inaudible]...and they would like to see those benches which had been there for many years, to be restored. Well the Garden Club has volunteered to help pay for that

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and so, the objective here is to kind of recognize the Garden Club, to accept the funding from the Garden Club to pay for the improvements of those benches.

Commissioner Quesada: Yes, that's great. How could we say no to that? We should do some sort of ceremony when, I guess its completed – sure.

Commissioner Mena: Pat and I were talking to one of the members of the Garden Club at the reception and she brought up a fair point, I thought, which was that the Butterfly Garden there really doesn't get much promotion and people don't even know it's there; and it would be good, I think, we both spoke to her and she brought it up to us and I think it would be good if we could try to advertise that a little. No big deal, with maybe some signs that let people know it's there, because I think a lot of people don't even know it's there frankly and it's a nice amenity that the library has that people can enjoy. That's a good point. We could definitely put some history.

Commissioner Keon: We spoke about maybe having it noted on our park master plan that there is a Butterfly Garden there, so when people are looking at the, although it's not part of the parks, I guess it's really the county that maintains it, it still is in our City and if we could note it on the map our park, it might get more attention and more visitors. It's really lovely.

City Manager Iglesias: We can put it in ENEWS.

Commissioner Keon: Maybe a sign that just indicates what it is.

Assistant Director Roberts: Thank you.

Commissioner Mena: You're welcome.

[End: 9:23:43 a.m.]