

CORAL GABLES LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Draft Minutes of Meeting, June 10, 2009
Coral Gables Subregional Library Staff Room

MEMBERS	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	APPOINTED BY
Amy Kutell	P		P	P			P	P	P	A		P	Mayor Donald D. Slesnick II
Ileana Davis	P			E	P		P	E	A	P		E	Vice-Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Pamela Admire												P	Comm. Maria Anderson
Kendell Turner	P			P	P		P	P	P	P		P	Comm. Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
Nancy Leslie	E			P	P		P	E	P	A		P	Comm. Wayne "Chip" Withers

STAFF:

Dan Keys, Public Service Director

A = Absent

P = Present

E = Excused

GUESTS:

Ian Rosenior, Miami-Dade Public Library System

Grace Armada, Miami-Dade Public Library System

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Janet Carrasquillo, Public Service Department

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Kendell Turner at 3:04 p.m. The roll was taken and a quorum was present. A motion was made to adopt the minutes from the April 8, 2009 meeting as written. The motion was seconded, voted upon and passed with a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Maria Anderson's new appointee, Pamela Admire, was welcomed to the Library Advisory Board by members and Miami-Dade Public Library System staff members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LIBRARY HISTORY: Board members signed letters thanking Jim Davis, Helene Pancoast and Marty Grafton Pancoast for their contributions to the Pancoast Family Celebrating Legacy event. The letters will be mailed Thursday by City staff.

Regarding the Historic designation of the library building, Kendell Turner brought in the application to be signed by board members as the request is coming from the Library Advisory Board. Kendell will see that it is delivered and City staff will keep all board members informed as to any developments and/or progress on the designation.

PUBLICATIONS & PUBLICITY: No new business.

LIBRARY REPORT: Grace Armada reported that several boxes of the Butterfly booklets had been found and will be made available to the public, most likely on the round table in the lobby. This Saturday the summer programs will be starting.

BUTTERFLY GARDEN: Nancy Leslie reported that she met with Miami-Dade Public Library System staff and the Coral Gables Garden Club President, Suzy Amerkan, at the library to determine where to place the butterfly sculpture. Board members walked out into the lobby to view the location selected which is next to the round table with the keystone wall as a backdrop for the sculpture. Discussion was held regarding the plexi-glass case to be built for the sculpture. It was decided that a low wooden base would prevent damage to the glass by foot traffic, etc. Dan Keys stated he would like to stabilize the sculpture by installing additional supports from the base to the rod holding the sculpture. Dan will be talking with Oscar Fuentes to finalize the details for the display case.

NEW BUSINESS:

Amy Kutell inquired as to what is happening with the donation of the children's tile mural to the Coral Gables museum. Amy will see that Cristina Martinez at the Youth Center gets in touch with Christine Rupp at the museum.

Amy Kutell informed the board that she will be going back to work the end of August and would not be able to get to meetings if they begin at 3 p.m. After discussion, the board decided to table the subject until the August meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the date of the August meeting. It was decided to change the meeting date to August 19, 2009 to accommodate the vacation times of most of the board members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Kendell Turner asked if members had received the notice for the fund raising event "Movies & Mojitos!" via email from Janet. The event will be June 18th from 7pm to 9pm at the Old Spanish Village~Sales Gallery, 2901 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Coral Gables.

BOARD ITEMS/CITY COMMISSION UPDATE: Dan Keys reported that the parking situation around the library building is going to be studied by the Public Works Department. He noted that the Segovia Street side was not being considered. Kendell Turner stated that she is concerned about the effects of paving under the trees. Dan explained that other materials can be used that would not harm the trees and that by organizing the parking, you can preclude parking directly over the roots. Ian Rosenor asked if the City's trolley could add the library to the route. The issue of Coral Gables Senior High School students parking at the library was discussed. Pamela Admire offered to open up a dialog with the school regarding students parking on library property. Kendell Turner noted that she had heard that the closing of Riviera Drive between Segovia Street and University Drive might be considered in order to create additional parking. After discussing the ramifications of this happening, Amy Kutell motioned that "The Library Advisory Board is on record stating that they are opposed to the closing of Riviera Drive between Segovia Street and University Drive as a solution to creating additional parking. Additionally, the board is opposed to parking on Segovia Street." Her motion was seconded by Nancy Leslie, voted upon and adopted with a unanimous vote.

Nancy Leslie asked who owns the vacant lots across from the Youth Center. Kendell Turner stated that the City owned lot may have been deeded to the City with the stipulation that it not be built on.

CITY PROJECTS UPDATE: None.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

APPROVED:

Kendell Turner, Chairman

ATTEST:

Daniel Keys, Secretary

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2009, AT 3:00 P.M.
IN THE CORAL GABLES SUBREGIONAL LIBRARY MEETING ROOM
3443 Segovia Street, Coral Gables, Florida