

CORAL GABLES LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Meeting, December 9, 2015
Coral Gables Branch Library, Meeting Room

MEMBERS	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	APPOINTED BY
Jane Maranos								-	P			P	Mayor Cason
Lisa Bennett								-	P			P	Vice-Mayor Quesada
Bonita Norman								-	P			P	Comm. P. Keon
Vacant								-	-			-	Comm. V. Lago
Donna Heisenbottle										P		P	Comm. J. Slesnick
Myra Silverstein								-	P			P	City Manager, C. Swanson-Rivenbark
Sherry Zhang								-	P			P	Board as a Whole

STAFF:

Bob Boberman, Board Secretary

Ayliin Hernandez, Clerical Assistant, Recording Secretary

A = Absent

P = Present

E = Excused

GUESTS:

Kimberly Matthews, Miami Dade Public Library System Asst. Director

Rafael Costa, Miami Dade Public Library System Operations Administrator

Will Runyan, Miami-Dade Public Library System Branch Manager

Anna Louise Fulks, Coral Gables Garden Club

Linda Lawrence, Coral Gables Garden Club

OPEN MEETING:

The meeting was called to order by Lisa Bennett, Chair, at 3:40 p.m. The roll was taken and a quorum was present. **A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of October 14, 2015 with changes; a professor was recommended for the public opinion research and a grammatical correction was made.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and passed with a unanimous vote.**

NEW BUSINESS:

ELECTIONS: Discussion developed. **A motion was made to “Re-elect Lisa Bennett as Chair and Jane Maranos as Vice Chair.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and passed with a unanimous vote.** Discussion developed Board-At-Large election. Ms. Hernandez will check with the Clerk’s office.

OLD BUSINESS:

PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY: Mr. Costa advised the survey had been completed. There will be a link on the City’s website and the Library’s website providing access to the survey. Printed copies of the survey will be available at Coral City Hall, the Coral Gables Museum, the Youth Center and the Library lobby. Discussion developed on notifying all of the residents through a mail-out, an e-mail blast or the City Beautiful magazine. The importance of increasing the response was emphasized. It was noted that the board could make a request for action for the Commission to consider supporting a City-wide mail-out. Ms. Matthews mentioned that based

on the previous feedback, the concern was to have immediate satisfaction for the existing users. Should the board be interested in broadening the scope of the survey, two different surveys may be considered. One survey would target the immediate Library users and the other survey would target non-users. Ms. Mathews mentioned she will advise Ms. Arbogast of the board's request for a survey with a broader scope. The board requested the opportunity to review the survey before it is finalized.

BUTTERFLY GARDEN BROCHURE: Ms. Norman introduced Linda Lawrence as the person who spearheaded the Butterfly Garden. Ms. Lawrence mentioned that the City and Dan Keys were instrumental in establishing the garden. Mr. Costa distributed copies of the new Butterfly Garden brochure. The board reviewed the brochure. Ms. Lawrence recommended identifying the host plants with an *H* and the nectar plants with an *N*. Ms. Norman presented changes to the text. The changes were reviewed and approved. **A motion was made to "Approve the changes to the Butterfly Garden Brochure." The motion was seconded, voted upon and passed with a unanimous vote.** A request was made for a new photograph of the garden. Ms. Zhang concurred. The board complimented the brochure. An inquiry was made on advertising the brochure. Mr. Costa advised a flyer could be made and posted in the lobby. Ms. Zhang inquired on posting the brochure on the Library's website as well.

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE/BUTTERFLY GARDEN: Mr. Boberman advised the County's contractor completed two maintenance cycles. Mr. Boberman will follow-up.

LIBRARY HISTORY: Ms. Hernandez recapped on Ms. Maranos behalf, the City's Historic Lamp Post Restoration Project is in progress. Seventy lamp posts were found throughout the City. Two of the lamps are located on the library grounds and the landscape surrounding them needs to be cut back. Mr. Boberman will look into it. Florida Power & Light has some of these historical lamps in their possession and the City is in the process of buying them back. A cluster of these historical lamps are located on Riviera Dr. The Historic Preservation Board has been working on a plaque to have the historical value of the lamps identified. A unanimous resolution was passed for the plaque placement and wording. The location of the marker has not been determined. The board discussed having the plaque installed on the Library grounds. **A motion was made to "Have a plaque installed on Library grounds to identify the historical lamp posts." The motion was seconded, voted upon and passed with a unanimous vote.**

PUBLICATIONS & PUBLICITY: None

LIBRARIANS'S REPORT: Mr. Runyan advised that Family Story Time has started. The Momentum Dance Company will perform in January 2016. The AARP Tax Assistance will also begin in January 2016. Discussion developed on the Book Clubs. Ms. Norman mentioned she has the *100 Greatest Books Club*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / GENERAL DISCUSSION: The board provided refreshments and hors d'oeuvres for the Library staff as an expression of gratitude for their work all year around.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

APPROVED:



Lisa Bennett, Chair

ATTEST:



Bob Boberman, Secretary

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
WEDNESDAY, **FEBRUARY 10, 2016**, AT 3:00 P.M.
IN THE CORAL GABLES BRANCH LIBRARY MEETING ROOM
3443 Segovia Street, Coral Gables, FL

