

**CORAL GABLES LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD  
REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION INCLUDED**

Minutes of Meeting, October 19, 2016  
Coral Gables Branch Library, Meeting Room

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>APPOINTED BY</b>
Jane Maranos	P		P		P		P		A		P		E	Mayor Cason
Lisa Bennett	P		P		P		P		P		P		P	Vice-Mayor Quesada
Charlotte Smiley	-		-		-		-		P		P		E	Comm. P. Keon
Blanca Mesa	-		-		-		P		P		E		P	Comm. V. Lago
Donna Heisenbottle	P		P		P		P		P		P		P	Comm. J. Slesnick
Myra Silverstein	P		P		P		P		P		P		P	City Manager, C. Swanson-Rivenbark
Sherry Zhang	P		P		P		P		A		P		P	Board As a Whole

**STAFF:**

Bob Boberman, Landscape Services Superintendent  
Ayliin Hernandez, Clerical Assistant, Recording Secretary

**A = Absent**  
**P = Present**  
**E = Excused**

**GUESTS:**

Will Runyan, Miami-Dade Public Library System, Branch Manager  
Catherine Cathers, Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Specialist

**OPEN MEETING:**

The meeting was called to order by Lisa Bennett, Chair, at 3:13 p.m. The roll was taken and a quorum was present. **A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of August 10, 2016.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and passed with a unanimous vote.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**JEAN WARD SCULPTURES:** The Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Specialist, Catherine Cathers, gave a presentation on the Jean Ward Sculptures that were removed from the Library grounds earlier this year. The three sculptures were restored and painted red. A public meeting will be held on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> to allow the community to express their opinion on where the sculptures should be placed. City staff recommends the sculptures be returned to the Library grounds. Discussion developed on the placement of the sculptures. **A motion was made to “Decline to make a decision and request that the City provide renderings, unless a different location is found.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and passed with a unanimous vote.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**LIBRARY RENOVATIONS:** Ms. Heisenbottle provided an update. Plumbing issues have delayed the fountain improvements. The building exterior pressure cleaning was also delayed due to the need for specifications. Reference was made to the **renovation details** mentioned in the *Library Assessment of August 8, 2016* as well as the *Renovation Summary of June 28, 2016* by Mr. Roberts regarding the **pending items** (see copies attached). It was also noted that several

requests for updates have been made, to no avail. After extensive thought, the board concluded that the Commission support is required to gain momentum with the Library Renovation Project. **A motion was made, "Request For Commission Action in expediting the Library Renovation Project. The motion was seconded, voted upon and passed with a unanimous vote.**

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE/BUTTERFLY GARDEN: None

PUBLICATIONS & PUBLICITY: None

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Mr. Runyan shared the recently purchased musical instruments that are being enjoyed during Story Time. The attendance has been excellent. Elections will take place during the last two weeks of October from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sheltering the landscape from patron parking was discussed. Mr. Boberman will look into it. It was noted that the Children's books will not be accessible during the elections.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / GENERAL DISCUSSION: Ms. Cathers invited everyone to attend a Public Arts meeting that will be held at the Miracle Theatre on, Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will focus on the art designs for Miracle Mile. Discussion developed on the Alice Aypock Passion Flower Sculpture on Segovia Street. Ms. Cathers invited everyone to attend an interpretive exhibit that will be held at the Coral Gables Museum from November 30<sup>th</sup> through December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

APPROVED:



Lisa Bennett, Chair

ATTEST:

  
Bob Boberman, Secretary

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2016, AT 3:00 P.M.  
IN THE CORAL GABLES BRANCH LIBRARY MEETING ROOM  
3443 Segovia Street, Coral Gables, FL