

CORAL GABLES LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Meeting, April 8, 2009
Coral Gables Subregional Library Staff Room

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

STAFF:

Dan Keys, Public Service Director

A = Absent

P = Present

E = Excused

GUESTS:

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 3:13 p.m. The roll was taken and a quorum was present. A motion was made to adopt the minutes from the February 11, 2009 meeting as written. The motion was seconded, voted upon and passed with a unanimous vote.

Kendell Turner thanked Susan Elwell for her 8 years of service to the Library Advisory Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LIBRARY HISTORY: Kendell Turner thanked everyone involved with the Pancoast Family Celebrating Legacy event for their efforts. The event was a big success. She noted that Marty Grafton was very grateful for the recognition given to her family. All of the artwork has been returned to its owners.

Kendell Turner reported that she and Jim Davis decided that the two library renderings should be donated to the Miami-Dade Public Library System. She will be working with Mr. Davis to write a donation letter. Discussion was held regarding placement of the Coral Gables Branch Library rendering. The Miami-Dade Public Library System would then make a decision, as the owner, as to where the rendering will be displayed.

Kendell Turner recommended the Library Advisory Board move forward with the local historic designation of the Coral Gables Branch Library building and grounds. Susan Elwell moved to "Request that Kendell Turner proceed with the necessary paperwork to request that the Coral Gables Branch Library be designated historic on a local basis." The motion was seconded by Nancy Leslie, voted upon and adopted by a unanimous vote. Kendell Turner stated that she would

move forward with the application and documentation to be submitted to the Historical Resources Department.

PUBLICATIONS & PUBLICITY: No new business.

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE: Dan Keys reported that the Public Service Department has installed a Chorisia tree in the Butterfly Garden to replace some bamboo that had died. He reported that the landscaping crew is doing a better job mowing, edging and general cleanup. He noted that Public Service Department crews perform a higher level of maintenance work to supplement their efforts.

BUTTERFLY GARDEN: Nancy Leslie reported that the Coral Gables Garden Club had purchased the butterfly sculpture and the City Commission has officially accepted the donation. The Garden Club would like to make a ceremonial presentation of the sculpture at the next Library Advisory Board meeting in June. Nancy asked what will need to be addressed next. Dan Keys advised that he has requested and received the costs to create a display case with a wood pedestal base and plexi-glass top, to be made by the Public Works Department. Regarding the butterfly sculpture itself, Dan felt that it should be kept secure by the City until its display case is ready to be installed. Nancy Leslie said that she would see that it is brought to the Public Service Department office. Kendell Turner added that she would like to see a brass plaque with the appropriate information, artist name, etc. placed on the display base.

LIBRARY REPORT: Grace Armada advised board members that Sylvia Mora-Oña and Ian Rosenior both apologized for not being able to attend the meeting today. Grace reported that the story telling camp was going on in the meeting room today. There are several story telling workshops happening in April and a Tales Under the Stars event on April 27th. Elections will also be held at the library on April 14, 2009.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ileana Davis brought up the issue of the lack of parking availability around the library building, noting that people are parking under the banyan trees on University Drive even though there are "No Parking" signs posted. Ileana felt that there may be a way to create more parking spaces on the Segovia Street side. Grace Armada said that she may be able to have a "Library Patrons Only" sign posted. Dan Keys recommended that board ask for a study of the formalization of the parking on the University Drive side and evaluate if any parking could be created on the Segovia Street side. Ileana Davis moved to "Request that a search for additional parking around the library building be made by the City of Coral Gables." The motion was seconded by Nancy Leslie, voted upon and adopted with a unanimous vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dan Keys reported that new City Manager, Patrick Salerno, started on Monday and the first Department Head meeting will be tomorrow.

BOARD ITEMS/CITY COMMISSION UPDATE: None.

CITY PROJECTS UPDATE: None.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

Kendell Turner, Chairman

ATTEST:

Daniel Keys, Secretary

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2009, AT 3:00 P.M.
IN THE CORAL GABLES SUBREGIONAL LIBRARY MEETING ROOM
3443 Segovia Street, Coral Gables, Florida