

CORAL GABLES LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Meeting, December 9, 2009

Coral Gables Subregional Library Meeting Room

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

STAFF:

Dan Keys, Public Service Director

A = Absent

P = Present

E = Excused

GUESTS:

Ian Rosenoir, Miami-Dade Public Library System

Grace Armada, Miami-Dade Public Library System

Pam Franssen, Coral Gables resident

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Janet Carrasquillo, Public Service Department - Absent

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Kendell Turner at 3:02 p.m. The roll was taken and a quorum was present. A motion was made to adopt the minutes from the October 14, 2009 meeting as written. The motion was seconded, voted upon and passed with a unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LIBRARY HISTORY: Kendell Turner reported that she continues to gather information to take to Kara Kautz, the Historic Preservation Director for the historic designation of the library building. She asked if anyone would like to assist her.

PUBLICATIONS & PUBLICITY: No new business.

LIBRARY REPORT: Grace Armada reported that the library had received a magnifying machine for use by people with poor vision, it is in the reference room. The electrical system main switch for the library building was upgraded recently. The Miami-Dade Public Library System book sale is scheduled for December 10 through 13, 2009; members were encouraged to attend. Nancy Leslie said that she had found new books, both children's and adult books, when she went to last year's sale and recommended that everyone take advantage of this sale. A bookmark contest was held for children 6-12 years of age and each branch had their own winner as well as the overall winner for the library system. The Coral Gables winner is posted outside.

Kendell Turner stated that Harriet Liles has donated her book on the history of the Pinewood Cemetery to the Coral Gables library, so we should see it on the shelves soon.

LIBRARY MAINTENANCE & BUTTERFLY GARDEN: Dan Keys reported that the landscape contractor is doing a pretty good job. Even so, the Public Service Department crews have been continuing their general upkeep work.

Board members asked about what is happening with the butterfly sculpture and its display case. Dan Keys reported that the case had been ordered and that he would contact the Procurement Director and see that action is made on this purchase.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman were opened. Ileana Davis nominated Amy Kutell to serve as Vice-Chairman. The nomination was seconded by Pamela Admire, voted upon and Amy Kutell was elected Vice-Chairman by a unanimous vote.

Pam Admire offered to help Kendell Turner organize the paperwork she has collected over the past six years, for the historical designation of the Coral Gables Subregional Library. There are numerous files that hold the information necessary for the application. She will need help pulling the documents, copying them and keep all of them in order. Kendell would like to have this completed prior to the next Library Advisory Board meeting. Amy Kutell suggested that all board members get together and handle the project so that it can be submitted as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Nancy Leslie reported that the Merrick House, 907 Coral Way, will be open on Saturday; it has been decorated for Christmas and looks wonderful. She also reported that the Coral Gables Garden Club is in the process of procuring a sculpture of Mrs. Merrick for the Merrick House garden. Plans are preliminary as they are searching for a sculptor.

Kendell Turner announced that there will not be a Boards and Committee Reception this holiday season. There is a possibility that something else will be scheduled later on in 2010.

Kendell Turner reported on University of Miami 'Friends of the Libraries' events that are coming in 2010, everyone is welcome to attend. The flyers will be scanned and forwarded to board members.

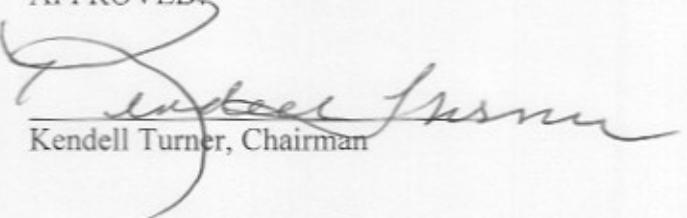
Ileana Davis reminded everyone that she will be presenting a Basics of Meditation class next Saturday at the Pinecrest Branch library.

BOARD ITEMS/CITY COMMISSION UPDATE: None.

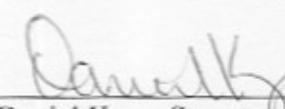
CITY PROJECTS UPDATE: None.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

APPROVED:


Kendell Turner, Chairman

ATTEST:


Daniel Keys, Secretary

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2010, AT 3:00 P.M.
IN THE CORAL GABLES SUBREGIONAL LIBRARY MEETING ROOM
3443 Segovia Street, Coral Gables, Florida