

CORAL GABLES LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Meeting, February 10, 2016
Coral Gables Branch Library, Meeting Room

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

STAFF:

Bob Boberman, Board Secretary
Ayliin Hernandez, Clerical Assistant, Recording Secretary

A = Absent
P = Present
E = Excused

GUESTS:

Rafael Costa, Miami Dade Public Library System Operations Administrator
Will Runyan, Miami-Dade Public Library System Branch Manager
Rahul Kothari, Coral Gables Resident

OPEN MEETING:

The meeting was called to order by Lisa Bennett, Chair, at 3:00 p.m. The roll was taken and a quorum was present. **A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of December 09, 2015 with the below mentioned paragraph included.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and passed with a unanimous vote.**

Linda Lawrence, a member of the Library Advisory Board in 2001 and the Coral Gables Garden Club, was the person who spearheaded the Butterfly Garden. Ms. Lawrence mentioned that the City of Coral Gables and Dan Keys were instrumental in establishing the garden. The Coral Gables Garden Club helped fund, complete and dedicate the Butterfly Garden on the Library grounds. This project won the State Community Service Award from the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs and the President’s Council of all Dade and Monroe County Garden Club’s Major Civic Project award for 2001.

NEW BUSINESS:

PANCOAST MURAL BROCHURES: Ms. Maranos requested reprints of the Pancoast Mural brochures. Mr. Costa will look into it.

OLD BUSINESS:

PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY: Mr. Costa advised that the Miami-Dade Public Library System is preparing a 5-Year Strategic Plan. It will include a countywide survey that will target the Coral Gables community. Focus groups will also be used. Mr. Costa will present a copy of the survey once it is available.

BUTTERFLY GARDEN BROCHURE: Mr. Costa distributed the Butterfly Garden brochure, for the board's review. The board complimented the brochure. Ms. Zhang requested an endnote citation for the photograph that she took of the Butterfly Garden. A display poster will be used to promote the brochure.

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE/BUTTERFLY GARDEN: A compliment was made on the working fountain. An inquiry was made on the missing fountain head. Mr. Runyan advised that Support Services was looking into it.

LIBRARY HISTORY: Ms. Maranos mentioned that Historic Preservation ordered the plaque to identify the historical lamp posts. It will be installed on the Library grounds. Discussion developed on the authenticity of the top section of the lamp post that was given to Historic Preservation. Ms. Maranos advised that research on antique restoration will need to be done before the process begins. Florida Power and Light will maintain the lamp posts after installation. Photographs of the lamp posts were distributed.

PUBLICATIONS & PUBLICITY: The board requested that the Pancoast Mural brochure and the Butterfly Garden brochure be posted on the Coral Gables website as well as on the Miami-Dade Public Library website.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Mr. Runyan advised that the Momentum Dance Company will perform on the weekend. He thanked the City of Coral Gables for the grant that made it possible. The Fantasy Theater performance had excellent attendance. Black History was celebrated throughout the month of February. The AARP Tax Assistance is being provided on Wednesdays. Florida Primary Elections will take place during March. The Book Club attendance was excellent. Ms. Norman offered an outline for the *100 Greatest Books*. Discussion developed on audiobooks. Mr. Runyan mentioned that Hoopla provides access to movies, music and audio books. LibriVox provides audiobooks as well. Ms. Norman recommended a Shakespeare Film program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / GENERAL DISCUSSION: Ms. Maranos mentioned each member should keep their Commissioner updated. Ms. Norman requested plant signs for the Butterfly Garden. The Garden Club donation could be used to purchase them. Ms. Bennett pointed out last year's public request regarding Library improvements. She recommended the board consider the Library improvements as a new project. Discussion developed on a plan and a budget. Ms. Zhang inquired on the expiration of her appointment.

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, APRIL 13, 2016, AT 3:00 P.M.
IN THE CORAL GABLES BRANCH LIBRARY MEETING ROOM
3443 Segovia Street, Coral Gables, FL

