

CORAL GABLES LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Meeting, March 12, 2008
Coral Gables Subregional Library Meeting Room

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

STAFF:

Dan Keys, Public Service Director

A = Absent

P = Present

E = Excused

GUESTS:

Sylvia Mora-Oña, Miami-Dade Public Library System

Ian Rosenior, Miami-Dade Public Library System

Grace Armada, Branch Manager, Miami-Dade Public Library System

Gendry Bossano, Miami-Dade Public Library System

RECORDING SECRETARY: Janet Carrasquillo, Public Service Department

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Kendell Turner at 3:10 p.m. The roll was taken and a quorum was present. A motion was made to adopt the minutes from the December 12, 2007 meeting. The motion was seconded, voted upon and passed unanimously.

Sylvia Mora-Oña introduced Grace Armada, Coral Gables Branch Manager and Ian Rosenior, Regional Branch Manager, to the board. Grace Armada reported that she is working on new programs for adults and welcomes ideas from the board. Discussion followed with several ideas and contacts that may be suitable to the library system. Ian Rosenior will be overseeing the operations at the Coral Gables branch.

Board members and City staff introduced themselves to the Library staff explaining a little about who they are and why the library is important to them.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LIBRARY HISTORY: Kendell Turner introduced Gendry Bossano, Assistant Curator of Art Services, Miami-Dade Public Library System, who attended the meeting in order to get the board's approval on how the plaque for the Pancoast Mural will read and where it will be placed. Members

examined the three samples of the plaque wording in different fonts, and approved one to be used. Members requested that the year, 1970, be moved from the 2nd line to the center of the 3rd line and the comma on the 2nd line removed. This will put – Glazed ceramic tile, 9' x 15' – on a 4th line. Copies of the approved text were distributed. Discussion was held regarding publicity for the plaque installation and the new mural brochure. Several ideas were discussed as well as deadlines for publication in the Miami-Dade Public Library System monthly events, programs and activity guide.

Kendell Turner reported that she had called Cathy Swanson Rivenbark regarding the mural brochure status. After discussion, it was decided that Sylvia Mora-Oña will set up a meeting at the library with Cathy Swanson Rivenbark, Kendell Turner, Amy Kutell, Dan Keys, Victoria Galan, and herself to finalize how the brochure will look and how it will read.

Sylvia Mora-Oña reported that the Miami-Dade Public Library System has repaired the fountains several times over the last 10 years and that there is a master plan being made to renovate the entire building which will include the fountains. At this point, the plans are very preliminary. When there is a more solid plan, it will be brought before the Library Advisory Board. Discussion was held regarding how this project will proceed. Sylvia Mora-Oña noted that Julio Castro is the library system's capital improvement officer. Kendell Turner asked for a rough idea of when the master plan might be available. Sylvia Mora-Oña said she would check.

Kendell Turner inquired about the brass plaque that had been stolen from the outside of the library building, if there were plans to have it replaced, noting that Barbara Kirby had removed the 2nd one before it could be stolen and placed it in her office. Sylvia Mora-Oña was unaware of what had happened, but felt that a new plaque could be made and both of them installed again.

PUBLICATIONS & PUBLICITY: Susan Elwell stated that she would like to bring attention to the library programs and offered her help to the library staff. She noted that board members had helped to man the Miami-Dade Public Library System table at the Coral Gables Farmer's Market, and would like to do it again this year on March 29th. Discussion was held as to what literature would be available and Susan Elwell suggested having a photo posted of the Pancoast Mural with copies of the original brochure available to hand out. Gendry suggested that bookmarks to be handed out could also be made with the mural photo.

April is Library Appreciation Month and discussion was held regarding the proclamation made by the City of Coral Gables and presented to the Miami-Dade Public Library System every year. Members would like to be in attendance at the City Commission meeting when the proclamation is presented. Dan Keys will notify the board when the date is set.

Kendell Turner reported that during a recent visit to Indiana University, she met Jan Steele who is a member of the American Association of Research Librarians, who stated that her organization was planning to be in the Miami area for a conference. The event location sounded like it was the Biltmore Hotel, so Kendell stated she would like to send them a note of welcome to Coral Gables from the Library Advisory Board and inviting them to visit the Coral Gables Branch Library.

LIBRARY REPORT/ADA COMPLIANCE: Grace Armada reported that over 5,500 citizens took advantage of early voting. She stated that Carmen's trip to Columbia was a success and she passed around photos from the trip. Sylvia Mora-Oña noted that there will be a large storytelling event downtown on May 3, 2008. They are expecting 10,000 people to attend. On April 28, 2008, the Coral Gables branch will be having a storytelling event under the stars. This event will include crafts for the children and various activities. On April 14, 2008, Mayor Slesnick will be reading and all were encouraged to participate.

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE/BUTTERFLY GARDEN: Dan Keys reported that City crews have been working on the landscaping. He noted that when the inter-local agreement is completed, he will be able to further inform the board as to the upkeep of the landscaping. Nancy Leslie reported that at the Coral Gables Garden Club board meeting, members were concerned about the condition of the landscaping and its need for care. Regarding the butterfly sculpture, she stated that the Garden Club would like to get a new one but needs advice on purchasing the right thing. Kendell Turner requested that Nancy Leslie represent the Library Advisory Board in regard to getting the sculpture replaced.

INTERIOR DESIGN/CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT: No new business.

OLD BUSINESS: None noted.

NEW BUSINESS: Board members expressed their appreciation of Barbara Kirby's service to the Coral Gables Branch Library. Members signed a card to be sent to her through Sylvia Mora-Oña.

BOARD ITEMS/CITY COMMISSION UPDATE: None.

CITY PROJECTS UPDATE: Dan Keys reported that the City will hold its annual Arbor Day event on Thursday, March 27th at Ingraham Park (LeJeune Road & Ingraham Hwy.) at 11 a.m. The public is welcome to attend.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

APPROVED:

Kendell Turner, Chairman

ATTEST:

Daniel Keys, Secretary

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2008 AT 3:00 P.M.
IN THE CORAL GABLES SUBREGIONAL LIBRARY MEETING ROOM
3443 Segovia Street, Coral Gables, Florida