

# CORAL GABLES

THE CITY BEAUTIFUL

## Library Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 12, 2020 | 3:00 p.m.

PAB MEMBERS	MEETING DATES												APPOINTING ENTITY
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	
	'20	'20	'20	'20	'20	'20	'20	'20	'20	'20	'20	'20	
VACANT	X	X											Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli
Samuel Boldrick	X	P											Commissioner Michael Mena
VACANT	X	X											Board as a Whole
Myra Silverstein, Chair	X	P											City Manager
Charlotte Smiley	X	P											Commissioner Patricia Keon
James Worm	X	P											Vice Mayor Vince Lago
Nicole Kanaar	X	P											Commissioner Fors

A = Absent    E = Excused Absence    P = Present    X = No Meeting    Ph = Present by Phone    - = Former Board Member

**STAFF AND GUESTS:**

Julian H. Perez, AICP, CFM Director, Economic Development Department  
 Belkys Perez, Assistant Director, Economic Development Department  
 Zeida Sardinias, Asset Manager, Economic Development Department  
 Jordan Hernandez, Office Assistant, Economic Development Department  
 Leo Gomez, Assistant Director, Miami-Dade Public Library System  
 Mitchell Zuriarrain, Interim Assistant Director, Community Recreation Department

**Welcome and Introduction**

Mr. James Worm was introduced by Ms. Perez as a new board member, replacing his wife Colette Worm. Mr. Worm provided a brief summary of his professional background and history with the City of Coral Gables.

Ms. Perez brought the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

**1. Review of October 16, 2019 meeting minutes**

Mr. Boldrick made a motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Kanaar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. There were no discussions regarding the minutes.

**2. Bench Guidelines Discussion**

Ms. Perez informed the Board the benches used in the open spaces around the library were provided by the Community Recreation Department. The bench style is standard to all the benches found throughout the City. Ms. Perez states that the ‘Memorial Benches’ placed on the library grounds are made out of a synthetic wood that lasts around 10-15 years and cost around \$1,700.

Mr. Zuriarrain explained that the decision process for where to place the benches was mainly in the hands of Community Foundation and City Manager’s office. The Department provided a list of

acceptable locations for Memorial Benches. The benches come with a variety of features like centered arm rests to prevent people from sleeping across them. The city recently underwent an ADA audit making sure all new benches were ADA compliant. The Board asked that any applications for a bench on library property be reviewed by the City of Coral Gables, Community Foundation, and Library Advisory Board before being placed on the property.

### **3. Open Discussion**

Mr. Gomez provided an update on the construction project scheduled for the library. The construction plans are currently with the Building & Zoning Department of the City of Coral Gables. Physical construction should start around September/October 2020 and shall take about 12-18 months followed by 3-4 months of setting up, example: furniture placement and technology upgrades. FEMA has agreed to pay 75% to renovated roof and install brand-new impact windows.

Ms. Silverstein spoke about recognizing Sherry Zhang and Colette Worm for their service with the Board. The Board agreed to invite them to our next meeting and gift them a card.

There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jordan Hernandez, Office Assistant - Economic Development Dept.