



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
July 7, 2009

ITEM TITLE:

Library Advisory Board meeting of June 10, 2009

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

Commissioner Maria Anderson's new appointee, Pamela Admire, was welcomed to the Library Advisory Board by members and Miami-Dade Public Library System staff members.

LIBRARY HISTORY: Board members signed letters thanking Jim Davis, Helene Pancoast and Marty Grafton Pancoast for their contributions to the Pancoast Family Celebrating Legacy event. Regarding the Historic designation of the library building, Kendell Turner brought in the application to be signed by board members as the request is coming from the Library Advisory Board.

LIBRARY REPORT: Grace Armada reported that several boxes of the Butterfly booklets had been found and will be made available to the public, most likely on the round table in the lobby.

BUTTERFLY GARDEN: Nancy Leslie reported that she met with Miami-Dade Public Library System staff and the Coral Gables Garden Club President, Suzy Amerkan, at the library to determine where to place the butterfly sculpture. Discussion was held regarding the plexi-glass case to be built for the sculpture. Dan will be talking with Oscar Fuentes to finalize the details for the display case.

Amy Kutell inquired as to what is happening with the donation of the children's tile mural to the Coral Gables museum. Amy will see that the Youth Center gets in touch with the museum.

Amy Kutell informed the board that she will be going back to work the end of August and would not be able to get to meetings if they begin at 3 p.m. The board tabled subject until the August meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the date of the August meeting. It was decided to change the meeting date to August 19, 2009 to accommodate the vacation times of most of the board members.

BOARD ITEMS/CITY COMMISSION UPDATE: Dan Keys reported that the parking situation around the library will be studied by the Public Works Dept. He noted that the Segovia Street side was not being considered. The issue of Coral Gables High School students parking at the library was discussed. Pamela Admire offered to open up a dialog with the school. Kendell Turner stated she heard that the closing of Riviera Drive between Segovia Street and University Drive might be considered to create additional parking. Amy Kutell motioned that "The Library Advisory Board is on record stating that they are opposed to the closing of Riviera Drive between Segovia Street and University Drive as a solution to creating additional parking. Additionally, the board is opposed to parking on Segovia Street." Her motion was seconded by Nancy Leslie, voted upon and adopted with a unanimous vote.

Nancy Leslie asked who owns the vacant lots across from the Youth Center. Kendell Turner stated that the City owned lot may have been deeded to the City with the stipulation that it not be built on.

CITY PROJECTS UPDATE: None.