

CORAL GABLES LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Draft Minutes of Meeting, August 19, 2009
Coral Gables Subregional Library Staff Room

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

STAFF:

Dan Keys, Public Service Director

A = Absent

P = Present

E = Excused

GUESTS:

Elyse Kennedy, Miami-Dade Public Library System

Ian Rosenoir, Miami-Dade Public Library System

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Janet Carrasquillo, Public Service Department - Absent

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair, Amy Kutell at 3:00 p.m. The roll was taken and a quorum was present. A motion was made to adopt the minutes from the June 10, 2009 meeting as written. The motion was seconded, voted upon and passed with a unanimous vote. Amy Kutell reported that there will be no need to change the meeting time as she will not be returning to work.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LIBRARY REPORT: Elyse Kennedy reported that budgets are tight and it is possible that 23 million dollars will be cut from the Miami-Dade Public Library System budget. This includes 140 full time jobs and 120 part time jobs. Even so, they are opening a new library in Naranja and Palmetto Bay. It is possible that there will be a reduction of 1 day per week that the libraries would be open. Members were urged to attend a Public Hearing on September 3, 2009 at 5:01 p.m. to express their views.

LIBRARY MAINTENANCE: Dan Key updated board members on the landscape maintenance of library grounds being accomplished by Public Service Department crews. He then presented the proposed plan that the Public Works Department made to provide additional parking on the library site. Members discussed the plan and pros and cons. Card/Arm access to the lots was discussed. Elyse Kennedy noted that library cards are not held by all library users. Adding the library to the Trolley stops was mentioned. Members felt that beautification of the University Drive side was needed regardless of what happens with the parking situation. Amy Kutell motioned to "Request that the Public Works' plan be developed further such that it is well balanced between parking and green space." The motion was seconded by Pamela Admire, voted upon and adopted with 3 yes and 1 no vote.

Pamela Admire reported that she wrote Adolfo Costa at Coral Gables Senior High regarding parking at the library by students. In response, Mrs. Burell called her back with contact information and asked for a towing company. Ms. Admire found a Southland Towing sign in the Library parking lot and passed on the telephone number to Mrs. Burell. Discussion took place with some questions as to if Southland was still the proper towing company. Mrs. Burell said she would address the issue with students during orientation. A question arose regarding the possibility of extra Coral Gables police or Parking Department monitoring for parking by high school students. Can they be prohibited from parking there?

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT: Amy Kutell reported that the tile mural made by children from the Youth Center will be framed and sent to the Coral Gables museum. Chris Rupp is coordinating this with the Youth Center.

LIBRARY HISTORY: Regarding the Historic designation of the library building, Kendell Turner asked for assistance with this project. Amy Kutell offered to help her.

Kendell Turner noted that the outside doors to the building have been stained and sealed. They should have been sealed with clear varnish to preserve and enhance the Mahogany. Elyse Kennedy said that it was a cost issue, so they were done in-house. Kendell will check to see if a permit is necessary and will follow up.

PUBLICATIONS & PUBLICITY: No new business.

NEW BUSINESS:

BOARD ITEMS/CITY COMMISSION UPDATE: None.

CITY PROJECTS UPDATE: None.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

APPROVED:

Kendell Turner, Chairman

ATTEST:

Daniel Keys, Secretary

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2009, AT 3:00 P.M.
IN THE CORAL GABLES SUBREGIONAL LIBRARY MEETING ROOM
3443 Segovia Street, Coral Gables, Florida