

CORAL GABLES LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

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

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

STAFF:

Dan Keys, Public Service Director

A = Absent
P = Present
E = Excused

GUESTS:

Ian Rosenior, Miami-Dade Public Library System
Grace Armada, Miami-Dade Public Library System
Gendry Bossano, Miami-Dade Public Library System
Denise Delgado, Miami-Dade Public Library System
Suzy Amerkan, Coral Gables Garden Club

RECORDING SECRETARY: Janet Carrasquillo, Public Service Department

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Kendell Turner at 3:05 p.m. The roll was taken and a quorum was present. A motion was made to adopt the minutes from the October 8, 2008 meeting as written. The motion was seconded, voted upon and passed with a unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LIBRARY HISTORY: Kendell Turner opened discussion regarding the planned celebration of the Kay Pancoast mural's 40th anniversary. She reported that she and Amy Kutell had met with Jackie Sousa from *Coral Living* magazine, who took photos of the mural and will be publishing an article covering the planned event in the December and January issues of *Coral Living* magazine. Kendell also contacted Gloria Burns who will publish an article for the *Coral Gables Community Newspaper* and she contacted the Coral Gables Public Affairs office. Discussion turned to the invitation process noting organizations and individuals who need to be included on the invitation list.

Regarding the event food, Ileana Davis reported that she will be contacting her caterer and will advise the board through the Public Service Department as soon as she has a solid answer.

Discussion regarding the artwork to be included was held. Amy Kutell advised that the tiles being readied should be finished next week and a large group of items will be coming from the show at the University of Florida around January 29th. Gendry Bossano noted that she needs the names of the artists whose work will be displayed. They include Lester Pancoast, Marty Grafton, and tiles created

by children for a Coral Gables Youth Center class project. It was noted that approximately 30 pieces of artwork will be displayed including an original rendering of the Coral Gables Branch library.

Dan Keys handed out the new brochures on the Kay Pancoast mural. The bulk of the brochures printed will be kept at the library.

PUBLICATIONS & PUBLICITY: Nancy Leslie noted that she will have an announcement put in the Coral Gables Garden Club newsletter informing members of the Kay Pancoast Mural event. Kendell Turner will be informing the Villagers. Members agreed that it would be best to have an RSVP on the invitations so an appropriate amount of refreshments are prepared. When the wording for the invitations is ready, it will be sent to all members. Kendell Turner offered to handle the replies.

Music for the event was discussed. Susan Elwell, Ileana Davis, and Amy Kutell volunteered to contact the musicians they know in order to find someone to provide music for the event, preferably a pianist. When someone is found, all will be advised.

Denise Delgado advised that the Miami-Dade Public Library System has budgeted \$150 for this event.

LIBRARY REPORT: Grace Armada reported that early voting brought 16,891 voters to the branch. The Children's Department librarian position was filled by Anita Pintado.

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE/BUTTERFLY GARDEN: Dan Keys reported that Public Service Department crews recently planted some small crotons in the Butterfly Garden.

Nancy Leslie introduced Suzy Amerkan from the Coral Gables Garden Club, who brought in a large butterfly sculpture that the club is considering purchasing. She recommended that this sculpture which is very lifelike be installed inside the library building to prevent theft and possibility of its fading from the elements. Discussion was held regarding how and where it could be mounted. Denise Delgado brought up some concerns that the Miami-Dade Public Library System Art Department may have regarding responsibilities for the piece. Suzy Amerkan advised that the sculpture is intended to be a donation. Dan Keys stated that if the sculpture is donated to the City of Coral Gables, there will be legalities that will need to be worked out. It is not a difficult process, but it takes some time. Discussion regarding protecting the sculpture once it is placed in the building included several ideas that will be researched by library staff.

Kendell Turner asked that the Kay Pancoast Mural brochures be placed on the counter for the public to see. Grace Armada stated that a sign could be placed with the brochures advising that if a person would like to enter the Margaret M. Beaton Room; that they should ask for assistance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kendell Turner announced that Harriet Liles, author of *Pinewood Cemetery*, is scheduled to give a talk at the Merrick House on Sunday.

Kendell Turner advised those present that The Villagers' House Tour will be on December 5, 2008, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is \$30. This tour includes lunch. Anyone interested in a ticket, please contact Kendell Turner at 305-443-4297 or by email at CATKST@aol.com.

Nancy Leslie advised those present that the Coral Gables Garden Club House Tour will be held on December 7, 2008, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and is \$25. All homes are within walking distance. Anyone interested in a ticket please contact Nancy Leslie at 305-665-1702.

BOARD ELECTIONS: Nominations were opened for the position of Chairman of the Library Advisory Board. Nancy Leslie made a motion to nominate Kendell Turner to serve as Chairman of the Library Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Amy Kutell. No other nominations were made. The motion was voted upon and passed with a unanimous vote. Nominations were opened for the position of Vice-Chairman of the Library Advisory Board. Susan Elwell made a motion to nominate Nancy Leslie to serve as Vice-Chairman of the Library Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Ileana Davis. No other nominations were made. The motion was voted upon and passed with a unanimous vote.

BOARD ITEMS/CITY COMMISSION UPDATE: Dan Keys advised the board that Maria Alberro-Jiminez, has been appointed Interim City Manager.

CITY PROJECTS UPDATE: None.

Discussion was held regarding the next meeting date. Board members agreed that it would be preferable to meet in January and February prior to the Kay Pancoast Mural Dedication event. Meeting dates were set for January 14, 2009 and February 11, 2009.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

Kendell Turner, Chairman

ATTEST:

Daniel Keys, Secretary

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