

CORAL GABLES

THE CITY BEAUTIFUL

Library Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 | 3:00 p.m.

LAB MEMBERS	MEETING DATES												APPOINTING ENTITY
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Donna Heisenbottle	X	Z											Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli
Samuel Boldrick	X	Z											Commissioner Michael Mena
VACANT	X	X											Board as a Whole
Myra Silverstein, Chair	X	Z											City Manager
Charlotte Smiley	X	Z											Commissioner Patricia Keon
James Worm	X	Z											Vice Mayor Vince Lago
Nicole Kanaar	X	Z											Commissioner Fors

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

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Belkys Perez, Assistant Director, Economic Development Department
 Zeida Sardiñas, Asset Manager, Economic Development Department
 Leticia Perez, International Business Development Coordinator, Economic Development Department
 Yenis Gomez, Administrative Assistant, Economic Development Department
 Kara Kautz, Assistant Historic Preservation Officer, Historical Resources & Cultural Arts
 Leo Gomez, Assistant Director, Miami-Dade Public Library System
 Julio Rodriguez, Miami-Dade Public Library System
 Samuel Joseph, Vice Chair, School Community Relations Committee (SCRC)
 William Runyan, Coral Gables Library
 Colette Worm
 Sherry Shu Zhang

NOTE: There was **no in-person quorum**; therefore, the information below is a draft summary of items discussed with those via Zoom.

Ms. Silverstein brought the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

1. Library Construction Status

Mr. Gomez updated the board members that the interior renovation for the temporary space which is located at 308 Miracle Mile is 95% complete. The installation of the IT equipment is the only thing pending. The signage for the exterior of the building is still in the permitting process. The outdoor furniture will be arriving within the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Gomez advised that they are still in the Cone of Silence regarding the library construction. They are in the process of hiring a contractor. Once selected, the contractor will have to go through the certification process and provide all the requested documentation. A Notice to Proceed is expected towards the middle to the end of March. The construction should commence sometime this summer.

2. Summer Family Literacy Festival

Mr. Joseph informed the board members that this is a project that was placed on the School Community and Relations Committees by the Commissioners to support school libraries. It will be an all-day celebration similar to a book fair. The tentative date for the event is Saturday, May 29th. The alternative dates are May 14th and 15th, or November, depending on Covid19 restrictions and vaccinations. This is an official City of Coral Gables event which will be run by the Parks and Recreations Department.

3. Board as a Whole Appointment Discussion

Ms. Perez reminded the board that there is a vacant position for a Board as a Whole appointee.

4. Open Discussion / Other Business

Ms. Silverstein recognized Ms. Colette Worm and Ms. Sherry Shu Zhang for their service to the board. Members of the Board wishes them well in their future endeavors.

There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yenisis Gomez, Administrative Assistant, Economic Development Department.