

Library Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/15/2025

Location: Coral Gables Library

Time: 2 pm

1. Call to Order

Chair Melanie called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Melanie; Zully; Ginger (arrived late)

Members Excused: Ruth, Alfredo, Austin Tellam

Staff/Guests: Sam, Gianna, Page

Motion to begin: Zully

Quorum: A quorum was not established.

2. Approval of Minutes

Due to the lack of quorum, approval of previous meeting minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

3. Sculpture Project Update

Melanie provided an update on the sculpture unveiling:

The unveiling has been rescheduled to December 6 to allow the County additional time to beautify the area.

The original date of October 25 was shifted to better align with Art Basel activities.

Event time is anticipated for early morning or afternoon.

Some landscaping and initial cleanup have already been completed.

Lisa was scheduled to meet with the Garden Club at 1:00 p.m., but the Board did not connect with her during the meeting.

Page will return to present the landscape plans in person at a future meeting.

Memorial Bench Program Update:

Fred reported that several benches from the memorial bench program have been installed.

Benches are maintained only for their lifecycle; there is no current restoration plan.

Ginger asked how long the benches typically last — information not yet available.

Sam asked whether the program remains operational.

Melanie shared that additional benches are located along Ingraham, and about half are donated.

4. Little Library Presentation

Gianna delivered a presentation on the Little Library initiative.

Zully informed Sam about the Friends of the Miami-Dade Public Library.

Little Libraries are created through Parks and maintained by their department.

Sponsorship cost is \$1,000.

Sam shared that he would return in December for Literacy Laureates.

5. Ethics Training Reminder

A reminder was given for the required Ethics Training scheduled for Friday, October 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

6. Inventory of Antiques

Zully inquired about the inventory of antiques. She requested to review the full list. Items were previously distributed to other offices.

A specific inquiry was raised regarding Raggedy Ann and Andy.

7. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.