

CORAL GABLES LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Meeting, August 13, 2014
Coral Gables Branch Library, Meeting Room

MEMBERS	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	APPOINTED BY
Jane Maranos	P		P		P		P		P		P		Mayor Jim Cason
Vacant													Vice-Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Bruce Litwer	P			E	E		P		P		E		Comm. Pat Keon
Danielle Cohen	-		P		P		P		E		E		Comm. Vince Lago
Lisa Bennett			P		P		P		P		P		Comm. Frank C. Quesada
Robert Wyner											P		Interim City Manager, Carmen Olazabal
Sherry Zhang									P		P		Board as a Whole

STAFF:

Bob Boberman, Interim Board Secretary
Pilar Wiese, Administrative Assistant, Recording Secretary

A = Absent
P = Present
E = Excused

GUESTS:

Will Runyan, Branch Manager, Miami-Dade Public Library System
Jennipher Shipley, Branch Supervisor, Miami-Dade Public Library System

OPEN MEETING:

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Lisa Bennett, at 3.02 p.m. The roll was taken and a quorum was present. **A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of June 18, 2014.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and passed with a unanimous vote**

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

LIBRARY HISTORY: Ms. Maranos advised that the Historic Preservation Association will hold their annual meeting at the Coral Gables Library on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Ms. Maranos and Ms. Bennett will be handling a display of the Library history. Everyone was welcome to attend the meeting.

PUBLICATIONS & PUBLICITY: Mr. Runyan handed out copies of the Library Program. Ms. Bennett inquired on having the Library events posted on the Coral Gables website. Ms. Shipley mentioned that the Public Affairs Manager, Maria Higgins-Fallon, determines which events are large enough to post on the website. Ms. Shipley ensured that Ms. Higgins-Fallon will receive a list of the events.

LIBRARIAN REPORT: Mr. Runyan mentioned that the Yoga, Tai Chi and Aerobics classes, offered at the Youth Center, were well attended. The Children’s Programs and the Special Programs also had great attendance. The Comic Book Adventure at the Miami Beach Branch boosted the Library’s e-mails. The air conditioning units were replaced. The book donations

have been good. Walgreens will provide free immunizations on September 26th. The Library is reaching out to the teenagers with a T- Shirt Design Program.

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE / BUTTERFLY GARDEN: Ms. Zhang complimented the Butterfly Garden. Discussion took place on the Garden Club's donation for plants. An inquiry was made on Mr. Boberman's quote for the plants. Mr. Boberman advised he would look into it.

Mr. Boberman mentioned that the County contractor is doing a good job. He added that the City crew will provide the detail work. Ms. Zhang inquired why the fountain on Segovia St. was not working. Ms. Shipley advised it had been cleaned recently. Discussion took place on getting the fountains to work. **A motion was made to, Request Commission Action to ensure that the fountain fixtures are working. The motion was seconded, voted upon and passed with a unanimous vote.** Ms. Shipley and Mr. Boberman agreed to do a walk through the garden and put together a list of garden improvements.

BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE UPDATE: In response to the Board's recommendations, Ms. Bennett reported that Miami-Dade County voted (eight to five) in favor of increasing the Library tax. The next step will take place at the Budget Hearing on September 18th. Ms. Bennett advised the Board to stay inform. Ms. Shipley mentioned that the Blue Ribbon Task Force recommended that Regional Branches remain open on Sundays, beginning October 1st. This recommendation applies to the Coral Gables Branch.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / GENERAL DISCUSSION: An inquiry was made on the Jean Ward sculpture replacement. Robert Wyner was advised that he was appointed by the Interim City Manager, Carmen Olazabal.

BOARD ITEM/CITY COMMISSION UPDATE:

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

APPROVED:

Lisa Bennett, Chair

ATTEST:

Bob Boberman, Acting Secretary

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
WEDNESDAY, **OCTOBER 8, 2014**, AT 3:00 P.M.
IN THE CORAL GABLES BRANCH LIBRARY MEETING ROOM
3443 Segovia Street, Coral Gables, FL