

CORAL GABLES

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Library Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 16, 2019 | 3:00 p.m.

PAB MEMBERS	MEETING DATES												APPOINTING ENTITY
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	
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Samuel Boldrick	X	P	X	X	X	X	X	P	X	P	X		Commissioner Michael Mena
Sherry Shu Zhang, Chair	X	P	X	X	X	X	X	P	X	P	X		Board as a Whole
Myra Silverstein, Vice-Chair	X	P	X	X	X	X	X	P	X	P	X		City Manager
Charlotte Smiley	X	P	X	X	X	X	X	P	X	P	X		Commissioner Patricia Keon
Colette Worm	X	P	X	X	X	X	X	P	X	P	X		Vice Mayor Vince Lago
Nicole Kanaar	X	E	X	X	X	X	X	E	X	P	X		Commissioner Fors

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

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Belkys Perez, Assistant Director, Economic Development Department
 Dona Spain, Director, Historic Resources & Cultural Arts Department
 Zeida Sardinas, Asset Manager, Economic Development Department
 Leo Gomez, Assistant Director of Miami-Dade Public Library System
 Will Runyan, Coral Gables Library
 Ray Baker, Miami-Dade Public Library Director
 Jordan Hernandez, Office Assistant, Economic Development Department

Meeting Motion Summary:

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2019 meeting - passed unanimously.

Ms. Zhang brought the meeting to order at 3:03 pm.

1. Introductions

Board members and guests took turns introducing themselves. A new board member, Nicole Kanaar, was introduced.

2. Review of August 14, 2019 meeting minutes

Ms. Worm made a motion to approve the minutes, which Ms. Silverstein seconded, and which passed unanimously.

3. Discussion regarding library renovation

Mr. Baker reports that everything is on schedule with renovations beginning April/May 2020. The library will be closed for approximately one year. Ms. Zhang asks for a digital copy of the floor plan to picture the renovations in a different perspective. The majority of the tables and chairs that include a power source are unable to be moved around the library. Ms. Spain recommends that any historical item and furniture shall be placed at Historic Resources & Cultural Arts Department

during the renovation process. The permitting process is on schedule and the construction period is moving faster than anticipated. It will be a smaller space than what the library currently benefits from. Mr. Baker explained that the temporary location will be no smaller than a 4,000 sq/ft and would allow a number of computers, books, and programs. The County would like a space with more walls than windows to utilize as much space necessary.

4. Bench Guidelines

Ms. Zhang speaks about the two benches the Coral Gables Community Foundation placed on the property. The benches do not match the other ones surrounding the library. Moving forward, the board asks to have consistency in the bench guidelines. The Board asked to have an approval process by which they would be notified and be able to approve the aesthetic of the bench before being placed on the property.

5. Open Discussion

-On behalf of the Library Advisory Board, Myra presents Lisa Bennet and Jane Maranos a 'Thank You' letter for their passion and commitment in participating with the board.

-Every Saturday the library is offering certified free tutoring from 10am to 4pm. Averaging 75 kids every Saturday.

-The new library mobile app is now available. Can be downloaded in the App Store under Miami-Dade Public Library. It places holds on printed materials, provides links to audio e-books, and digital magazines.

There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jordan Hernandez, Office Assistant - Economic Development Dept.