

CORAL GABLES LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Draft Minutes of Meeting, December 8, 2010
Coral Gables Sub regional Library, Meeting Room

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

STAFF:

Troy Springmyer, Landscape Services Superintendent

A = Absent
P = Present
E = Excused

GUESTS:

Grace Armada, Miami Dade Public Library System

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Ayliin Hernandez, Public Service Department

OPEN MEETING:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Kendell Turner at 3:00 p.m. The roll was taken and a quorum was present. A motion was made to adopt the minutes from the October 13, 2010 meeting as written. The motion was seconded, voted upon and passed with a unanimous vote.

Ileana Davis brought the Library Staff a large tray of Christmas cookies and Kendell Turner complimented her thoughtfulness.

Kendell Turner introduced Troy Springmyer and informed the Board that Troy will be Acting Secretary for this meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLICATIONS & PUBLICITY: Kendell Turner mentioned that the Coral Gables Community Foundation has shown an interest in publishing an article on the history of the Library. Kendell will be the author and she welcomed Grace Armada to include a quote in the article. Kendell will inform everyone once the article has been published.

LIBRARY REPORT: Grace Armada provided an update on the Librarian's report. She informed that the 10th Annual Book Sale begins Thursday, December 9, and will run through December 12, 2010. Thousands of donated Books, CD's, DVD's, and more items will be sold. Grace encouraged everyone to come by and support the event.

Grace also mentioned that the renovations of the Shenandoah Library Branch (2111 SW 19th Street) are complete and the Library has reopened.

The Coral Gables Branch had the carpet replaced and the Children's Room is being remodeled. The books and shelves will be the same, but there will be more space available. The initiative is "Reading Readiness," which will ensure the children can read before starting school.

Grace informed the Board that the Library fees have changed. The Lap-Top fees decreased to \$20.00 and the Late fees and the Inter-Library Loan fees have increased to .20 cents and \$2.00, respectively.

Pamela Admire commented that the Library now has an online option (E-Book) of electronically checking out books and reading them online. Grace Armada confirmed and reminded that the E-Book option has a check-out time limit, just as regular books do. Grace also mentioned that sometimes there is a waiting list to check-out the books.

LIBRARY MAINTENANCE: Troy Springmyer informed that Dan Keys met with the Dade County Representative to express the landscape maintenance concerns and improvements. But he has not seen any changes yet.

BUTTERFLY GARDEN: Nancy Leslie discussed the required on-going maintenance of the plants in the Butterfly Garden and mentioned that Dan said he would look into it. Kendell Turner shared her concerns of Dade County's minimal maintenance and how the budget cuts could jeopardize the Butterfly Garden's future. This led to a discussion on how the Board could bring attention to community involvement of the Butterfly Garden maintenance.

Amy Kutell mentioned that students of Ponce Middle School did a beautiful job planting hedges and they received community service hours. Nancy Leslie added that the Boy Scouts created a very nice garden at the Merrick House (907 Coral Way) and she encouraged everyone to go by to see the garden and a statue of Mrs. Merrick that is also in the garden. Nancy offered to check with the Garden Club on cost of plant donations, but reminded that it is the ongoing maintenance that is a concern. The discussion of the landscape maintenance, the student involvement and the credit hours for student participation led to the recommendation of a motion.

Amy Kutell made the motion, "Grace Armada will contact Miami Dade County Public Library Officials and will inquire what the legal requirements are for student participation and community service credits." Pamela Admire second the motion, it was voted upon and passed unanimously.

Kendell Turner recapped by stating that Grace Armada will inform Dan Keys of the Dade County requirements and he will inform the Board.

Ileana Davis mentioned her neighbor is the president of the Florida Native Plants and would possibly like to become involved. She also pointed out that the Kendall Regional Branch has an event called "Learn How to Grow Your Own Garden" and suggested that the Coral Gables Branch do the same in the Spring.

Nancy Leslie mentioned everyone is very happy with the Butterfly Sculpture Plaque.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Kendell Turner invited everyone to The Alhambra Water Tower event Thursday, December 9th, between 3:30 pm - 6:00pm. She mentioned the uniqueness of the band players, the musicians are students from different schools taught by different music professors. Kendell mentioned Roxy Bolton assisted in coordinating this event and it is hopeful she will attend despite her recent medical condition. This event is attempting to raise \$70,000 for the restoration of the Alhambra Water Tower. Further discussion took place regarding the donations. Special attention was given to Amy Kutell's oil paintings of the Alhambra Water Tower and other artists that donated their art work to this fundraiser.

BOARD ITEMS/CITY COMMISSION UPDATE: None

CITY PROJECTS UPDATE: None

Amy Kutell made the motion to adjourn, Nancy Leslie seconded the motion and being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

APPROVED:

Kendell Turner, Chairman

ATTEST:

Daniel Keys, Secretary

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2011, AT 3:00 P.M.
IN THE CORAL GABLES SUBREGIONAL LIBRARY MEETING ROOM
3443 Segovia Street, Coral Gables, Florida