

CORAL GABLES LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Draft Minutes of Meeting, October 14, 2009

Coral Gables Subregional Library Staff Room

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

STAFF:

Dan Keys, Public Service Director

A = Absent

P = Present

E = Excused

GUESTS:

Anita Pintado, Miami-Dade Public Library System

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Janet Carrasquillo, Public Service Department - Absent

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Kendell Turner at 3:04 p.m. The roll was taken and a quorum was present. Due to time issues, Anita Pintado was asked to start with the Library Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LIBRARY REPORT: Anita Pintado, Children's Librarian, reported that the Miami-Dade Public Library System will be beginning a new early initiative for children ages birth to 5 years. This new initiative titled "Reading Ready," will begin the first week of November. All library staff that work with children, will be trained to assist in this initiative. There are six skills that have been identified as early literacy skills that are necessary before they learn to read and write. Those skills are; Phonological Awareness, Letter Knowledge, Print Awareness, Print Motivation, Vocabulary, and Narrative Skills. Discussion was held regarding the impact of the program and its goal to help prepare children to enter school. Kendell Turner asked if there were any programs to teach signing for the hearing impaired. Anita did not know of any, but would check into it.

A motion was made to adopt the minutes from the August 19, 2009 meeting as written. The motion was seconded, voted upon and passed with a unanimous vote.

LIBRARY HISTORY: Regarding the Historic designation of the library building, Kendell Turner reported that she is in the process of getting the documentation ready to take to Kara Kautz, the Historic Preservation Director. She also shared with the board a photo (c.1953) sent to her by Janet Carrasquillo noting that it has a historical connection to the library building. The

photo depicts Janet's sister, Betty standing in a kiln made by her father, Dwight Eggleston. He custom made several kilns like this one for Kay Pancoast whose glazed tile mural entitled "The Coral Gables Map" is permanently displayed in the library meeting room.

Kendell Turner noted that she consulted with a professional restoration and wood refinisher regarding the recent stain that was applied to the entrance doors on both sides of the library. She was advised by him that the current stain, applied at the direction of the Miami-Dade Public Library System, was inappropriate for the mahogany paneled doors. The cost to properly refinish the two sets of double doors was quoted at approximately \$2,600. Kendell has informed Kara Kautz about their condition, and Kara's assistant, Simon has come by the library to see their condition.

PUBLICATIONS & PUBLICITY: No new business.

LIBRARY MAINTENANCE & BUTTERFLY GARDEN: Dan Keys reported on the condition of the grounds. The Public Service Department crews have been continuing general upkeep along with trimming some trees away from walkways, etc.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT: Reported under Library Report.

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNUAL REPORT: Pamela Admire motioned to "Adopt the Annual Report for the Library Advisory Board as written." Her motion was seconded by Ileana Davis, voted upon and adopted with a unanimous vote.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Discussion was held as to whether the election of officers should be postponed until December meeting. It was decided to go ahead with the election of a Chairman when Ileana Davis nominated Kendell Turner to serve as Chairman and she accepted the nomination. The nomination was seconded by Pamela Admire, voted upon and Kendell Turner was elected Chairman by a unanimous vote. Board members agreed to postpone the election of a Vice-Chairman until the December 9th meeting when hopefully all members will be present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ileana Davis advised the board that she will be teaching a Basics of Meditation class for all ages, at the Pinecrest Branch on Saturday, October 17th.

Pamela Admire reported that she checks the area around the library at 7:30 a.m. in the morning and has not seen students parking on the library property. She also showed the board a parking violation sticker used in the private lot for her place of business when there is an unauthorized vehicle in their lot.

Ileana Davis reported that she had brought a DVD titled, 'Little Buddha', to donate to the library's collection. She will put it in an envelope and leave for Grace Armada.

BOARD ITEMS/CITY COMMISSION UPDATE: None.

CITY PROJECTS UPDATE: None.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

APPROVED:

Kendell Turner, Chairman

ATTEST:

Daniel Keys, Secretary

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2009, AT 3:00 P.M.
IN THE CORAL GABLES SUBREGIONAL LIBRARY MEETING ROOM
3443 Segovia Street, Coral Gables, Florida