

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-130

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA DENYING THE CORAL GABLES LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD'S REQUEST TO RETAIN CERTAIN HISTORIC FURNITURE AND ARTIFACTS AT THE LIBRARY.

WHEREAS, in 1969 Eunice Merrick donated a library table, a china cabinet, a tapestry, a mahogany dining table, an arm chair, and six (6) chairs to the City of Coral Gables, in order to furnish the new public library (the "Donation"); and

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables accepted the donation through the adoption of Resolution No.14503, dated January 14th, 1969, and had plaques installed on all the articles of furniture reading "Gift to the City of Coral Gables, Florida by Mrs. George E. Merrick"; and

WHEREAS, on December 9th, 2017, the Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Director of the City of Coral Gables, met with library staff at the Coral Gables Library (the "Library") and attempted to locate those items donated by Eunice Merrick in 1969 and failed to find the tapestry, the five (5) leaves for the dining table, and three (3) of the five (5) straight chairs;

WHEREAS, after the search concluded that multiple items had gone missing over the years, the Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Director notified the Coral Gables Library Advisory Board that those remaining items from the Donation, along with four (4) throne chairs, the current contents of the china cabinet, two black books of original Coral Gables photographs titled "Coral Gables Miami's Master Suburb Volume I and II", and the original book collection of the Library (collectively the "Remaining Items"), would be removed from the Library and permanently relocated to other City owned buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables Library Advisory Board, by unanimous vote on January 16, 2018, moved to request the City Commission allow the Remaining Items to remain in the Library after completion of the building renovations; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission believes that the Remaining Items are of significant historical importance and must be preserved and protected by the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are made a specific part of the Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission does hereby wish that the Remaining Items be preserved and protected under the stewardship of the City and therefore denies the request of the Coral Gables Library Advisory Board to retain the Remaining Items at the Library.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS EIGHTH DAY OF MAY, A.D., 2018.

(Moved: Keon / Seconded: Mena)

(Unanimous Voice Vote)

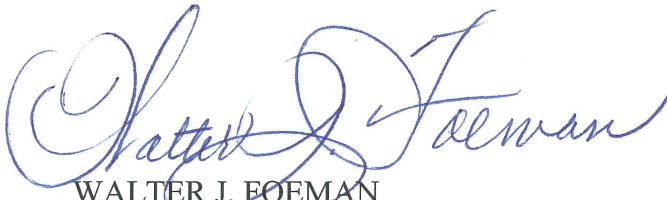
(Agenda Item: C-2)

APPROVED:



RAÚL VALDÉS-FAULI
MAYOR

ATTEST:



WALTER J. FOEMAN
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS
CITY ATTORNEY