

## CORAL GABLES LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Meeting, December 10, 2014  
Coral Gables Branch Library, Meeting Room

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

### **STAFF:**

Bob Boberman, Board Secretary

Ayliin Hernandez, Clerical Assistant, Recording Secretary

**A = Absent**

**P = Present**

**E = Excused**

### **GUESTS:**

Sharon Trbovich, Garden Club

Mary Whitcomb, Garden Club

Jana White, Garden Club

Marny Ardito, Library Staff

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### **OPEN MEETING:**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Lisa Bennett, at 3.10 p.m. An informal discussion was held. The roll was taken and a quorum was present. **A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of August 13, 2014 and October 8, 2014.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and passed with a unanimous vote.**

Discussion developed on the vacant appointments. Mary Whitcomb reiterated her interest in serving on the board. She will contact Commissioner Keon to request her appointment.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR:** Discussion took place. **A motion was made to “Re-elect Lisa Bennett as Chair and Jane Maranos as Vice Chair.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and passed with a unanimous vote.**

**ANNUAL REPORT:** Discussion developed. The Board requested changes to the List of Major Accomplishments under section 2 of the Annual Report. Ms. Hernandez will revise the Annual Report and forward it to Ms. Bennett for approval.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**LIBRARY HISTORY:** Ms. Maranos mentioned that a friend found two books at a garage sale that were labeled “Property of the Library.” They had historical content of Coral Gables. Ms. Maranos gave the books to the Library. Ms. Bennett complimented Ms. Maranos on the success of the Historic Preservation Annual Meeting that was held last month. The meeting was well attended. Ms. Maranos prepared a glass case with historical photographs, documents and books. The speakers were Thorn Grafton and Lisa Bennett. The artist, the Library history, the Butterfly Garden and the Garden Club history were mentioned. Ms. Bennett encouraged more events at the Library. Ms. Maranos mentioned that while planning the Historical Preservation event she noticed several historical City artifacts, furniture and books that were not included in the inventory list. She offered to help update the list. Discussion developed. **A motion was made to “Recommend that Historical Resources together with Jane Maranos update the City’s Inventory List of historical items.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and passed with a unanimous vote.**

**PUBLICATIONS & PUBLICITY:** None

**LIBRARIAN REPORT:** Ms. Ardito mentioned that Mr. Runyan is on vacation. She updated the board on the Library events. The Florida Grand Opera recently gave a performance. A grant was received from the City of Coral Gables in the amount of \$5,500. The funds are used for summer programs and special cultural programs. The Library is offering two new free online services. Tutoring and Hoopla; Hoopla is for downloading movies and audio books. The Book Sale is taking place at the Main Library. The proceeds will benefit Library programs. The Golden Ticket Arts Guide is available at the Library. It provides information on events as well as coupons for senior citizens.

**LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE / BUTTERFLY GARDEN:** Mr. Boberman advised that the plantings are finished. The garden looks good. He thanked the Garden Club for the donation. Ms. Trbovich complimented the bird bath. She also mentioned that markers are needed for the plants. Ms. Whitcomb mentioned that signs are needed indicating where the Butterfly Garden is located.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS / GENERAL DISCUSSION:** Ms. Bennett mentioned the Library Advisory Board’s participation in the Blue Ribbon Task Force meetings and the recommendation to increase the millage rate for the Library tax. She read a letter from the Miami-Dade County-Office of the Mayor, Carlos A. Gimenez, which stated that the Miami-Dade Public Library System’s (MDPLS) FY2014-15 budget had been approved. The funding level will allow the Library System to continue providing a pathway to strengthening the role of libraries. Ms. Bennett pointed out that the board should continue to be watchful in the future. Mr. Wyner inquired on his appointment. Ms. Hernandez advised she will look into it.

The Board showed their appreciation for the Library staff by preparing a holiday party.

## **BOARD ITEM/CITY COMMISSION UPDATE:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Lisa Bennett, Chair

ATTEST:

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Bob Boberman, Acting Secretary

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD  
WEDNESDAY, **FEBRUARY 11, 2015**, AT 3:00 P.M.  
IN THE CORAL GABLES BRANCH LIBRARY MEETING ROOM  
3443 Segovia Street, Coral Gables, FL