

CORAL GABLES LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Meeting, June 13, 2007

Coral Gables Subregional Library Meeting Room

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

A = Absent

P = Present

E = Excused

STAFF:

Dan Keys, Public Service Director

GUESTS:

Sylvia Mora-Ofia, Miami-Dade Public Library System

Barbara Kirby, Branch Manager, Miami-Dade Public Library System

James Paul, Miami-Dade Public Library System

Cathy Swanson Rivenbark, Development Director

RECORDING SECRETARY: Janet Carrasquillo, Public Service Department

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Susan Elwell at 3:04 p.m. The roll was taken and a quorum was present. Susan Elwell asked that the minutes from the April 11, 2007 meeting be amended to read "Susan Elwell complimented the Library staff on the wonderful story telling camp" on the next to the last line. A motion was made to adopt the minutes from the April 11, 2007 meeting as amended. The motion was seconded, voted upon and passed unanimously. Since there were two new members and one new staff member present, each person introduced themselves to the group.

OLD BUSINESS:

LIBRARY HISTORY: Kendell Turner passed out a brochure titled "Coral Gables, A Brief History of The City Beautiful." It was decided to postpone the remainder of her report for later in the meeting.

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE/BUTTERFLY GARDEN: Dan Keys reported that the garden is looking better as a result of efforts by City and County workers. He noted that the landscape maintenance issue has not been resolved as yet. Susan Elwell and Dan Keys gave a brief history of the facility and the purpose of the Library Advisory Board. The board works with the Library staff to solve problems, improve the facility and grounds, and promote awareness of the Library within the community. Discussion was held on various things that the board frequently deals with. Amy Kutell suggested that a high school volunteer group could 'adopt' a sculpture on the Library property, which would mean that they would take over the care of the maintenance of the sculpture. It was also

would mean that they would take over the care of the maintenance of the sculpture. It was also suggested that a volunteer group be formed to do regular maintenance in the garden. Sylvia Mora-Oña noted that since the Library is a public property, there are issues of safety and liability that will need to be addressed prior to any volunteer work being done. Nancy Leslie stated that as a member of the Coral Gables Garden Club, she would report to the club what the board was discussing. Dan Keys stated that City crews will continue to come in periodically to replace plants and do maintenance.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT: Barbara Kirby noted that the restrooms are completed and open. Redecorating in the Children's Room has been put on hold.

LIBRARY HISTORY: Cathy Swanson Rivenbark, Development Director, was welcomed to the meeting. Cathy informed the board that she works with the Economic Development Board and the Cultural Development Board. She stated that the Cultural Development Board is trying to educate the public on the many things that are within Coral Gables. Discussion was held regarding the Kay Pancoast Mural brochure being produced by the Miami-Dade Public Library System's Art Department. The board agreed that the brochure was very well done, possesses a very good presentation, and they are thankful for the work that the Miami-Dade Public Library System has done on the brochure. During discussion, various suggestions were made regarding how to increase the amount of information included in the publication and to make it more obvious on the face of the publication that the brochure was primarily about the artwork. It was decided that a sub-committee would be needed to discuss in detail any modifications to the brochure. Sylvia Mora-Oña offered to set up a meeting time when Kendell Turner and Cathy Swanson Rivenbark will be able to meet with Victoria Galan, who has been working on the brochure.

Kendell Turner reported that she had met with Maria R. Higgins-Fallon, Public Affairs Manager, who informed her that Mayor Slesnick had a desire to have more programming on Cable channel 77 that was pertinent to the City of Coral Gables. Kendell suggested that the Coral Gables Library would be good and that the tile mural be spotlighted. Filming will begin on June 19th. She also suggested that the Cable Division do a documentary of sorts on the history of the Coral Gables Library, which would begin at the Douglas Entrance and follow through to the present. Barbara Kirby noted that the projects should be done in conjunction with the Miami-Dade Public Library System. Board members supported the ideas and are looking forward to the added exposure and publicity for the Library.

Kendell Turner described the framed tile made by Kay Pancoast that Cathy Swanson Rivenbark had brought to show the board. This artwork had been presented to the City in thanks for its assistance with the renovation of the historic Douglas Entrance.

NEW BUSINESS:

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Susan Elwell opened the floor for nominations and Kendell Turner nominated Ileana Davis to serve as Chairman. Ileana Davis declined the nomination. Ileana Davis

Susan Elwell and Amy Kutell needed to leave at 4:20 p.m., being that there was still a quorum present, the meeting continued.

OLD BUSINESS:

LIBRARY REPORT/ADA COMPLIANCE: Barbara Kirby distributed her report for June 13, 2007 to members and guests present. She reported that two lighting experts had visited the building to evaluate the mural lighting. They will be compiling their proposals and will submit them to the Miami-Dade Public Library System. Sylvia Mora-Oña announced that the Miami-Dade Public Library System has initiated a program focusing on customer service and raising the standards of all library services.

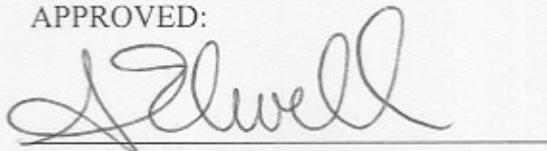
BOARD ITEMS/CITY COMMISSION UPDATE: Dan Keys explained that this agenda item is included so that if the board had asked the City Commission a question, he would report back with the answer to the board.

CITY PROJECTS UPDATE: This agenda item is to keep board members updated on what is happening within the City of Coral Gables on a regular basis. Dan Keys announced that there will be a new park opening at Granada Blvd. and Bird Road on Thursday, June 14th.

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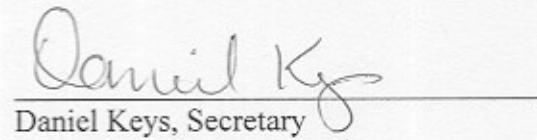
Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

APPROVED:



Susan Elwell, Chairman

ATTEST:



Daniel Keys, Secretary

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2007 AT 3:00 P.M.
IN THE CORAL GABLES SUBREGIONAL LIBRARY MEETING ROOM
3443 Segovia Street, Coral Gables, Florida