

CORAL GABLES

THE CITY BEAUTIFUL

Library Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday | December 12, 2018 | 3:00 p.m.

PAB MEMBERS	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	APPOINTING ENTITY
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Lisa Bennett								P	X	P	X	P	Commissioner Frank Quesada
Jane Maranos								P	X	P	X	E	Mayor Raúl J. Valdés-Fauli
Samuel Boldrick								P	X	P	X	A	Commissioner Michael Mena
Sherry Shu Zhang, Chair								P	X	P	X	P	City Commission as a Whole
Myra Silverstein, Vice-Chair								P	X	E	X	P	City Manager Peter Iglesias
Charlotte Smiley								P	X	P	X	P	Commissioner Patricia Keon
Colette Worm								P	X	P	X	P	Vice Mayor Vince Lago

A = Absent E = Excused Absence P = Present X = No Meeting Ph = Present by Phone - =Former Board Member

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Leonard Roberts, Assistant Director, Economic Development Department

Mariana Price, Administrative Assistant, Economic Development Department

Alejandro Álvarez, Coral Gables Library

Meeting Motion Summary:

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2018 meeting passed unanimously.

A motion for the Coral Gables Community Foundation memorial benches (and any other composite wood benches) to be removed from the Coral Gables Library grounds passed unanimously.

A motion requesting guidance and consideration from the City Commission to repair, restore, and maintain the metal benches that have been in the butterfly garden since its inception passed unanimously.

Ms. Zhang brought the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

1. Review of October meeting minutes

Board members discussed a few corrections to the minutes. Based on those corrections, Ms. Bennett made a motion to approve the minutes, which Ms. Worm seconded, and which passed unanimously.

2. Discussion with Leo Gomez, Asst. Director of Miami-Dade Public Library System

Mr. Alvarez of the Coral Gables Library informed the board that Mr. Gomez was ill and unable to make it to the board meeting. He said Mr. Gomez would attend the next board meeting in February. Mr. Roberts told the board that the tiles outside were ordered once again since the colors did not match the original tiles. It is a timely process because each tile

is handmade. The fountains are done but some vegetation was destroyed during construction, which will be replaced. The design of the fountain was intended to mimic the previous versions.

3. Update on Library Benches

Mr. Alvarez told the board that Mr. Gomez had said that anything to do with the benches was not under the purview of the County, and instead was between the City and the Community Foundation. Mr. Roberts explained that the agreement between the City and the County was that the County is responsible for anything in the exterior of the library, but that in all fairness, the benches were placed there by the City. Mr. Roberts spoke to Dona Spain about this dilemma over the benches, who said that any benches placed on the grounds should go through the board, have an attachment or significance to the library, and that they be attached to the ground for safety purposes. Mr. Roberts told the board it was hard to know who would be responsible for the maintenance of the benches because they were donated. He said the City has a rule against benches made of faux wooden and wood material. Board members reiterated their preference for memorial benches to be presented before the board for approval, which was a motion that was passed at the previous meeting.

Ms. Bennett made a motion for the existing Coral Gables Community Foundation benches (and any other composite or faux wood benches) to be removed from the Coral Gables Branch Library grounds. Ms. Smiley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Ms. Smiley made a motion requesting the Commission to take action to repair, restore, and maintain the metal benches in the butterfly garden that have been there since its inception. Ms. Worm seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4. Assignment of Library Advisory Board Liaison(s)

Board members discussed taking turns attending the Cultural Development Board and the School & Community Relations Board to stay apprised of their activities and to offer the availability of library space for their events.

5. Other City Business

Ms. Smiley suggested that perhaps a sprinkler line had been cut since some of the newly installed plants were already dying, and must not have been watered. If the sprinklers aren't properly working, she said, they should be watered twice a week. She suggested that the landscaping be completed by the Garden Club's Garden & Home Tour event on March 16, 2019, as several hundred people would be passing through the area. Chair of the Board Ms. Zhang mentioned that the Pinecrest Library has a very busy event calendar and said the board might want to examine it at the next meeting to observe what types of similar events the Coral Gables Branch Library could potentially host. Ms. Price agreed to bring a list of their events to the next board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mariana Price, Administrative Assistant - Economic Development Dept.