

CORAL GABLES

THE CITY BEAUTIFUL

Library Advisory Board EXCERPT 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 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, to be funded by the Garden Club, passed unanimously.

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. The board also discussed that guidelines should be created for the bench style, placement, etc., and agreed to discuss it further at the next meeting. Board members agreed that staff invite Dona Spain, Historical Resources & Cultural Arts Director, and Ramon Trias, Development Services Assistant

Director for Planning, to the next board meeting to provide their input. In the meantime, board members would review the current bench situation on his/her own before the next 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.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mariana Price, Administrative Assistant - Economic Development Dept.