

CORAL GABLES

THE CITY BEAUTIFUL

Library Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 | 3:00 p.m.

LAB MEMBERS	MEETING DATES												APPOINTING ENTITY
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Donna Heisenbottle	X	Z	X	Z									Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli
Samuel Boldrick	X	Z	X	Z									Commissioner Michael Mena
VACANT	X	X	X	X									Board as a Whole
Myra Silverstein, Chair	X	Z	X	Z									City Manager
Charlotte Smiley	X	Z	X	Z									Commissioner Patricia Keon
James Worm	X	Z	X	Z									Vice Mayor Vince Lago
Nicole Kanaar	X	Z	X	A									Commissioner Fors

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

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Belkys Perez, Assistant Director, Economic Development Department

Zeida Sardiñas, Asset Manager, Economic Development Department

Yenesis Gomez, Administrative Assistant, Economic Development Department

Carolina Vester, Assistant Director, Parks & Recreation Department

Kara Kautz, Assistant Historic Preservation Officer, Historical Resources & Cultural Arts

Leo Gomez, Assistant Director, Miami-Dade Public Library System

Ray Baker, Director, Miami-Dade Public Library System

NOTE: There was **no in-person quorum**; therefore, the information below is a draft summary of items discussed with those via Zoom.

Ms. Silverstein brought the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

1. Library Construction Status

Mr. Leo Gomez, Assistant Director of the Miami-Dade Public Library System, informed board members that after the main library in Coral Gables, located in Segovia Street closes this Friday, April 16, 2021, then they will start the preparations for the construction project. The project has already been awarded. Next week, they will be having a meeting with the general contractor to start the preliminary discussions and preparations. The temporary facility on Miracle Mile is ready to go. All the preparations and collections are up, the staff is ready to start operations at the new location on Monday, April 19, 2021. There will be no change in schedule; therefore, they will be working the same schedule as the current Library. They want their patrons to go in and do business as usual. As a courtesy to patrons, the book drops at the library will remain there and will remain open. Anybody who wants to go to the library to drop off their materials will be able to still do so. They will pick up those materials and take them to the other site as part of their daily deliveries.

2. Summer Family Literacy Festival

Ms. Vester informed the board members that this event was originally born out of the School and Community Relations Committee and specifically Sam Joseph. Mr. Joseph has been working on creating a literacy component festival in the City of Coral Gables. The day-long festival, which will take place at the War Memorial Youth Center, will address all components of literacy, both physical and virtual formats. The City has been working with many vendors. The Library System will bring out its mobile unit. Once the Library reopens, Ms. Vester was hopeful of growing the event to encompass both the library and Youth Center space. The event is scheduled for Saturday, May 29, 2021.

3. Board as a Whole Appointment Discussion

Ms. Sardiñas reminded the board that the current two-year terms end at the end of May. The new two-year terms will begin June 1st through May 31, 2023. Therefore, the vacant position for a Board as a Whole appointee should be placed on a future agenda.

4. Open Discussion / Other Business

Ms. Smiley suggested receiving a calendar invite reminder the morning of the meeting.

There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yenisis Gomez, Administrative Assistant, Economic Development Department.