

Memorandum



Date: November 7, 2017


To: Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.,
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Item No. 1F2

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

Subject: Sunset Review of County Boards for FY 2017 – Library Advisory Board

In accordance with the provisions of Section 2-11.40 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, I am transmitting the 2017 Sunset Review of County Boards Report for the Library Advisory Board. This report covers the reporting period from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016. The Board approved the attached report at its meeting of April 24, 2017 and has recommended the continuation of its board.



Michael Spring
Senior Advisor

Memorandum



Date: April 25, 2017

To: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

From: Arva Moore Parks 
Chairperson, Library Advisory Board

Subject: Sunset Review of County Boards for FY 2017 – Library Advisory Board

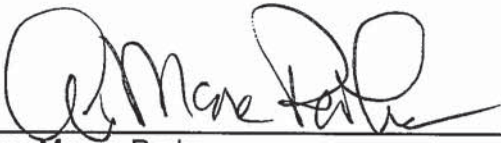
Pursuant to Section 2-11.40 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, I am submitting the 2017 Sunset Review of County Boards Report for the Library Advisory Board for transmittal to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). The Board approved the attached report at its meeting of April 24, 2017.

It is recommended that the BCC approve the continuation of the Library Advisory Board.

BACKGROUND

The Library Advisory Board was created July 2, 1963 and the purpose of the Board is to provide a feasible, adequate public library system for this entire Metropolitan area in cooperation with all other governmental entities, and will be in a position to furnish information, advice and counsel to the board of County Commissioners.

The Library Advisory Board should continue to function to support and lobby for Library funding on the Federal, State and local levels, and to help keep library services operational.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arva Moore Parks".

Arva Moore Parks
Board Chairperson

**SUNSET REVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARDS
2017**

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Name of Board reporting:

Library Advisory Board

2. Indicate number of board members, terms of office, and number of vacancies:

Number of Board Members: 11

Terms of Office: 3 Year Term / See Attachment 1

Number of Vacancies: 3

3. Identify number of meetings and members' attendance

(Attach records reflecting activity from **January 1, 2015** through **December 31, 2016**):

Number of Meetings: 10

Number of Meetings with a Quorum: 8

Attendance Records: See Attachment # 2

4. What is the source of your funding?

The Library's operating budget

5. Date of Board Creation:

July 2, 1963

6. Attach a copy of the ordinance creating the Board. Please include all subsequent amendments. See Attachment # 3

7. Include the Board's Mission Statement or state its purpose: See Attachment # 4

8. Attach the Board's standard operating procedures, if any. See Attachment # 5

9. Attach a copy of the Board's By-Laws, if any. See Attachment # 6

10. Attach a copy of the Board minutes approving the Sunset Review Questionnaire, including a vote of the membership. See Attachment # 7

II. EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. Is the Board serving the purpose for which it was created? Please provide detailed information

Yes. According to the County Code, the Library Advisory Board is "dedicated to the purposes of providing a feasible, adequate public library system for this entire Metropolitan area in cooperation with all other governmental entities, and will be in a position to furnish information, advice and counsel to the board of County Commissioners." The Library Advisory Board continues to serve this purpose.

2. Is the Board serving current community needs? (Please provide detailed information)

The Library Advisory Board has continued to successfully advocate on behalf of the Miami-Dade Public Library System in support of funding, programs, and services for MDPLS that meet the needs of the community.

3. What are the Board's major accomplishments?
 - a. Last 24 months –

The Library Advisory Board has continued to support the efforts of Miami-Dade Public Library System in carrying out its mission with numerous goals and achievements accomplished, including:

- The opening of the Northeast-Dade Aventura, California Club, and Bay Harbor Islands Libraries
- Support for the Annual Friends of the Library Book Sale
- Support for Storytelling Miami – with over 100,000 attendees participating system-wide
- Launch of a new branding campaign – The Power of the MPLS Card
- Opening of the second YouMedia Miami location at the South Dade Regional Library
- Opening of the first Makerspace 'YouMake Miami' at the Miami Beach Regional Library
- Launch of a Passport services program at the South Dade Regional Library
- Launch of an online payment module in October 2015
- Harry Potter 8 Midnight Release party – over 4,000 attendees
- New partnership with the Early Learning Coalition (ELC)
- Elections – Early voting and Election day
- Supported the Board's adopted millage rate, which provided for increased service hours at multiple locations, additional staffing, increased funding for materials, and increased funding for capital projects and renovations.

b. Since established

The Library Advisory Board has advocated for funding for increased State Aid to Libraries; passage of the 1998 Book Trust, a ½ mill tax levied over two years; and helped expand Miami-Dade Public Libraries to its current 50-branch system.

Mayor Carlos Gimenez appointed the Board to serve as a member of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force to Study the Future of the Miami-Dade Public Library System ("the Taskforce"). The Board adopted a Resolution to recommend the Board of County Commissioners that total funding of no less than \$64 million be provided for the Public Library System for the FY 2014-15 budget. Through these efforts, the Library received \$54 million which prevented the closure of numerous library facilities and other reductions.

4. Is there any other board, either public or private, which would better serve the function of this board?

No. There is no other board currently serving this function.

5. Should the ordinance creating the Board be amended to better enable the Board to serve the purpose for which it was created? (If "Yes", attach proposed changes)

No

6. Should the Board's membership requirements be modified?

No

7. What is the operating cost of the Board, both direct and indirect? (Report on FY 2015 and FY 2016)

There were no direct costs to Miami-Dade Public Library System during these reporting years.

8. Describe the Board's performance measures developed to determine its own effectiveness in achieving its stated goals.

N/A

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Cuevas, Roger C. 12353 SW 104 Lane Miami, FL 33186	(Miami-Dade County)	305-596-0333 e-mail: rogerc236@aol.com	07/18/19	
Fuchs, E. Darwin 6401 SW 102 Street Miami, FL 33156	(Miami-Dade County)	305-667-8782 (H) e-mail: edfuchs8@gmail.com	04/08/17	
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Kirwin, Kevin M. 1918 Brickell Avenue #306 Miami, FL 33129	(City of Miami)	305-755-7912 (H) 305-305--2722 (M) e-mail: kkirwin@miamigov.com	02/01/19	
Parks, Arva Moore 1601 S Miami Avenue Miami, FL 33129	(City of Miami)	e-mail: arvamiami@bellsouth.net	02/01/19	
Verrecchia, Lea Nickless 3572 Vista Court Coconut Grove, FL 33133	(Miami-Dade County)	305-856-4582 (H) 305-903-8988 (M) e-mail: leanickless@gmail.com	04/08/17	
VACANCY		(Miami-Dade County)		
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Attendance at Meetings – 2015

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Meeting Dates</u>				
	<u>2/25</u>	<u>4/15</u>	<u>6/17</u>	<u>9/22</u>	<u>12/10</u>
<u>Stafford, Cynthia</u>	P	A	P	P	P
<u>Gudaitis, Christine A.</u>	P	P	P	P	A
<u>Cuevas, Roger C.</u>	P	P	A	P	P
<u>Fuchs, E. Darwin</u>	P	P	P	P	P
<u>Herskowitz, Barbara A.</u>	A	P	A	P	P
<u>Verrecchia, Lea Nickless</u>	P	A	P	P	P
<u>Thomas, Daniel</u> (Resigned 6/20/15)	P	P (Via Telephone)	A		
<u>Velez, Maria C.</u> (Resigned 6/20/15)	P	P (Via Telephone)	A		
<u>Members Present:</u>	7	6	4	6	5
<u>Members Absent:</u>	1	2	4	0	1

P – indicates Board member was present

A – indicates Board member was absent

Attendance at Meetings – 2016

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Meeting Dates</u>				
	<u>3/9</u>	<u>6/8</u>	<u>7/13</u>	<u>9/21</u>	<u>11/16</u>
<u>Stafford, Cynthia</u> (Resigned 11/17/16)	P	P	-	P	-
<u>Gudaitis, Christine A.</u>	P	P	-	A	-
<u>Acosta, Vanessa</u>	A	A	-	A	-
<u>Cuevas, Roger C.</u>	A	P	-	A	-
<u>Fuchs, E. Darwin</u>	P	P	-	P	-
<u>Herskowitz, Barbara A.</u>	P	P	-	P	-
<u>Kirwin, Kevin M.</u>	P	P	-	P	-
<u>Parks, Arva Moore</u>	P	P	-	P	-
<u>Verrecchia, Lea Nickless</u>	A	P	-	A	-
<u>Members Present:</u>	6	8	-	5	-
<u>Members Absent:</u>	3	1	-	4	-

P – indicates Board member was present
 A – indicates Board member was absent
 - – indicates Board meeting was cancelled

ARTICLE XXII. PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD*

*Editor's note—This article is derived from Ord. No. 63-27, adopted on July 2, 1963. Section 10 of said ordinance declared it to be the intention of the County Commission that the provisions of the ordinance, including the recitations contained in the "whereas" clauses, become a part of this Code of Ordinances. The "whereas" clauses read as follows:

"WHEREAS, it is recognized that the establishment, maintenance and administration of adequate Public Library facilities to which the general public has free access as places of resort to seek quiet study, educational pursuits and enjoyment constitute joint functions and responsibilities of the State, County and municipal government; and

"WHEREAS, it is apparent that increased and expanded Public Library facilities and services, and the coordination of existing Public Library facilities and services, are urgently required in order to meet the needs of the ever increasing population of this metropolitan area. This may be accomplished only by appropriate planning based upon accurate factual data and information and sound financial feasibility; and

"WHEREAS, the planning and accomplishment of a sound, feasible and adequate Public Library system for the use and benefit of all the residents and visitors of this metropolitan area constitutes a governmental function or service that is susceptible to, and may be most effectively performed, under a uniform plan and program applicable to and embracing this entire metropolitan area; and

"WHEREAS, the general laws of the State of Florida grant to the Boards of County Commissioners of the several counties the permissive power to establish, operate and maintain free public libraries, and prescribe the methods and procedures by which such power shall be exercised. The general laws further authorize certain types of grants of financial assistance to counties meeting regulations established by the State Library Board. The general laws also grant to the governing bodies of municipalities the power and authority to establish, maintain and operate public libraries in accordance with the prescribed statutory procedures. The Home Rule Charter of Government for Dade County, Florida, empowers the Board of County Commissioners to provide libraries and other cultural facilities and programs, to create by ordinance such Boards as may be deemed necessary, and to carry on a central metropolitan government and perform such acts as may be required in the common interest of the people; and

"WHEREAS, the coordination and reconciliation of the applicable and controlling requirements of law, the coordinate and feasible utilization of existing facilities and services, and the appropriate planning for additional facilities and services, relating to public libraries, may be best accomplished through the medium of an advisory Board composed of outstanding qualified citizens.

"NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:"

Sec. 2-192. Short title.

This article shall be known and may be cited as the "Metropolitan Dade County Public Library Advisory Board Ordinance".
(Ord. No. 63-27, § 1, 7-2-63)

Sec. 2-193. Declaration of legislative intent.

It is the purpose and intent of the Board of County Commissioners, in enacting this article under and pursuant to the provisions of Section 4.08 of the Home Rule Charter, to create and establish an Advisory Board of official status composed of outstanding citizens with representative interests and geographical distribution, who are dedicated to the purposes of providing a feasible, adequate Public Library system for this entire metropolitan area in cooperation with all other governmental entities, and that will be in a position to furnish information, advice and counsel to the Board of County Commissioners in respect to the appropriate means and methods by which adequate Public Library facilities and services may be provided within the framework of the County government on a sound financial basis

for the use and benefit of all residents and visitors of this metropolitan area, and to work towards the development and implementation of sound programs for public libraries through the mutual cooperation between the State, County and municipal governments and agencies and coordination with non-governmental organizations interested in library facilities and services. This article shall not be construed as delegating to such advisory board or its members any power or authority of a governmental, legislative or administrative nature, but as the establishment of an official instrumentality by which the Board of County Commissioners may obtain the benefit of accurate, comprehensive information, advice and counsel concerning all matters relating to public libraries and other cultural facilities and programs which may be necessary for appropriate action by the Board of County Commissioners.
(Ord. No. 63-27, § 2, 7-2-63)

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Sec. 2-194. Creation of Advisory Board.

There is hereby created and established in Dade County, Florida, an Advisory Board to be known as the Metropolitan Dade County Public Library Advisory Board.
(Ord. No. 63-27, § 3, 7-2-63)

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Miami-Dade County Public Library Advisory Board

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Library Advisory Board of the Miami-Dade Public Library System is to furnish information, advice and counsel to the Mayor and Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County with respect to the appropriate means and methods by which adequate public library facilities and services may be provided on a sound financial basis for the use and benefit of all residents within the Library System's taxing district.

ADMINISTRATION

§ 2-197

Sec. 2-195. Membership; vacancies; qualifications; term.

(A) *Membership.* The Metropolitan Dade County Public Library Advisory Board shall consist of eleven (11) members appointed by the County Commission. Eight (8) members shall be residents of the Library Taxing District and three (3) members shall be residents of the City of Miami and members of the City of Miami's Library Board.

(B) *Vacancy.* Vacancies from among the aforesaid three (3) members who are residents of the City of Miami shall be filled as follows:

- (1) The Board shall submit a list of three (3) candidates to the City Commission.
- (2) The City Commission shall select one (1) of the candidates to submit to the County Commission; however, in the event that none of the three (3) candidates suggested meet with City Commission approval, the Board shall submit three (3) different names to the City Commission for its consideration.
- (3) The County Commission shall appoint the suggested candidate to the Board; however, in the event that the candidate suggested does not meet with County Commission approval, the City Commission shall either submit one (1) of the remaining candidates to the County Commission or request three (3) different names from the Board.

This process shall continue until a replacement has been appointed.

(C) *Qualifications.* Each member shall be a qualified elector of Dade County, and shall possess a reputation for civic pride, integrity, responsibility, and business or professional ability, and shall have demonstrated an active interest in Public Library facilities and services. As far as practicable, the membership of the Board shall be representative of the various interests of this metropolitan area in respect to geographic and economic factors.

(D) *Terms.* The term of office of the membership shall be one (1) year for three (3) members, two (2) years for three (3) members and three (3) years for three (3) members; and effective October 1, 1986, the Board of County Commissioners shall appoint the tenth member to a two (2) year term

and the eleventh member to a three (3) year term with appointments thereafter to be for a term of three (3) years for each of the eleven (11) members. Appointments to fill any vacancy on the Board shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term of office. Terms of office of members of the Board appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, which would normally expire on or between the dates of January 1 through June 30, or July 1 through December 31 of the termination year, shall be deemed ended and expired as of March 31 or September 30 thereof respectively; and the position thereon vacated may be refilled by the Board of County Commissioners. Prior to October 1, 1989, the Board of County Commissioners shall review the composition of the Public Library Advisory Board.

(Ord. No. 63-27, § 4, 7-2-63; Ord. No. 63-29, § 1, 7-16-63; Ord. No. 64-39, § 5, 9-1-64; Ord. No. 71-78, § 1, 9-22-71; Ord. No. 73-20, § 1, 3-8-73; Ord. No. 77-81, § 1, 11-15-77; Ord. No. 86-65, § 1, 9-16-86; Ord. No. 86-84, § 1, 10-28-86)

Sec. 2-196. Removal of members.

Any member of the Board who ceases to be a qualified elector of Dade County shall immediately forfeit his office. Should a vacancy result from such forfeiture, or should any member of this Board fail to attend three (3) consecutive meetings of the Board without due cause, the Chairman of the Board shall certify the same to the County Commission, who shall fill the vacancy created thereby by appointment. Any member of the Board may be removed from office without cause by two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the County Commission.

(Ord. No. 63-27, § 5, 7-2-63; Ord. No. 67-15, § 4, 3-7-67)

Sec. 2-197. Organization of Board; quorum; meetings; clerical personnel.

The members of the Board, or a majority thereof, shall select a Chairman and such other officers as may be deemed necessary or desirable, who shall serve at the will of the Board. A majority vote of the entire membership of the Board shall be necessary to take any action. A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum necessary to hold a meeting or take any action. The

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Chairman may call meetings of the Board, and meetings may be called by written notice signed by four (4) members of the Board, and the Board at any meeting may fix and call a meeting for a future date. Minutes shall be kept of all meetings of the Board. All meetings shall be public. The County Manager shall provide adequate and competent clerical and administrative personnel as may be reasonably required by the Board for the proper performance of its duties and functions, subject to budget limitations as fixed by the County Commission.

(Ord. No. 63-27, § 6, 7-2-63; Ord. No. 63-34, § 1, 8-27-63; Ord. No. 64-39, § 6, 9-1-64; Ord. No. 71-78, § 2, 9-22-71)

Sec. 2-198. Compensation; expenses.

Members of the Public Library Advisory Board shall serve without compensation, salary or remuneration of any nature, but the County Commission may provide in the annual County budget sufficient funds for the reasonable and necessary expenses incurred by the Board in performance of its duties and functions prescribed by the provisions of this article.

(Ord. No. 63-27, § 7, 7-2-63)

Sec. 2-199. Duties and functions.

The Public Library Advisory Board shall have the following duties, functions and responsibilities:

- (a) To serve in an advisory capacity to the County Commission in respect to all matters pertaining to Public Library and other cultural facilities, and to make periodic reports and recommendations in respect to such matters.
- (b) To make a continuing study of all existing Public Library facilities and services in this metropolitan area, and the future needs of this community in respect to Public Library facilities and services.
- (c) To formulate plans and programs for the coordination of the activities of all governmental entities, and nongovernmental agencies, relating to Library facilities and services.

(d) To formulate comprehensive, feasible plans and programs for providing adequate Public Library facilities and services necessary to fulfill the present and future needs of this metropolitan area.

(e) To devise means and methods by which existing and future Library facilities and services may be improved and more fully utilized to provide better service and availability to the general public.

(f) To make a continuing study and periodic reports and recommendations for a sound, feasible program for financing the costs of improving existing Library facilities and services and providing additional Public Library facilities and services.

(g) To review all laws, regulations and requirements governing Public Libraries and make recommendations concerning appropriate actions that may be taken to achieve the objective of providing adequate Public Library facilities and services for this metropolitan area, and to devise programs by which financial assistance from other governmental entities may be utilized to the fullest extent.

(h) To perform and carry out such other duties and functions of an advisory nature as may be assigned to the Board by the County Commission.

(Ord. No. 63-27, § 8, 7-2-63)

Sec. 2-200. Limitation on powers of Board.

The Public Library Advisory Board shall have no power or authority to commit the County Government to any policies or to incur any financial obligation or to create any liability on the part of the County. No actions or recommendations of this Board shall be binding upon the County until approved or adopted by the County Commission. This Board shall not infringe upon any of the powers granted by law to any other duly constituted Board relating to matters involving Public Library facilities and services.

(Ord. No. 63-27, § 9, 7-2-63)

Secs. 2-201-2-203. Reserved.

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BY-LAWS

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

ARTICLE I. MEETINGS

The meetings of the Miami-Dade County Public Library Advisory Board shall be held at least quarterly, September through May.

Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson, or upon the written request of six members for the transaction of business stated in the call for the meeting, and the Library Advisory Board at any meeting may fix and call a meeting for a future date.

Notices of all regular and special meetings shall be provided to all members at least four days before the meeting.

ARTICLE II. OFFICERS

Officers of the Library Advisory Board shall be elected to serve a two year term and shall be as follows: Chairperson, and Vice-Chairperson. In the event a vacancy occurs in these offices, a replacement may be named at any regular or special meeting. No officer shall serve more than two consecutive full terms.

The Chairperson of the Library Advisory Board shall preside at all meetings, appoint all committees, authorize calls for any special meetings, and generally perform the duties of a presiding officer. In the absence of the Chairperson from a Library Advisory Board meeting, the Vice-Chairperson shall preside.

ARTICLE III. COMMITTEES

Special committees for the study and investigation of special problems may be appointed by the Chairperson, such committees to serve until the completion of the work for which they were appointed. There shall be a standing Nominating Committee, chaired by the Vice-Chairperson, and a Strategic Planning Committee, each of which shall report to the Library Advisory Board its recommendations for forwarding to the County Commission and the Mayor.

ARTICLE IV. QUORUM

A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of a majority of the board.

ARTICLE V. THE DIRECTOR

The Director shall be an ex-officio member of the Library Advisory Board and shall have charge of preparing the agenda for Library Advisory Board meetings subject to the inclusion of any items that individual Library Advisory Board members request to be brought to the attention of the entire Library Advisory Board. The Director shall attend all Library Advisory Board meetings except those at which his or her duties are to be discussed.

ARTICLE VI. MEMBERSHIP

The Nominating Committee shall forward a list of two (2) candidates for each Library Advisory Board position to become vacant. It is the objective of the Library Advisory Board to make reasonable efforts to accommodate in its membership the geographic and ethnic make-up of the community. The immediate past Chairperson of the Library Advisory Board may serve as a non-voting member once their term has expired. The Library Advisory Board shall approve the Committee recommendation or substitute names for nomination and forward these to the Board of County Commission. No member of the Library Advisory Board shall be renominated if their unexcused absences have exceeded 50% during the existing term of office.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Library Advisory Board by a 2/3 majority vote, provided the amendment was stated in the call for the meeting.

Amended by the Library Advisory Board, January 20, 2011 .

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
April 24, 2017

The April 24, 2017 meeting of the Library Advisory Board was held in the 2nd floor conference room of the Main Library at 12:40 p.m. with Mrs. Arva Moore Parks as Chairwoman.

Members present:

Arva Moore Parks
Christine A. Gudaitis
Roger C. Cuevas
Darwin E. Fuchs

Members absent:

Vanessa I. Acosta (E)
Barbara A. Herskowitz (E)
Kevin M. Kirwin (E)

Guest present: Lydia A. Lopez, Executive Assistant, Office of the Mayor
Lynn Summers, President, Friends of the Miami-Dade Public Library

Library staff present: Ray Baker, Interim Director
Kimberly Matthews, Assistant Director
Sue Cvejnovich, Assistant Director
Julio Castro, Library Capital Development Coordinator
Marlon Moore, Library Media Project Coordinator
Jennifer Shipley, Library Operations Administrator

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Arva Moore Parks asked for a motion to approve the February 1, 2017 board minutes. The motion was moved by Mr. Roger Cuevas, seconded by Ms. Christine Gudaitis and subsequently passed.

Board Candidate

The following candidate is interested in serving on the Library Advisory Board: (resume is on file)

1. Elizabeth K. Martinez – Ms. Martinez is currently a Freelance writer and editor. Ms. Martinez worked for the Miami-Dade Public Library System as an Assistant Director in the Art Services Department from 1987-1990. (Referred by Barbara Herskowitz)

The Board currently has four vacancies. Board members were asked to email Elizabeth Adams resumes of individuals who are interested in serving on the board.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sunset Review of County Boards 2017

Board members reviewed the completed biennial Sunset Review Questionnaire of the Miami-Dade County Public Library Advisory Board. Mrs. Arva Moore Parks asked for a motion to approve the Sunset Review Questionnaire. The motion was moved by Mr. Roger Cuevas, seconded by Mr. Darwin E. Fuchs and subsequently passed. Mr. Ray Baker, Interim Director, will submit the completed Sunset Review Questionnaire to Meighan Alexander, Office of Management and Budget.

YOUmake Miami and Technobus

Mr. Ray Baker, Interim Director, invited Mr. Julio Castro, Capital Development Coordinator and Mr. Marlon Moore, Library Media Project Coordinator to give a presentation on YOUmake Miami and the Library's Technobus.

YOUmake Miami is located at the Miami Beach Regional Library since January 2016. The second YOUmake space at the West Kendall library is nearing completion.

Workshops and Activities

Technology

3D Printing, 3 D Modeling, Filmmaking, Photography, Graphic Design, Music Production, Digital Drawing Tablets, Apple and Windows, LEGO Mindstorms

Software

Adobe Creative Cloud - (Photoshop, Illustrator, Premiere Pro, etc.), Microsoft Office Suite, Apple iLife Suite – (GarageBand, iMovie, iTunes, etc.), Sketchup, 123 Design (3D modeling), Logic Pro – (Audio recording), Virtual DJ

Additional Classes

Sewing (with sewing machines), Painting, Drawing, Using Looms, Perler Beads, Arts and Crafts

Hardware

SMART Board, SMART Table, Sewing Machines, 3D Printers, Electronic Pianos, Microphones, Video Cameras, Digital Cameras, Apple iPads, Apple Mac Book Airs, Apple iMac Desktops, Microsoft (Surface Pro tablets)

The Miami-Dade Public Library System's Technobus is a mobile technology innovation lab focused on narrowing the digital divide in high-need communities throughout Miami-Dade County. It is currently presenting an initial testing run, stopping at various libraries throughout Miami-Dade County. The Technobus will debut at the Mayor's Spring into Wellness Fair at the Stephen P. Clark Center, 111 NW 1st Street on Friday, May 12, 2017.

Workshops and Activities

Technology

Filmmaking, Photography, Graphic Design, Music Production, Apple Mac Software, Apple Mac Hardware

Software

Adobe Creative Cloud (Photoshop, Illustrator, Premiere, Pro, etc.), Microsoft Office Suite, Apple iLife Suite (GarageBand, iMovie, iTunes, etc.), Sketchup, 123 Design (3D modeling), Logic Pro (Audio recording), Virtual DJ

Entertainment

Phantom 4 Flying DRONE

Gaming

Alienware Gaming Laptops (with PlayStation games & controllers)

STEM Activities

STEM educational kits: (Snap Circuits, Little Bits, LEGO WeDo)

Additional Classes

Job Search and Resume Writing

Hardware

Electronic Pianos, Microphones, Video Cameras, Digital Cameras, Apple iPads, Apple MacBook Airs, Phantom 4 Flying DRONE

Gaming

Alienware Gaming Laptops (with PlayStation games & controllers)

Decentralization of Collection Development

Ms. Kimberly Matthews, Assistant Director, presented on the Decentralization of Collection Development.

- Create a Community-centric Collections Unique to each location. Staff members wanted to re-engage with the books that are being purchased.
 - Increase Circulation
 - Strengthen Professional Skills of Staff
 - Be responsive to desire of staff for more involvement in the selection of materials
- Began Participative Planning Process in June 2016
 - Conversations with Staff, Training, Workshops, Vendor meetings
- Implementation Phase in October 2016
 - Branches budgets distributed
 - Branches began ordering their own Materials
- October – January 2017
 - Worked with Vendors on unanticipated ordering issues
 - Offered additional training to staff
- February – Present
 - Moving forward with consolidated High Demand, Automatic Pre-Pub Orders and Branch Budgets for Unique purchases

Meeting Rooms for Special Events

Mrs. Jennifer Shipley, Library Operations Administrator, presented information on the possibility of offering Meeting Rooms for Special Events at the Miami-Dade Public Library System. MDPLS currently has a Room Usage Policy which allows Non-profits (501c3) to use the auditorium at no charge one time a month at six branches and one time a year at any branch for meetings that take place during regular library operating hours. Non-Miami-Dade County Agencies are charged a fee for room use. All meetings and programs must be open to the general public. The current Fee Schedule is: Meeting Room (Large) / Auditorium \$350.00 (up to 4 hours); Meeting Room (Medium) \$250.00 (up to 4 hours); Meeting Room (Small) \$150.00 (up to 4 hours). Under the current policy, the library generated a revenue of \$7,368 in FY 2015-16 and \$5,500 in FY 2014-15.

MDPLS Private Events Considerations:

- Security for events after hours, obtain liability insurance, pricing model, staffing, incorporate a cleanup fee, solicitation is a concern, licensed vendors.

A revised Miami-Dade Public Library System room rental policy will allow MDPLS to generate additional revenue, attract new customers, and improve the image of the Library (a place to celebrate milestones).

Mrs. Shipley contacted several Library Systems to compare rental fee, operating hours, policy, and room capacity.

Boston Public Library – Corporations or individuals may rent a room or the entire building at the Central Branch (10 iconic spaces available). \$4,000-\$22,000 rental fees for up to 2,000 seat capacity auditorium. Staffing: Three full-time dedicated library staff, contracted catering team, the Library receives a portion of the profit from the catering company.

Jacksonville Public Library – Full library rental fee \$8,000. For after hour events, 300 seat capacity room - \$3,000 rental fee.

Chicago Public Library-Central Branch – Event team is comprised of five event staff and four Audio/Visual technicians. For a 500 seat capacity garden, \$7,000 rental fee. They host approximately 400 private events annually.

City of Boca Raton Public Library – For a Lakeview patio, \$1,900 rental fee. Annual revenue is \$60,000.

Cincinnati Public Library – Room rentals are free for non-profit and government agency. \$50.00 rental fee for private events during regular library hours.

Board members would like for Library staff to explore the idea further.

Budget

Mr. Ray Baker attended the Budget hearing with the County's Office of Management and Budget. The Library's budget is being developed based on a flat millage rate of .284. The proposed budget is \$79 million. The department is also proposing an additional \$500,000 increase to the book budget, enhancements to staff and operating hours. The current budget is \$73 million.

Strategic Plan

The Miami-Dade Public Library is developing a new Strategic Plan. The new Strategic Plan will guide the development of the County library system over the next five years. Lord Cultural Resources consultants are on board conducting staff interviews, and overall department presentations to obtain feedback from library employees. Staff workshops and community forums are scheduled. The goal is to finalize this project by October 2017.

Capital Projects

- HVAC projects at Little River, Virrick Park, North Shore, Miami Springs, West Flagler, and Lemon City Library
- MakerSpace at West Kendall Regional Library
- Renovations at Kendall, Coral Reef, Allapattah, and Coral Gables library

Friends of the Library

Mrs. Lynn Summers reported that the MARCH Trilogy - Congressman John Lewis author event on April 1st at the New Birth Baptist Church was an extraordinary event. Lynn thanked Ray Baker, Kimberly Matthews, Leila Khali and all library staff for all their hard work. Approximately 1,700 people were in attendance and an additional 1,000+ watched the event live on Facebook.

Mrs. Lynn Summers distributed a chart showing the history of the Miami-Dade Public Library System millage rate since '1971 through '2016. Lynn shared her concerns about the difference in the millage rate from FY 2009-10 - .3822 to FY 2015-16 - .2840. The Friends of the Library will prepare a preliminary recommendation to the Library Advisory Board requesting an increase to the library's millage rate.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Meeting

Board members discussed the upcoming meeting dates. The next Library Advisory Board Meeting will be Monday, June 12, 2017, 12:30 pm, Main Library, 101 West Flagler Street, 2nd floor, conference room.

Since there was no further business to be brought to the attention of the board, Mrs. Moore Parks asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was moved by Mr. Darwin Fuchs, second by Mr. Roger Cuevas and subsequently passed. The meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Elizabeth Adams
Secretary to the Board