

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, October 17 19, 9:00 a.m.
Historical Resources & Cultural Arts Department
Hybrid Meeting & Virtual via Zoom**

MEMBERS	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	APPOINTED BY:
	22	22	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	
Leslie Pantin Chairperson	P	P	-	P	P	-	P	P	P	-	P	P	Mayor Vince Lago
Frank Rodriguez	P	P	-	P	P	-	P	P	P	-	E	P	Vice-Mayor Rhonda Anderson
Ray Corral	E	P	-	E	P	-	P	P	P	-	P	P	Commissioner Melissa Castro
Maria Alicia Asrani*									E	-	E	A	Commissioner Ariel Fernandez
Jose Valdes-Fauli Vice Chair	P	P	-	P	P	-	A	P	P	-	P	P	Commissioner Kirk R. Menendez
Geannina Burgos	P	P	-	P	P	-	P	P	E	-	P	P	Board Appointee
Eric Fliss*											P	P	City Manager Peter Iglesias

LEGEND: A = Absent; P = Present; V = Virtual; E = Excused; * = New Member; ^= Resigned Member;
- = No Meeting + = Special Meeting

STAFF:

Anna Pernas, Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Director
Catherine Cathers, Arts and Culture Specialist
Yvelisse Bonilla, Administrative Assistant

MEETING RECORD / MINUTES PREPARATION: Yvelisse Bonilla, Administrative Assistant and
Catherine Cathers, Historical Resources and Cultural Arts

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Pantin called the Cultural Development Board (CDB) meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Board members in attendance: Mr. Pantin, Mr. Valdez-Fauli, Ms. Burgos, Mr. Fliss, Mr. Corral and Mr. Rodriguez.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Pantin made a motion to approve the minutes of September 19, 2023.

Ms. Burgos seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

D. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

D.-1. THE UNDERLINE: UPDATE WITH MEG DALY

Ms. Daly appeared via Zoom and provided an update regarding The Underline project, specifically as it relates to public art. Key points included:

- Currently on Phase 3
- Miami-Dade County owns the land; The Underline will manage, maintain, and program the site.
- Proposed public art within the City of Coral Gables, donated privately or publicly, will require approval and collaboration with Miami-Dade County Art in Public Places Trust and the Professional Arts Committee.
- Sites identified for public art include:
 - Douglas Station
 - University of Miami, area between two plazas
 - Natural storm water, bio-retention areas
- Ms. Daly noted interest in collaborating on the Douglas Station site as a priority for opening in 2025.

E. NEW BUSINESS

E.-1. CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD & ARTS ADVISORY PANEL ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. Valdes-Fauli made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Arts Advisory Panel and Cultural Development Boards Annual Report. Ms. Burgos seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

F. OLD BUSINESS

F.-1. PONCE CIRCLE PARK – BOARD RESOLUTION

Staff respectfully requested the Board to re-appoint a member to speak on behalf of the Board at the City Commission meeting of Tuesday, October 24, 2023 to present the Cultural Development Board's Resolution recommending the City Commission to commit to completing Ponce Circle park renovation in time for the city's centennial; further recommending the renovation to include infrastructure to support installation of future artworks in the park (unanimously recommend by this Board approval/denial vote: 7 to 0.)

Mr. Valdes-Fauli made a motion nominating Ms. Burgos to speak on behalf of the Board at the City Commission meeting for the Board's resolution

regarding Ponce Circle Park. Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Burgos made a motion nominating Mr. Valdes-Fauli as a back-up to speak on behalf of the Board at the City Commission meeting for the Board's Resolution. Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

G. CULTURAL GRANTS

G.-1. CULTURAL GRANT UPDATES & CHANGE REQUESTS

Board members were updated on the status of Cultural Grant applicant programs and requests.

- Board members were advised that Miami Childrens Chorus did not submit a final report for FY22-23, making them ineligible for FY23-24 grant funds.

A motion was made by Mr. Rodriguez for the Miami Childrens Chorus to follow the guidelines; however, allowing FY24-25 eligibility for the organization dependent on receipt of the FY22-23 Final Report. Mr. Valdes-Fauli seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- Florida Grand Opera – requested a change of venue due to the consolidation of programs. Programs are proposed at the Riviera Presbyterian Church with the final program at the Miracle Theater.

A motion was made by Ms. Burgos to accept the change of venue for the Florida Grand Opera. Mr. Fliss seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- What if Works – Requested a change in the number of programs and date.

A motion was made by Mr. Valdes-Fauli to accept What if Works change in number of events from three to one, and a date change to June 8, 2024. Mr. Fliss seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- Montgomery Botanical Center – Staff contacted the Center to discuss having an upcoming Board meeting and tour at the location. December 19th is the preferred date. Board members agreed and staff will schedule.

H. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES:

H.-1. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES

Board members were provided with Art in Public Places project updates for private development and municipal projects including: installation of the KAWS sculpture at The Plaza, progress of the Police and Fire Memorial, and installation of the Zilia Sanchez sculpture.

- Lowe Art Museum – The city is partnering with the museum on a scavenger hunt of mini glass “sliders” in restaurants and locations throughout the city in support of John Miller’s glass exhibition “Order Up.” The scavenger hunt, “Where’s the Burger”, encourages people to post selfies with the sliders on Instagram.
- Gary Nader Museum – Staff received confirmation from the Board to include the Arts Advisory Panel in exploring a temporary exhibition of Mr. Nader’s collection in alignment with the Centennial.
- Ponce Circle Park – Staff received confirmation from the Board to work with the Arts Advisory Panel regarding recommendations for permanent public art at Ponce Circle Park.

H.-2. CORAL GABLES CENTENNIAL – COMMEMORATIVE ARTWORK

Board members were provided an update on the artists who have confirmed interest in preparing a public art proposal and were advised of the artists site visit scheduled for Wednesday, October 25th, which includes an introduction to members of the community at the Lola B. Walker H.O.A. meeting.

I. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

The Board was advised of the following upcoming City Commission items:

- Cultural Development Board resolution regarding Ponce Circle Park
- ALTA Developers AiPP waiver request
- The Village withdrew their waiver request

J. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Board members requested a tour of the University of Miami’s public art collection. Staff will follow-up.

K. ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the Cultural Development Board meeting adjourned at 10:13 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine J. Cathers
Arts & Culture Specialist