

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES  
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
EXCERPT MINUTES**

**Monday, February 8, 2010, 8:00 a.m.  
Economic Sustainability Department Conference Room  
1 Alhambra Plaza, Suite 617**

MEMBERS	A	M	J	J	A#	S	O*	N**	N - -	D	J	J*-	F	COMMISSIONERS
José R. Garrigó	P	P	E	-	P	P	P	P	E	-	P	P	P	Mayor Donald D. Slesnick II
Bobbi Litt	P	P	P	-	E	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	Vice Mayor William Kerdyk, Jr.
Dr. Bernice Matalon-Roth	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	Commissioner Maria Anderson
Dr. Carol Damian	P	P	P	-	P	E	P	P	E	-	P	E	P	Commissioner Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
Beatriz Pereira	P	P	P	-	P"	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	Commissioner Wayne "Chip" Withers
Andrea Cole	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	Board Appointee
Ginger Jochem >	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	City Manager

**A = Absent**

**P = Present**

**E = Excused**

**- = No Meeting**

**> = New Member**

**'' = Arrived at 3:30 p.m.**

\* Regular Meeting + FY2008-2009 Final Reports

# Regular Meeting + FY2009-2010 Grants Workshop

\*\* Regular Meeting + FY2009-2010 Cultural Grant Applications  
Review & Scoring

-- Special Grants Board Meeting

\* - Special Donation Board Meeting

**Staff in Attendance:**

Cynthia Birdsill, Economic Sustainability Director  
Catherine Cathers, Arts and Culture Specialist

**Motion Summary:**

**A motion was approved to recommend that the City of Coral Gables, Cultural Development Board endorse the 2010 Florida Legislative Platform for Arts, Arts Education, and Culture, including writing letters of support to the House Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Committee members and County representative. Ms. Litt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**III. Arts Advocacy**

**a) Florida Cultural Alliance – request for 2010 Florida Legislative Arts, Arts Education, and Culture Issues Platform**

The Board received a request from the Florida Cultural Alliance to endorse the 2010 Florida Legislative Arts, Arts Education, and Culture Issues Platform and to write letters of support. The Platform items include:

1. For the State of Florida to begin to restore its investment in the Department of State grant line items for arts, cultural, historical, and humanities resources – proven catalysts for economic diversification and development.
2. Encourage further economic-and-job development by investing State funds in pre-approved lists submitted by the Florida Department of State for cultural and historical capital projects and cultural endowment matches.

Additional items emphasized:

- Restore state funding for Arts, Cultural, and Historical grants
- Maintain tax-exemptions for not-for-profits
- Protect Arts Education for our students
- Preserve Art in State Buildings program

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The Board discussed the options of endorsement as a Board versus individuals and emphasized the importance of endorsing items pertaining to culture. Further discussion included various ways that organizations have already addressed the cuts with innovative programming and collaborations, noting the drop in State funding of over 92% for arts and culture since 2006.

**Ms. Cole made a motion to recommend that the City of Coral Gables, Cultural Development Board endorse the 2010 Florida Legislative Platform for Arts, Arts Education, and Culture, including writing letters of support to the House Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Committee members and County representative. Ms. Litt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Ms. Cathers advised the Board of additional support materials available regarding statistics and studies in relation to the economic impact and benefit of the arts in this region.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Catherine Cathers  
Arts & Culture Specialist and Secretary to the Board  
City of Coral Gables