

EXCERPT

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**CITY OF CORAL GABLES
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, June 5, 2018 8:30 a.m.
Historical Resources & Cultural Arts Department
2327 Salzedo St., Coral Gables, Florida 33134**

MEMBERS	J	A	S	O	N+	D+	J	F	M	A	M	J	APPOINTED BY:
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Leslie Pantin *				P	P	P	-	P	E	P	P	P	Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli
Betty Horwitz	-	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	E	Vice-Mayor Pat Keon
Dr. Fernando Alvarez-Perez	-	P	P	E	P	P	-	E	P	P	P	E	Commissioner Vince Lago
Alfonso Perez	-	E	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	E	Commissioner Michael Mena
Geannina A. Burgos	-	P	P	P	E	P	-	P	E	P	P	P	Commissioner Frank C. Quesada
Dr. Bernice Roth Chair	-	E	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	City Manager Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark
Dr. Rosa Maria Mayorga	-	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	Board Appointee

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

STAFF:

Dona Spain, Historical Resources & Cultural Arts Director
Catherine Cathers, Arts and Culture Specialist, Historical Resources and Cultural Arts

GUESTS:

Zaba Castro, Greenberg Traurig; Jerad Graham, NP International; Emilio Sauma, Jr., Gables Hispanic Cultural Foundation; Leandra Lopez, Gables Hispanic Cultural Foundation

RECORDING AND PREPARATION OF MINUTES: Catherine Cathers, Arts and Culture Specialist, Historical Resources and Cultural Arts

Dr. Roth called the Cultural Development Board meeting to order at 8:39 a.m. and read aloud the False Claims ordinance statement.

Ms. Burgos attended the meeting remotely via conference call.

The Board was advised that Ms. Horwitz and Mr. Perez are out of town and Dr. Alvarez-Perez had a last minute emergency. All respectfully asked to be excused.

Mr. Pantin made a motion to accept the absences of Ms. Horwitz, Mr. Perez and Dr. Alvarez-Perez. Dr. Mayorga seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. AIPP DEVELOPER PROJECT PROPOSAL: GABLES STATION

Ms. Cathers introduced Ms. Castro and Mr. Graham, stating that the developer is here to present a third artwork to be included in their request for a waiver of the art in public places fee for Gables Station mixed use project. Before presenting the new proposal, Ms. Cathers asked if the developers could update the Board on the status of the project of two sculptures proposed by Blessing Hancock.

Mr. Graham reported that Ms. Hancock came to town and met with the Lola B. Walker Homeowners Association and the Lola B. Walker Foundation members. At the meetings, he said, she presented questionnaires for community input with ten questions asking about history and how they would like to be involved and incorporate their stories into the artwork. Mr. Graham said Ms. Hancock will take approximately two-three weeks to develop the concept based on material gathered from the meetings with a finalized concept plan that will go to the City Commission in July. Mr. Graham shared Ms. Hancock's response to meeting with the residents, saying they were very positive and took ownership of the artwork right away, adding that she is creating the art for that community.

Ms. Spain asked about the process, reflecting that this is the first development project that has (specific) community involvement and whether it should go to the Commission prior to meeting with residents. Ms. Cathers said that the Commission would benefit from knowing how the relationship with the residents is developing (with the proposed artist). Dr. Roth stated that if this project went to the Commission without the community's involvement, the residents wouldn't be happy. Board members agreed and expressed their belief that the Commission would be happy with this process. Ms. Cathers clarified that the developers are aware that the project has not been approved. Ms. Castro stated that a letter of support from the community could be provided for the Commission item. Ms. Cathers shared that she spoke with the artist as well and suggested having residents attend the Commission meeting if possible. Ms. Spain agreed.

Ms. Burgos asked if the outreach is solely on the MacFarlane side or if it includes the Golden Gate neighborhood as well. Ms. Spain responded that both neighborhoods are part of the Homeowners Association and Foundation. Mr. Graham stated that Ms. Hancock is also doing outside research into the history of the community, similar to what was done with the (*Graceful Voices*) documentary. Ms. Cathers shared that the artist commended the work of the documentary for laying the foundation and groundwork of recognizing the importance of the (MacFarlane) community to the City. Ms. Cathers summarized the directive from the development agreement, stating the focus of the artwork is to pay homage to the contributions of the Bahamian Community in Miami and Coral Gables.

Dr. Mayorga asked how many people attended the meetings. Mr. Graham said he did not have an exact figure; however, both meetings were well attended. Ms. Spain asked if it was part of the regular homeowner's meeting. Mr. Graham said yes and Ms. Spain said the meetings are generally well attended.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dona M. Spain
Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Director