



**City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
October 10, 2017**

**ITEM TITLE:**

Cultural Development Board meeting minutes of August 01, 2017.

**SUMMARY OF MEETING:**

**CORAL GABLES CULTURAL GRANTEE REQUESTS, UPDATES & REVIEWS:**

The Board was provided with a request from UM, Department of Arts & Sciences asking for an extension to complete their project. Ms. Cathers stated that the request was received late the day before. A representative was unable to attend this meeting and the grantee was reminded of the requirement for projects to be completed within the City's fiscal year (October 1 – September 30).

**Dr. Alvarez-Perez made a motion allowing a request to modify the project, with reason, for completion within the City's fiscal year. Dr. Mayorga seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**CORAL GABLES CULTURAL GRANT:**

Ms. Cathers reminded Board members of the upcoming annual Cultural Grant workshop on August 31<sup>st</sup> at the Youth Center. Board members were provided with a copy of the Power Point drafted for the workshop, current Grant Guidelines, and were asked to let Ms. Cathers know if they will be attending.

**ART IN PUBLIC PLACES, PROJECT UPDATES:**

**Miracle Mile**

Ms. Cathers reported that the next Arts Advisory Panel meeting is scheduled for August 23<sup>rd</sup> to continue discussion of the three artists' proposals by: Ball-Nogues, David Brooks, and Meejin Yoon. She briefly reviewed the Panel's process to date.

**Temporary Public Art Exhibition Proposals**

The Board received a draft application for temporary public art exhibitions. It was reported that City staff researched similar programs and met with departments that would assist the program. Their input was considered and incorporated within the process. Ms. Cathers said the next phase would be specific site selections and drafting a standard agreement template with the City Attorney's Office.

**Dr. Mayorga, made a motion to move forward with developing the Temporary Public Art Exhibition application and process. Dr. Alvarez-Perez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**Art Basel Proposal**

Staff stated the desire of the City to continue developing a relationship with Art Basel. Ms. Cathers shared her conversation with Art Basel representative Stefanie Reed, who detailed the criteria of officially endorsed events, such as event times outside of Art Basel hours and a preference for locations in Miami Beach. Ms. Reed, she said, encouraged a formal partnership with the Lowe Art Museum. Ms. Cathers said she spoke with Dr. Deupi, director of the Lowe, who supports working with the City. Both noted that

audiences for events outside of Miami Beach tend to appeal to the local community, rather than out-of-town attendees.

**Venetian Post Series**

Staff gave an overview of a community art project similar to the success of the “Flamingos in the Gables” years ago. It was explained that a Call to Artists would be posted for designs of fiberglass Venetian Posts, a form specific and iconic to Coral Gables. Sponsors would select from submitted designs, which would be painted on the Posts and exhibited throughout downtown for a limited time. After the exhibition, the Venetian Posts would be auctioned to benefit a local non-profit. It was noted that Venetian style mooring piles were originally required in the City Code.

DISCUSSION:

The Board was invited to the Mayor’s reception about public art taking place the following evening at the Coral Gables Museum.

BOARD ITEMS / CITY COMMISSION UPDATE / CITY PROJECT UPDATES:

There were no additional items.

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:

There were no additional items.

ATTACHMENT(S):1. Cultural Development Board Meeting Minutes of August 01, 2017.