

CITY OF CORAL GABLES
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 9:15 a.m.
Historical Resources & Cultural Arts Department
Hybrid Meeting & Virtual via Zoom

MEMBERS	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	APPOINTED BY:
	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	24	24	24	
Leslie Pantin Chairperson	-	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Mayor Vince Lago
Frank Rodriguez	-	P	P	P	-	E	P	A	P	A	P	P	Vice-Mayor Rhonda Anderson
Ray Corral	-	P	P	P	-	P	P	A	P	P	P	E	Commissioner Melissa Castro
Amanda Requena*												P	Commissioner Ariel Fernandez
Jose Valdes-Fauli Vice Chair	-	E	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	Commissioner Kirk R. Menendez
Geannina Burgos	-	P	P	E	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Board Appointee
Eric Fliss*						P	P	P	P	E	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 9:16 AM.

B. ROLL CALL

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

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Fliss, seconded by Ms. Burgos, approve the minutes of the February 20, 2024, which passed unanimously.

D. NEW BUSINESS

D.-1. CORAL GABLES CENTENNIAL – COMMEMORATIVE ARTWORK PROPOSAL REVIEW

Staff reviewed the goals of the project and project description with board members. Board members reviewed each artist proposal and discussed thoroughly. The artists reviewed were Yanira Collado, Morel Doucet, Chris Friday, Charles Humes, Jr., William Osorio, Chire Regans, Onajide Shabaka, and Tavares Strachan.

The Board was advised of the Arts Advisory Panel recommendation to invite artists Morel Doucet, William Osorio and Tavares Strachan to the next phase.

Mr. Prime, representing the Lola B. Walker Homeowners Association, stated that three of the proposals capture the community's overall sense of what they would like to see the project represent, those of: Yanira Collado, Morel Doucet and Charles Humes Jr., and further mentioned the importance of including family names from the community.

A motion was made by Mr. Valdes-Fauli to recommend the proposal of Morel Doucet. The motion did not receive a second and failed.

The Board continued discussion, noting the benefit of requesting proposal revisions from more than one artist. Overall, members felt it was important to respond to both the Arts Panel and Community input. With no further discussion, the following motion was made:

A motion was made by Ms. Burgos, and seconded by Mr. Rodriguez, to request a proposal revision, including the incorporation of neighborhood family names, from artists Yanira Collado, Morel Doucet, and Tavares Strachan. The motion passed unanimously.

D.-2. BOARD MEETING DATES: APRIL, MAY, JUNE

Board members were advised of upcoming meeting dates that conflict with the City Commission calendar and holidays. After brief discussion, the following motions were made:

A motion was made by Ms. Burgos, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez, to hold the April Cultural Development Board meeting on April 23, 2024, at 9:15 a.m., which passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Burgos, seconded by Mr. Fliss, to hold the May Cultural Development Board meeting on May 14, 2024, at 9:15 a.m., which passed unanimously.

Board members discussed June meeting dates when all Board members would be available for the annual Cultural Grant Review & Scoring meeting. After brief discussion, the Board overall agreed

to hold their annual June meeting in advance of the grant meeting and the following motions was made:

A motion was made by Ms. Burgos, seconded by Mr. Fliss, to hold the June Cultural Development Panel meeting on June 3, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. followed at 9:00 a.m. by the annual Cultural Grant Review & Scoring Meeting.

E. OLD BUSINESS

None

F. CULTURAL GRANTS

F.-1. CULTURAL GRANT UPDATES & CHANGE REQUESTS

Board members discussed the state of funding for the annual Cultural Grant program, noting that no increase has been made since fiscal year 2020. After a brief discussion, the following motion was made:

A motion was made by Ms. Burgos, seconded by Mr. Fliss, in support of requesting more funding of the Cultural Grants program, a cumulative 3% from 2020, which passed unanimously.

Board members reviewed and discussed program change requests from The Last Hundred and the Dave and Mary Alber JCC.

A motion was made by Ms. Burgos, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez, to accept the changes made by The Last One Hundred and the Dave and Mary JCC, which passed unanimously.

Discussion continued and the following motion was made:

A motion was made by Mr. Fliss and seconded by Ms. Burgos to request staff review and administrative approval of change requests, providing the Board with regular updates. The motion passed unanimously.

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES:

G.-1. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES

Board members were provided with a list of active city and private public art projects. The following projects were mentioned with greater detail:

- Police & Fire Memorial – Completion scheduled for the end of the month.
- The Water Below Us – Ribbon Cutting scheduled for March 22, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. on Giralda Plaza.

- Dear Human – Public Art and Poetry launch scheduled for April 12, 2024, at 6:00pm at 427 Biltmore Way.

G. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

None.

H. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

I. ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:

Ms. Cathers provided a brief update regarding the city's Strategic Plan development process.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the Cultural Development Board meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine J. Cathers
Arts & Culture Specialist