

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING**

**Wednesday, October 29, 2008, 3:00 p.m.
City Hall, 405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, Florida 33134**

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

A = Absent

P = Present

E = Excused

- = No Meeting

* FY2007-2008 Final Reports

Regular Meeting + FY2008-09 Grants Workshop

** FY2008-2009 Cultural Grant Applications Review & Scoring

Staff In Attendance:

Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark, Development Director

Cindy Dorrel, Development Department Administrative Assistant

Jessica Wotherspoon, Business Development Specialist

Recording Secretary:

Nancy C. Morgan, Coral Gables Services, Inc.

Guests: Raquel Ponce, GableStage; Carlene Sawyer, Dranoff2 Piano Company; Delma Iles, Momentum Dance; Katherine Gaubatz, Volker Anding, Miami Bach Society; Carroll Cameron, Bill Cameron, Janice McKay, St. Patrick's Day Committee; Doreen Marx, Byron A. Krulewitch, Sunday Afternoons of Music/Children; Mark Hart, Coral Gables Congregational Church; Christine Rupp, Coral Gables Museum Corp.; Jadwiga Gewert, Chopin Foundation; Suzanne Kores, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden; Roberta Shevin, Center for the Advancement of Jewish Education; Barbara Stein, Actors' Playhouse; Brian A. Dursum, Jason Janik, Lowe Art Museum, UM; Stuart Meitzer, City Theatre; John Constantinide, Sandy Abraham, Graduate Student Association, UM; Yvonne McCormack Lyons, Women's International Film Festival; Marianne Mijares, UM Festival Miami; Ana Estevez, Miami Short Film Festival; Mark Buoniconti, American Lung Association.

Motion Summary:

Give to Colombia, a Festivals and Special Events application, was reclassified to the Community Grants category.

A motion to disqualify the American Lung/Coral Gables Wine & Food Festival failed.

A motion was unanimously passed to approve all cultural grant allocations as presented, including conditional approval of funding the UM Frost School of Music application.

Chair Carol Damian called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

Dr. Damian welcomed guests, introduced Board members, and explained the process of reviewing grant applications, stating that grant funding available for the 2008/2009 awards totaled \$166,250.

The order of grant applications review was announced as follows:

- a. Festivals and Special Events
- b. Community
- c. Cultural Development

Dr. Damian explained meeting procedures, assured an objective process and explained that if a Board member served on a board of directors/trustees, was a major contributor or directly connected to any of the applying organizations, they would recuse themselves from discussion and scoring. To ensure equality in such a case, the scoring process would be adjusted according to the number of people scoring. The scoring process would be managed and projected on a screen by staff.

Dr. Matalon-Roth made a motion to reclassify Give To Colombia from the Festivals and Special Events category to the Community category. Ms. Pereira seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

FY 2008/2008 FESTIVALS AND SPECIAL EVENTS GRANT APPLICATIONS REVIEW AND SCORING:

F-1 American Lung/Coral Gables Wine & Food Festival

Requested: unspecified on application

Scoring: 68

Awarded: -0-

Board members commented on the positive aspects of the event, but stated that its purpose was to raise funds and grant guidelines exclude fundraisers.

Ms. Cole made a motion to disqualify the application. Dr. Matalon-Roth seconded the motion.

Mark Buoniconti, representing the American Lung Association, advised that the event was also cultural and open to the public on Giralta Avenue. Questioned about policy, Ms. Rivenbark stated that fundraisers were prohibited; however, as a cultural event it was free and open to the public to participate. Mr. Diaz de la Portilla advised that he would not support a motion to disqualify the application as he believed it had a significant cultural component. Dr. Damian stated that all non-profit organizations had a fundraising component, even if subtle and added that she would also vote against the motion.

The motion failed unanimously.

F-2 Beaux Arts Festival of Art

Requested: \$10,000

Scoring: 85

Awarded: \$4,000

F-3 Center for the Advancement of Jewish Education/Film Festival

Requested: \$10,000

Scoring: 79

Awarded: \$2,000

As an applicant representative was not present, the Board was unable to clarify areas of concern: 1) an allocation of the grant was shown for travel outside Miami-Dade County (prohibited use of funds); 2) application showed one event date, a 1,000-person audience and stated the venue was The Cosford (seating capacity is 240). Mr.

Garrigó expressed concern about groups requesting grants representing 30% to 40% of their revenues.

F-4 Chopin Foundation of the United States

Requested: \$10,000 **Scoring: 96** **Awarded: \$9,000**

F-5 City Theatre, Inc./Shorts for Kids

Requested: \$10,000 **Scoring: 86** **Awarded: \$4,500**

F-6 Coral Gables Congregational Church/Concert Series

Requested: \$10,000 **Scoring: 97** **Awarded: \$10,000**

F-7 Friends of Chamber Music of Miami

Requested: \$10,000 **Scoring: 89** **Awarded: \$6,500**

F-8 Greater Miami Youth Symphony of Dade County

Requested: \$5,000 **Scoring: 84** **Awarded: \$3,000**

F-9 Give to Colombia (moved to Community)

F-10 Miami Bach Society

Requested: \$10,000 **Scoring: 93** **Awarded: \$8,000**

F-11 Miami Children's Chorus, Inc.

Requested: \$10,000 **Scoring: 94** **Awarded: \$8,000**

F-12 Miami Momentum Dance

Requested: \$10,000 **Scoring: 87** **Awarded: \$6,000**

F-13 Miami Short Film Festival (UM)

Requested: \$10,000

Scoring: 77

Awarded: \$2,000

F-14 Miami Stage Company/Miami Children's Theatre

Disqualified

F-15 Murray Dranoff Foundation

Requested: \$10,000

Scoring: 86

Awarded: \$4,500

F-16 Piag Museum

Disqualified

F-17 Seraphic Fire

Disqualified

F-18 St. Philip's Episcopal Church

Disqualified

F-19 Sunday Afternoons of Music/Children

Requested: \$10,000

Scoring: 97

Awarded: \$10,000

F-20 Tigertail Productions, Inc.

Requested: \$2,500

Scoring: 91

Awarded: \$2,500

F-21 UM Frost School of Music/Festival Miami

Requested: \$10,000

Scoring: 87

Awarded: \$6,000

Discussion: As the 2009 program was not yet determined and artists not selected, Ms. Rivenbark advised the

Board that funding could be conditional, based on program expectation, a condition that staff would monitor. If the Board was not satisfied with the 2009 program, funding could be reallocated back into the grants process.

F-22 UM School of Communication/Cosford Cinema

Requested: \$10,000 **Scoring: 75** **Awarded: \$1,000**

F-23 Walenstein Musical Organization

Requested: \$3,000 **Scoring: 85** **Awarded: \$3,000**

F-24 Women's International Film & Arts Festival

Requested: \$10,000 **Scoring: 78** **Awarded: \$2,000**

The meeting was temporarily suspended at 4:59 p.m. and reconvened at 5:18 p.m.

FY 2008/2008 CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS REVIEW AND SCORING:

CD-1 Actors Playhouse Productions

Requested: \$15,000 **Scoring: 97** **Awarded: \$14,000**

CD-2 Area Performance Gallery, Inc.

Disqualified

CD-3 Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden

Requested: \$15,000 **Scoring: 98** **Awarded: \$15,000**

CD-4 GableStage

Requested: \$15,000 **Scoring: 94** **Awarded: \$12,000**

CD-5 Lowe Art Museum

Requested: \$15,000 **Scoring: 87** **Awarded: \$4,000**

CD-6 New Theatre

Requested: \$15,000 **Scoring: 91** **Awarded: \$9,000**

FY 2008/2008 COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS REVIEW AND SCORING:

C-1 Civic Chorale of Greater Miami

Requested: \$5,000 **Scoring: 76** **Awarded: \$1,000**

C-2 Coral Gables Museum Corp.

Requested: \$5,000 **Scoring: 90** **Awarded: \$3,750**

C-3 Dance Now! Ensemble

Requested: \$5,000 **Scoring: 85** **Awarded: \$2,500**

C-4 Friends of the Miami-Dade Library

Requested: \$5,000 **Scoring: 93** **Awarded: \$4,000**

C-5 Merrick Festival

Requested: \$5,000 **Scoring: 94** **Awarded: \$4,500**

C-6 Orchestra Miami

Disqualified

C-7 St. Patrick's Day Committee

Requested: \$5,000

Scoring: 86

Awarded: \$2,500

C-8 South Florida Youth Symphony

Disqualified

C-9 Temple Judea

Requested: \$5,000

Scoring: 81

Awarded: \$2,000

C-10 UM Miami Graduate Student Association

Requested: \$5,000

Scoring: 58

Awarded: -0-

C-11 Give To Colombia

Requested: \$5,000

Scoring: 61

Awarded: -0-

The meeting was temporarily suspended at 6:20 p.m. and reconvened at 6:55 p.m. for scoring and grant funding verification. At the conclusion of verification of grant funding among qualified applicants:

Mr. Diaz de la Portilla made a motion to approve all allocations as presented, including the conditional approval of funding for the UM Frost School of Music as previously stated. Ms. Cole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Board's recommendation will be forwarded to the City Commission by Ms. Rivenbark for the November 18, 2008 City Commission meeting. Board members who are available will attend.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 12, 2008, 8:00 a.m.: Development Department Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark, AICP, CEcD
Development Director and Secretary to the Board

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