



CITY OF CORAL GABLES
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, October 28, 2015, 8:00 a.m.
Coral Gables Youth Center
405 University Drive, Coral Gables, Florida 33134

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| Claudio Pastor * | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ | P | P | Mayor Jim Cason |
| Geannina A. Burgos* | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ | P | Vice Mayor Frank Quesada |
| Bruce B. Litwer | P | - | P | P | - | P | P | - | - | E | - | P | E | Commissioner Patricia Keon |
| Samuel Joseph* | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ | P | - | ^ | ^ | Commissioner Vince Lago |
| Alfonso Perez * | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ | P | - | P | P | Commissioner Jeannett Slesnick |
| Dr. Bernice Roth* | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ | P | - | P | P | City Manager Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark |
| Dr. Rosa Maria Mayorga | P | - | P | E | - | E | P | - | - | P | - | P | P | Board-As-A-Whole |

^Regular Meeting + FY14-15 Grants Review & Scoring

*Regular Meeting + FY14-15 Final Report Review & Scoring

LEGEND: A = Absent; P = Present; E = Excused; * = New Member; ^ = Resigned Member; - = No Meeting
 ~ = Prior to appointment

STAFF:

Dona Spain, Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Director, Historical Resources and Cultural Arts
 Catherine Cathers, Arts and Culture Specialist, Historical Resources and Cultural Arts
 Yesenia Diaz, Administrative Assistant, Historical Resources and Cultural Arts

GUESTS:

Lucinda Linderman, Rosa Lowinger & Associates; Tracy Magellan, Montgomery Botanical Center; Mark Hart, Community Arts Program; Judith Vigil, Miami Jewish Film Festival; Isabel Almaraz, Florida Grand Opera; Annelise Abrams, Seraphic Fire; Jadwiga Gewert, Chopin Foundation; Igor Shteyrenberg, Miami Jewish Film Festival; Ben Delgado, Coral Gables Art Cinema; Stephen Margulis, Friends of Chamber Music; Larry Fields, Fantasy Theatre Factory; Lakeisha Frith, Greater Miami Youth Symphony; Noel Stillings, St. Patrick's Day Festival Committee; Christine Pascual, Greater Miami Symphonic Band; Kirk Forbes, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden; Maria Rodaz, Area Stage Company; Chris Rupp, Coral Gables Museum

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

The Cultural Development Board meeting was called to order at 8:11 a.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 08, 2015:

Revision: An amendment to the Board Members titles was requested by Dr. Roth and Dr. Mayorga. The Board concurred.

**Mr. Perez made a motion to approve the minutes of October 08, 2015 as amended.
Dr. Mayorga seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS (DISCUSSION):

Ms. Cathers introduced new Board Member, Geannina Burgos. Board Members introduced themselves and shared their interest and connection to culture in Coral Gables.

ARTS ADVISORY PANEL (DISCUSSION):

Ms. Cathers reviewed the role of the Cultural Development Board in recommending appointments to the City Commission of Arts Advisory Panel Members. As discussed in the previous Board Meeting, Ms. Cathers updated the Board on the decision to move forward with a recommendation to the City Commission increasing the Arts Advisory Panel Membership from 5 (five) members to 7 (seven) members. Ms. Spain stated that the Commission passed the Resolution at the most recent City Commission Meeting. The Board discussed the process of recommendation. Dr. Roth requested that staff provide a list of potential names along with professional resumes and/or background for the Board's consideration. Ms. Cathers asked that Board Members forward any names for additional consideration to her prior to the next Board meeting. The Board went on to discuss whether an arts professional, if on the Cultural Development Board, could also sit on the Arts Advisory Panel and report back to the Board as the spokesperson for the Panel. Ms. Spain said she would check with the City Attorney and let the Board know of his response.

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES, JEAN WARD SCULPTURES (ACTION):

Ms. Cathers reviewed the request the Board made to the Art Advisory Panel to consider red as the paint color for the two Jean Ward sculptures being restored and located to Young Park. Ms. Cathers gave a very brief overview of the work and introduced Ms. Linderman as the representative with Rosa Lowinger and Associates, the conservator contracted to do the restoration and re-painting. A synopsis was given of the Arts Advisory Panel's process in considering various red colors, including their diligence comparing the samples in daylight. Ms. Linderman showed the Board the Crawford Red color and a sample of the gloss finish, as recommended by the Arts Advisory Panel.

Dr. Roth made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Arts Advisory Panel to paint the two Jean Ward sculptures being placed in Young Park the color of Crawford Red with a gloss finish. Mr. Perez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES PROJECT UPDATES (ACTION & DISCUSSION):

Board members were provided with packets of an Art in Public Places project proposal associated with a mixed used development project located at 4311 Ponce de Leon Blvd. Ms. Cathers outlined the project site and details of the concept as it relates to the rural history, flora, and fauna of Coral Gables. She further described the proposed piece as a living wall of plant vegetation with colored, led-framed boxes representing an abstraction of flowers. Ms. Spain provided background on the architect and advised that further detail, budget, and cost comparison to the required percent for art will be brought back to the Board for their review.

Ms. Cathers informed the Board that the Arts Advisory Panel is recommending the Cultural Development Board accept the concept proposal as presented.

Ms. Burgos made a motion to accept the public art concept proposal for 4311 Ponce de Leon Boulevard as recommended by the Arts Advisory Panel. Mr. Perez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Spain continued with an update to the Board on the progress of the Alice Aycock sculptures.

Ms. Spain also informed the Board of the City Commission's approval to their request of combining the Art in Public Places fees associated with 444 Valencia Avenue and 2509 Anderson Road.

Dr. Roth shared her support of having Board Member presence at City Commission Meetings when recommendations are presented. Ms. Spain clarified for the Board that in those instances, the Board-as-a-Whole should vote on a Member to represent and speak on behalf of the Board.

CULTURAL GRANTS, FY2015-16 APPLICATION & REVIEW PROCESS (DISCUSSION):

Hard copies of the FY2015-16 grant applications were made available to Board Members along with the review forms. Ms. Cathers informed the Board that the IRS documentation, tax returns, and W-9 attachments would be kept in the office, available to the Board, and reviewed by staff.

Dr. Roth asked that Board Members make comments regarding the current grant application and forms for discussion at the January Board meeting. Ms. Cathers asked that Board Members forward their comments to her in advance.

Ms. Cathers asked for Board feedback regarding applicants who did not submit an IRS affirmation letter dated within the past two years. Mr. Perez suggested approving release of funds contingent upon receipt of the IRS letter. Dr. Roth offered to allow Mr. Perez' suggestion this year only due to department transition. Ms. Spain stated that a motion to this effect could be included with the grant allocation recommendation when it goes to the City Commission for their approval.

Ms. Cathers also asked the Board to consider the situation of national organizations, such as the Coral Gables Congregational Church and their difficulty in obtaining the Board's requested affirmation letter from their national office. The Board asked that a representative from the organization be available at the grant review and scoring meeting to explain the situation in their own words. Ms. Cathers stated that she would let the applicant know.

The Board discussed having a cultural calendar available for events exclusively presented by Coral Gables grant recipients. Staff responded that they will meet with IT to discuss how to make this happen.

CULTURAL GRANTS, FY2014-15 FINAL REPORT REVIEW PROCESS (DISCUSSION):

Board Members were asked to review the Final Report packet presented for the Coral Gables Museum. Staff gave an overview of the City Commission support and funding history of the Museum. In keeping with the organization's signed Agreement, Ms. Spain asked Board Members to review the Final Report and share any comments. Ms. Spain also informed the Board that current director, Chris Rupp, has taken a position with Dade Heritage Trust, and that a succession plan has been implemented for Caroline Parker to assume the director's responsibilities.

ADDITIONAL BOARD BUSINESS (DISCUSSION):

Dr. Roth asked the Board to consider time limits on discussion of Board items.

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:

Ms. Cathers informed the Board of Mr. Litwer's confirmed absence and stated that Mr. Litwer delivered FY2014-15 review and scoring notes for his designated grantees. She offered to read the notes and proposed scores on his behalf.

A motion was called by Ms. Burgos to close this portion of the meeting and was seconded by Dr. Roth. The motion was unanimously approved.

There being no further business to come before the Board, this portion of the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

The FY2014-15 Cultural Grants Final Report review and scoring meeting continued at 9:15 a.m.

Board Members discussed the Coral Gables Museum Final Report and commended the Museum's programming and attendance. Ms. Rupp provided additional information regarding funding, history, and the Museum's future plans. There is no scoring requirement of the Museum's Final Report.

At the Board's request, Ms. Rodaz responded to the quality of Area Stage Company's Community Grant Final Report. Due to extenuating circumstances, the Board-as-a-Whole requested the organization re-submit the Final Report by the Board's next meeting of November 13. Ms. Rodaz expressed her gratitude and agreed to re-submit the report.

The following FY2014-15 scores were unanimously agreed on by all Board Members:

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| CD | Actors' Playhouse – 5 | CS | Hispanic American Lyric Theatre – 5 |
| CD | Area Stage Company – 5 | CS | Miami Bach Society – 4.5 |
| CD | Coral Gables Cinemateque – 5 | CS | Miami Classical Guitar Society – no report |
| CD | Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden – 5 | CS | Miami Hispanic Ballet – 2 |
| CD | GableStage – 4.5 | CS | Miami International Film Festival – 5 |
| CD | Montgomery Botanical Center – 5 | CS | Momentum Dance Company – 4 |
| CS | Beaux Arts of the Lowe Art Museum – 5 | CS | Orchestra Miami – 5 |
| CS | CAJE/Miami Jewish Film Festival – 4 | CS | Peter London Global Dance Company – 4 |
| CS | Chopin Foundation – 4 | CS | Seraphic Fire – 4 |
| CS | Coral Gables Congregational Church – 4.5 | CS | St. Patrick's Day Committee – 5 |
| CS | Cubin Classical Ballet of Miami – no report | CS | Miami Symphony Orchestra – 5 |
| CS | Friends of Chamber Music – 5 | CS | Murray Dranoff Foundation, The – 4.5 |
| CS | Friends of the Miami-Dade Library – 4.5 | CS | UM - Festival Miami – 4.5 |
| CS | Greater Miami Symphonic Band – 3.5 | C | Area Stage Company/Outreach – rqst to resubmit |
| CS | Greater Miami Opera – 5 | C | Fantasy Theatre Factory – 4 |
| CS | Greater Miami Youth Symphony – 4 | C | Merrick Festival – 5 |

A motion was called by Mr. Perez to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Ms. Burgos. The motion was unanimously approved.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dona M. Spain
Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Director