



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
January 14, 2020**

ITEM TITLE:

Cultural Development Board meeting minutes of November 5, 2019.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

PERSONAL APPEARANCES:

There were no personal appearances.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. CHAIR & VICE CHAIR

Board members discussed the appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair for the current term. After a brief discussion the following motion was made.

Ms. Horwitz made a motion nominating Dr. Roth as Chair and Ms. Morris as Vice-Chair. Dr. Mayorga seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

b. UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI CAMPUS ART MASTER PLAN – REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

Board members received materials from the previous (2016) University of Miami (UM) Campus Art Master Plan along with highlighted sections of the zoning code referring to the Art in Public Places exemption for a university that maintains a public art collection. To remain exempt, staff stated, the university is required to submit a campus art master plan every three years. The plan has not been submitted yet and an extension was discussed.

Mr. Pantin made a motion recommending an extension to submit the University of Miami's Campus Art Master Plan. Dr. Mayorga seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

CULTURAL GRANT ITEMS:

a. BOARD MEMBER REPORT

The Board members reported their attendance at grantee and cultural programs in Coral Gables. Dr. Roth attended Area Stages' production of Matilda and stated that she was especially impressed by the acting skills of the young performers. Ms. Horwitz and Dr. Mayorga said they attended the Art Cinema and commented on the quality of the films they saw. Ms. Morris commented on the significant turnout for Giralda Under the Stars. Dr. Mayorga stated that the Florida Grand Opera will be presenting Songfest the next night at the Coral Gables Museum at 7:30 p.m.

b. FINAL REPORTS

Staff reported grantees that did not submit FY2018-2019 Final Reports, including: Area Stage, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Miami Center for Architecture, and Momentum Dance Co. The Board was reminded that these organizations would not be eligible for funding this year or next year. It was noted that grantees received reminders to submit the Final Report and the only one applying for FY2019-2020 is Area Stage.

c. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Following up on the status of Area Stage Theatre, the Board was informed that the organization has been given a notice to vacate in April. After April, staff said, they may have programming at the South Dade County Auditorium and the Arsht Center; they are still looking for a permanent home.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES:

a. Art Basel

Board members were reminded to mark their calendars for the Art Basel VIP reception on December 8th at 8:30 a.m. on the northeast corner of Miracle Mile and Le Jeune Road across from where the sculpture will be installed. They were advised that a reception for opening exhibitions at the Coral Gables Museum will follow from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

b. Public Safety Building

Staff reported that the desired artist for the Public Safety Building has been unresponsive; since the allocated amount has increased, a new RFQ will be issued. It was further stated that a companion piece at City Hall is a possibility, which may entice more established artists to consider responding. Ms. Cathers stated that this year's budget includes funding a professional on-line call for art and it would be beneficial to have this in place prior to releasing the call.

c. Segovia Street Sculptures

The Board was informed of upcoming maintenance for the Alice Aycock sculptures, including general surface cleaning and treatment of the misting mechanism. The Board acknowledged the artist's response regarding the color and briefly discussed.

d. Jean Ward

Ms. Spain shared that Ms. Volsky asked if the three Jean Ward sculptures could be installed in the median close to his residence. Staff will explore this as a possibility.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

The Board was advised that November 27th is Ms. Spain's last day before retiring.

Ms. Pantin made a motion to present a proclamation to Ms. Spain on behalf of her time and service to the City. Dr. Mayorga seconded and it was passed unanimously.

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:

Ms. Spain stated that the City Manager has appointed Ms. Cathers as Secretary of the Board.

There being no further business, the Cultural Development Board meeting adjourned briefly at 9:01 a.m. prior to the FY2018-2019 Final Report Review and Scoring Meeting.

FY2018-2019 FINAL REPORT REVIEW & SCORING:

Members of the community arrived. Dr. Roth called the FY2018-2019 Final Report Review & Scoring meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

Dr. Mayorga made a motion to postpone scoring of Final Reports assigned to Dr. Alvarez-Perez and Mr. Martinez. Ms. Horwitz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ATTACHMENT(S):1. Cultural Development Board Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2019.