



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
April 26, 2022**

ITEM TITLE:

Arts Advisory Panel meeting minutes of March 9, 2022.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

NEW BUSINESS:

a. JULIO LARRAZ – PROPOSED SCULPTURE ACQUISITION

Panel members received materials for a revised proposed sculpture acquisition as a partial gift from the Julio Larraz Foundation. Ms. Cathers noted that the Panel discussed the initial proposal last May and made a motion recommending a revision. She introduced Jose Valdes-Fauli, who presented the proposal.

Mr. Guerrier made a motion to accept the partial gift of a sculpture acquisition through the Julio Larraz Foundation for the sculpture *Mars* by the artist, Julio Larraz. Mr. Mato seconded the motion, which was passed with 8 yays, and 1 nay.

b. BOTERO – PROPOSED EXHIBITION

This item was deferred.

c. AIPP WAIVER RQUEST, ALEXAN CRAFTS – VAUGHN SPANN

Panel members were provided with proposal materials from the Alexan Crafts development project for a waiver of the Art in Public Places fee in lieu of commissioning and donating artwork by the artist Vaughn Spann. Ms. Cathers introduced Jorge Navarro, who joined the meeting via Zoom as the developer's representative, who also joined. David Castillo, acting as the developer's art consultant, joined via Zoom to provide details about the artwork. Panel members were given hard copies of optional site plans to supplement the materials that were previously sent.

Ms. Hernandez made a motion recommending approval of the waiver request for the Alexan Crafts development project to commission and donate artwork by the artist Vaughn Spann. Mr. de Guerrier seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES:

a. MAYOR VINCE LAGO

Mayor Vince Lago arrived and was introduced by staff. Mayor Lago addressed the Panel, thanked staff for their commitment to the City, and said he was continuing to meet with all boards to listen, be accessible, engaged, and in this case, motivate the Arts Panel to continue doing incredible work. Mayor Lago said he is a big fan of the (Julio Larraz) artwork and in the spirit of transparency, noted that the artist is a patient of his father's. He said the artwork is a good addition to the City and an opportunity for a beautiful work that people will enjoy.

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES:

Ms. Cathers provided additional information about the Zilia Sanchez artwork that was passed at the last Commission meeting. She stated that the City needs to re-design the (427 Biltmore Way) plaza to accept the artwork and the piece will be in storage until it can be installed. Ms. MacDonald-Korth asked where it

is being stored. Ms. Cathers responded and said it is being held in Miami, saying the appraiser went to the storage facility to inspect the work.

CITY COMMISSION ITEMS:

There were no further Commission items to report on.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Panel members continued discussion responding to the Mayor's comments and the Art in Public Places program in general.

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:

There were no items from the secretary.

ATTACHMENT(S):1. Arts Advisory Panel Meeting of March 9, 2022.