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EXCERPT

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, June 04, 2019 8:30 a.m.
Coral Gables Museum
285 Aragon Ave., Coral Gables, Florida 33134**

MEMBERS	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	D	J	F	M	M	A	A	J	APPOINTED BY:
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Leslie Pantin	P	-	-	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	P	Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli
Dr. Fernando Alvarez- Perez	E	-	-	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	Vice-Mayor Vince Lago
Betty Horwitz	E	-	-	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Pat Keon
Frank Martinez*										P	P	E	P	P	E	Commissioner Michael Mena
June Morris*															P	Commissioner Jorge Fors
Dr. Bernice Roth Chair	P	-	-	-	E	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	City Manager Peter Iglesias
Dr. Rosa Maria Mayorga	P	-	-	-	P	P	P	A	P	E	P	E	P	P	P	Board Appointee

LEGEND: A = Absent; P = Present; E = Excused; * = New Member; ^= Resigned Member;
- = No Meeting + = Special Meeting

STAFF:

Dona Spain, Historical Resources & Cultural Arts Director
Catherine Cathers, Arts and Culture Specialist, Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Dept.

GUESTS:

There were no guests

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

Dr. Roth called the Cultural Development Board meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

b. ART BASEL – RAFAEL BARRIOS

The Board was provided with information about the background and work of artist Rafael Barrios. Staff reported on visiting the artist’s studio and later conducting a site visit of the City with the artist, including meeting with the Mayor. Mr. Barrios was asked to present a proposal to the City for installation during Miami Art Week/Art Basel, which was submitted and reviewed by the Arts Advisory Panel on May 29th.

The Board reviewed renderings of three artworks by the artist, sited in locations throughout Coral Gables including one at Ponce de Leon Park in North Gables and two in the downtown district, one near City Hall and one within the median of Miracle Mile. The Board was advised that the Arts Advisory Panel recommended placement of a work by Rafael Barrios for 2019 Miami Art Week in the downtown district and was most interested in the work and location close to City Hall. In addition, the Panel recommended asking if the artist would be interested in doing a unique sculpture for Coral Gables, providing him the opportunity to explore a new direction with his work. It was noted that previous Coral Gables' Miami Art Week/Art Basel artists have similarly taken this approach and the Board agreed that continuing support of new work is important. Staff said they contacted the artist, who responded with enthusiasm.

Staff reviewed different ways the City acquires artworks per the Art in Public Places guidelines. A brief overview was provided of previous Miami Art Week/Art Basel projects and the history of using a direct selection of an artist. The Board was reminded of the opportunity this year to partner with the Coral Gables Museum's annual Art Week exhibition of Venezuelan artists through the selection of Rafael Barrios, who is also Venezuelan.

Ms. Morris mentioned the importance of the City presenting work that is different than what is being done at the Convention Center in Miami Beach. Staff reviewed the parameters and direction given by Art Basel and described the approved annual early morning reception held the last day of Art Basel as participants are finishing their Art Basel experience or are on their way to the annual brunches held at the Lowe Art Museum and Frost Art Museum at FIU.

The Board was provided with the proposed purchase price and staff advised that the final location will need to be approved by the City and County street officials. It was also mentioned that additional funds will be needed for the engineered drawings, fabrication of foundation/base, and installation of the artwork.

The Board continued discussion briefly, supporting the artist and recommendation fully. With no further discussion, the following motion was made:

A motion was made by Mr. Pantin to recommend Rafael Barrios as the 2019 Miami Art Week artist and recommending his work for an official Art Basel event application. Ms. Horwitz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dona M. Spain
Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Director