

**EXCERPTS**

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES  
ARTS ADVISORY PANEL MEETING  
Tuesday, March 17, 2015, 11:00 a.m.  
Economic and Cultural Development Department**

**Arts Advisory Panel Members in Attendance:**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>March</b>
	'15	'15	'15
Dr. Carol Damian	P	P	P
Dr. Jill Deupi	P	P	P
Marijean Miyar	E	P	P
John Stuart	P	P	P
Freda Tschumy	P	P	P

**Staff in Attendance:**

Cindy Birdsill, Director, Economic and Cultural Development Department

Jorge Casuso, Business Development Analyst, Economic and Cultural Development Department

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The Arts Advisory Panel meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m.

**2. Review of Gables by the Sea Sculpture**

Ms. Birdsill informed the board that residents of a Gables by the Sea Neighborhood want to install a sculpture to be donated by artist Luis Fernandez, a local artist known as Lugufelo, at a new traffic circle at the entry of the neighborhood at Red Road and Lugo Avenue. The fabricator of the sculpture is willing to donate services and materials. Residents like the proposed design, which resembles a fish or a sail, but are still debating the color. Ms. Birdsill handed out images of the proposed design executed in different colors. Dr. Damien wondered why the project was coming before the Board when it seemed a decision already had been made and worried the Board was serving as a “rubber stamp.” Ms. Birdsill said the process was similar to accepting a donation for an art work installed in a public place and that the City would only pay for the base. Ms. Miyar said she felt the residents should pay for the base and asked about the City’s public art fund. Ms. Birdsill said the fund currently has \$1.1 million, most of which will be used for the Miracle Mile and Giralda Avenue Streetscape Project, and \$54,000 to restore Jean Ward Sculptures at several public spaces. She said the estimated cost of the base was \$2,000 to \$3,000. Dr. Damien agreed with Ms. Miyar that the residents should pay for the base. Ms. Miyar said the proposed art work was “neither riveting nor objectionable.” Dr. Deupi called the work “perfectly benign.” Dr. Deupi said she worried about maintenance. Ms. Birdsill noted that Public Works was in charge of maintaining art in public spaces. Ms. Miyar said the residents should pay for everything and also set aside money for maintenance. The Board briefly discussed the color and agreed it should not be purple. They noted that the use of red or orange would make it more abstract. Mr. Stuart suggested that the base be set into the landscape.

Dr. Damien made a motion to accept a proposal by Gables by the Sea residents to install the sculpture by artist Luis Fernandez at the traffic circle at Red Road and Lugo Avenue; that the work be fully funded by the residents, including maintenance; that the preferred color be orange or red; that the base be submerged into the landscape, and that the Board qualify the artist. Dr. Deupi seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.