

CITY OF CORAL GABLES
ARTS ADVISORY PANEL MEETING
Tuesday, January 20, 2015, 11:00 a.m.
Economic and Cultural Development Department

EXCERPT MINUTES

Arts Advisory Panel Members in Attendance:

Dr. Carol Damian	P
Jill Deupi	P
Marijean Miyar	E
John Stuart	P
Freda Tschumy	P

Staff in Attendance:

Cindy Birdsill, Director

Leonard Roberts, Assistant Director, Economic and Cultural Development Department

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

Guests in Attendance:

Christine Rupp, Director, Coral Gables Museum

Ramon Trias, Planning Director

Uri Man, Area Vice President, Gables Residential

Hugh Johnson, Landscape Architect, Architectural Alliance

Mario Garcia-Serra, Attorney, Gunster

Victor Arias, Artist, Victor Steel Corporation

1. Donation of marble sculpture by Leonel Matheu, and use of Art in Public Places funds to create a pedestal, install in Fewell Park, and provide appropriate signage for the piece

Ms. Birdsill informed the Board that Cuban artist Leonel Matheu had offered to donate a marble sculpture depicting a paper sail boat that represented the precarious journey taken by those fleeing the island. The sculpture would be placed on a concrete base at Fewell Park at Coral Way and Granada Boulevard, which she said is a very contemplative space. Ms. Birdsill said that the Landscape Beautification Advisory Board and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board had approved the project. Dr. Deupi worried that the base would get dirty quickly and suggested that it be made of a material that lasts. Ms. Tschumy suggested that a dark color would be good. Ms. Birdsill said the sculpture would be placed on a dark-colored base in an area of pine needles away from the sprinklers. Dr. Deupi said she supported accepting the donation as long as maintenance is “scheduled from day one.”

Dr. Damien made a motion to accept the donation of a sculpture by Leonel Matheu and to ensure the use of Art in Public Places funds to install the work in Fewell Park, create a pedestal, and provide proper signage and maintenance. Dr. Deupi seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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