



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
May 09, 2017**

ITEM TITLE:

Cultural Development Board meeting minutes of February 07, 2017.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

CORAL GABLES CULTURAL GRANT (DISCUSSION):

Dr. Roth led a discussion about the recent FY2016-17 Cultural Grant process. Discussion focused on items of interest expressed by the City Commission, including the evaluation and scoring process, impact of events as they relate to quality and quantity, and established organizations vs. emerging and new applicant organizations.

CULTURAL GRANTEE PROGRAM/PROJECT ASSESSMENTS (DISCUSSION WITH MIRIAM RAMOS, DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY):

Ms. Ramos arrived to the meeting at 9:00 a.m. and was introduced by Ms. Spain, stating that Ms. Ramos was asked to speak with the Board about attending cultural events and the acceptance of tickets.

CORAL GABLES CULTURAL GRANTEE REQUESTS, UPDATES, & REVIEWS (DISCUSSION):

There were no grantee requests presented. Dr. Roth asked for Board members to report on cultural events they've attended. Board members attended Carousel, noting the high quality of the performance. Dr. Roth mentioned the upcoming Friends of Chamber Music concert and encouraged Board members to attend.

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES, PROJECT UPDATES (DISCUSSION & ACTION):

Alice Aycock

The Board expressed their gratitude to Mayor Cason and the City Commission for their consideration and decision regarding the Alice Aycock sculptures. Discussion continued about the benefits of responding directly to the press, thanking the Commission. Dr. Alvarez-Perez stated that he has reached out to Elisa Turner, art critic with the Miami-Herald as well.

Miracle Mile Streetscape

Ms. Cathers reminded Board members of the on-line survey and to complete it if they haven't done so already. Board members were encouraged to share it with others, stating that the survey will be closed soon in order to forward to the artists in a timely manner.

Jean Ward

Ms. Cathers reported that the base has been poured for the Jean Ward sculpture, *Tuxedo*, in Pittman Park and should be fully installed within the next couple of months. There was no information to share regarding the siting of the remaining three restored sculptures.

DISCUSSION:

Ms. Cathers reported that staff is looking into the request by this Board for Consulate involvement.

BOARD ITEMS / CITY COMMISSION UPDATE / CITY PROJECT UPDATE:

Ms. Spain informed the Board that plans are moving forward for the streetscape development of Biltmore

Way between Segovia Street and Balboa Plaza.

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:

There were no additional items.

ATTACHMENT(S):1. Cultural Development Board Meeting Minutes of February 07, 2017.