



**City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
March 14, 2017**

**ITEM TITLE:**

Cultural Development Board meeting minutes of January 03, 2017.

**SUMMARY OF MEETING:**

**CORAL GABLES CULTURAL GRANT (DISCUSSION):**

Ms. Cathers asked for this item (annual review of the previous year's grant) to be deferred to allow for the participation of Dr. Roth.

**Ms. Burgos made a motion to defer the item to the next meeting. Mr. Perez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

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

Mr. Pastor read aloud the language pertaining to the City's False Claims Ordinance, Ch. 39 of the City of Coral Gables Code.

**Opera Atelier - Request for modification**

The Board received and reviewed the Opera Atelier's request for a modification to the organization's FY2016-2017 application.

Representatives from the Opera Atelier introduced themselves and provided further background, noting that the request is for a date change to allow greater time to raise necessary funds to produce the projects, a lecture/recital and a performance. Mr. Arcila proposed a new date for the lecture in May and the performance in September. Mr. Perez asked what would happen if the organization does not secure the funds. Mr. Arcila responded that they will use resources on hand and still do it (the performance). Dr. Mayorga asked why the proposed dates are further apart than originally scheduled. Ms. Horwitz stated that May and September are too far apart and recommended keeping them closer together.

**Mr. Perez made a motion recommending approval of the new dates for the Opera Atelier project as presented in the organization's FY16-17 cultural grant application with the condition that the two programs take place within reasonably close dates of each other. Ms. Burgos seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**Arts & Business Council - Update**

Ms. Cathers reported that the A&B Council provided organization names for Coral Gables' FY2016-17 workshop scholarships. She stated the value of the workshops to all organizations and asked the Board to consider criteria for future scholarships to allow more organizations to attend year to year. Currently, she said, scholarships are given to first requestors and staff has noticed repeat annual scholarship recipients.

**Mr. Perez made a motion to approve Arts & Business Council workshop grantee scholarships on a first come - first serve basis provided that an organization has not received a scholarship the previous year, essentially sitting out a year to allow other**

**grantee organizations an opportunity to attend on scholarship. Ms. Burgos seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

#### **FY2016-17 Cultural Grant Recommendations**

Ms. Cathers reminded Board members that the FY2016-17 Cultural Grant funding recommendations will be presented at the City Commission meeting January 10, 2017.

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

##### **Alice Aycock**

Ms. Cathers informed the Board that their motion supporting the Segovia Circle artwork from the previous Board meeting is planned to go before the City Commission on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Mr. Perez made a motion appointing Ms. Burgos to speak on behalf of the Cultural Development Board at the City Commission meeting regarding the Segovia Circle artwork. Dr. Alvarez-Perez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

##### **Miracle Mile Streetscape**

Ms. Cathers advised the Board that the survey given at the Community Engagement meeting, and previously to this Board and the Arts Advisory Panel, are accessible on the City's public art website page And will be included in the next E-News. Surveys will be accepted through the end of the month prior to passing the information along to the artists.

#### ARTS ADVISORY PANEL VACANCY (DISCUSSION & ACTION):

Ms. Cathers reviewed the role of the Cultural Development Board in recommending Arts Advisory Panel members to the City Commission. The Board reviewed recommendations received by the City and through Board members, Arts Advisory Panel members, and staff. The Board noted the high quality of recommendations and discussed the advantage of greater professional diversity within the Panel and the advantage of having a member with professional conservation experience who can address material concerns (such as maintenance, environmental issues, longevity, etc.).

**Ms. Burgos made a motion to recommend appointment of Lauren Hall to the Arts Advisory Panel. Mr. Perez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

#### DISCUSSION:

Mr. Pastor led a discussion recognizing Consulates and their significant role regarding arts and culture. He requested staff to explore a possible yearly, rotating appointment of a Consulate member to the Board to further reflect the international perspective and scope within Coral Gables. The Board unanimously expressed their support of this idea, which staff will explore.

#### BOARD ITEMS / CITY COMMISSION UPDATE / CITY PROJECT UPDATE:

There were no additional Board or City items.

#### ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:

There were no additional items.