

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 7, 2008, 8:00 a.m.

City of Coral Gables Development Department

95 Merrick Way, Suite 450, Coral Gables, Florida 33134

EXCERPTS

MEMBERS	M	J	J	A#	S	O*	O**	N	D	J	F	M	A	COMMISSIONERS
José R. Garrigó	P	P	P	-	P	P	E	P	-	-	P	P	P	Mayor Donald D. Slesnick II
Bobbi Litt	P	P	P	-	E	P	P	P	-	-	P	P	P	Vice Mayor William Kerdyk, Jr.
Bernice Matalon-Roth	P	E	P	-	P	E	P	P	-	-	E	P	P	Commissioner Maria Anderson
Carol Damian	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	-	-	P	P	P	Commissioner Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
Beatriz Pereira		P		-	P	P	P	P	-	-	P	P	P	Commissioner Wayne "Chip" Withers
Andrea Cole					E	P	P	P	-	-	E	P	P	Board Appointee
Miguel Diaz de la Portilla									-	-		P		City Manager David L. Brown

A = Absent

P = Present

E = Excused

- = No Meeting

* Regular Meeting and FY2006-2007 Final Reports

Regular Meeting + FY2007-08 Grants Workshop

** FY2007-2008 Cultural Grant Applications Review & Scoring

Staff In Attendance:

Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark, Development Director

Recording Secretary:

Nancy C. Morgan, Coral Gables Services, Inc.

Guests: Janet Gaverette, Dr. Perri Lee Roberts, Brian Dursum, University of Miami.

VI. Additional Board Business:

- a. **General City Update:** City budgets are being revised downward by 5% to 10% due to uncertainty about revenue streams because of recent State-wide property tax reform. Ms. Rivenbark assured the Board that efforts were being made to preserve \$175,000 for cultural grants. Staff is also examining ways to generate additional revenues to augment City grant funds through innovative, pro-culture fundraising activities. Such activities would provide opportunities for people to support culture, with the assurance that 100% of the funds would be dedicated to culture. Various ideas were enthusiastically discussed by the Board and will be further explored. It was also unanimously agreed that it was important for cultural groups to express their appreciation to the Commission members for the City's cultural support.

Mr. Diaz de la Portilla made a motion to encourage the City Commission to maintain cultural grant funding of at least \$175,000 in the next budget cycle. Dr. Matalon-Roth seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.