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EXCERPT

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, June 30, 2021, 9:00 a.m.
Historical Resources & Cultural Arts Department
Hybrid Meeting in City Commission Chambers & Virtual via Zoom**

MEMBERS	A	S	S O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	APPOINTED BY:
	20	20	20	20	20	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	
Leslie Pantin	P	P	P	-	-	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	Mayor Vince Lago
Frank Martinez	P	A	P	-	-	-	P	P	E	E	P	P	Vice-Mayor Michael Mena
Frank Rodriguez*												P	Commissioner Rhonda Anderson
Ray Corral*												P	Commissioner Jorge L. Fors Jr.
Jose Valdes- Fauli*												P	Commissioner Kirk R. Menendez
Dr. Bernice Roth Chair	P	P	P	-	-	-	V	P	P	P	P	P	City Manager Peter Iglesias
Dr. Rosa Maria Mayorga	P	E	P	-	-	-	V	V	V	E	P	P	Board Appointee

LEGEND: A = Absent; P = Present; V = Virtual; E = Excused; * = New Member; ^= Resigned Member;
- = No Meeting + = Special Meeting

STAFF:

Warren Adams, Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Director
Kara Kautz, Assistant Historic Preservation Officer
Catherine Cathers, Arts and Culture Specialist

MEETING RECORD / MINUTES PREPARATION: Catherine Cathers, Arts and Culture Specialist,
Historical Resources and Cultural Arts

Dr. Roth called the Cultural Development Board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

f. ART BASEL 2021 – TEMPORARY EXHIBITION & APPLICATION

The Board was advised that annually the City has applied to Art Basel to present a VIP event in association with a public art exhibition. Last year, due to the pandemic, there were no in-person events and participants were able to preview the Augmented Reality experience associated with Kiki Smith’s “Blue Night.” Staff gave a brief overview of the Kiki Smith artwork “Blue Night”, noting that it was commissioned for two installations over a two-year period. The piece, it was said, consists of forty-two acrylic works depicting constellations, suspended under the palm canopy on Giralda Plaza. The piece was exhibited for the first-time last January and is scheduled for re-installation.

Staff requested a recommendation to install the artwork in time for Miami Art Week and Art Basel 2021, and for application to present an Art Basel VIP event. Ms. Smith will be invited to the event and to present an artist talk sometime during Art Week.

Mr. Valdes-Fauli asked if there were changes being made this year to make it more visible. Ms. Cathers responded that different approaches are being considered for greater illumination in the evening. She said this could be through cross-lighting or a replacement of the exiting lighting treatment on the existing catenary system. Mr. Pantin concurred, commenting on the importance of lighting the artwork. Ms. Cathers noted that the Art Basel VIP event is an early morning reception.

Mr. Valdes-Fauli mentioned that an exhibit will be running concurrently at the Coral Gables Museum, which will be hosting a breakfast following the City's VIP reception.

With no further discussion, the following motion was made:

Mr. Martinez made a motion to recommend approving installation of Kiki Smith's "Blue Night" in time for Art Basel and Miami Art Week, including application to Art Basel as an official event. Dr. Mayorga seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine J. Cathers
Arts & Culture Specialist