

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES**  
**CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 9:15 a.m.**  
**Historical Resources & Cultural Arts Department**  
**Hybrid Meeting & Virtual via Zoom**

MEMBERS	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	APPOINTED BY:
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Leslie Pantin Chairperson	P	-	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	Mayor Vince Lago
Frank Rodriguez	P	-	P	P	P	-	E	P	A	P	A	P	P	P	P	Vice-Mayor Rhonda Anderson
Ray Corral	P	-	P	P	P	-	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Melissa Castro
Maria Alicia Asrani*					E	-	E	A	P	A	A	P	^	^	^	Commissioner Ariel Fernandez
Amanda Requena*													P	P	P	Commissioner Ariel Fernandez
Jose Valdes- Fauli Vice Chair	P	-	E	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	Commissioner Kirk R. Menendez
Geannina Burgos	P	-	P	P	E	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	Board Appointee
Eric Fliss*							P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	City Manager Amos Rojas Jr.

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

**STAFF:**

Anna Pernas, Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Director  
 Catherine Cathers, Arts and Culture Specialist  
 Yvelisse Bonilla, Administrative Assistant

**MEETING RECORD / MINUTES PREPARATION:** Yvelisse Bonilla, Administrative Assistant and  
 Catherine Cathers, Historical Resources and Cultural Arts

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Pantin called the Cultural Development Board (CDB) meeting to order at 9:17 AM.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Board members in attendance: Mr. Fliss, Mr. Corral, Mr. Pantin, Mr. Rodriguez, Mr. Valdez-Fauli. Ms. Requena arrived at 9:25 AM.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**A motion was made by Mr. Rodriguez, seconded by Mr. Fliss, to approve the meeting minutes for April 15, 2024 as amended, which passed unanimously.**

**D. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**F. CULTURAL GRANTS**

**F.1.- CULTURAL GRANT UPDATES & CHANGE REQUESTS 2023-2024**

- The next meeting will be the Cultural Grant Application Review and Scoring Meeting, June 3, 2024, at 9 a.m. (amended to 8:30 a.m.).
- Staff reviewed the cultural grant process with Board members.

**G. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES:**

**G.-1. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES**

A list of active Art in Public Places projects was reviewed by the Board. Staff provided the following updates:

- *Eternal Vigilance* Police & Fire Memorial – Completed with small tweaks being made.
- Public Art Tour – On Saturday, May 18, 2024, 5:30 – 7pm. It will be starting at *Water Below Us* on Giralda Plaza, then walk or take the trolley to art activations at The Plaza.

**H. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS:**

1. Staff reported that the Commission item approving the recent AiPP escrow agreement was passed on second reading.

**I. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

There were no further discussion items.

**J. ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:**

1. Board members were informed about the new Art Space at 255 Alhambra Circle, a collaboration between the building owner and Oolite Arts supporting 12 artist studio spaces. The project is intended to switch artists and their work about every 3–4 months.
2. Board members were advised that Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava announced the new Arts Energize 305 initiative and that it is an opportunity to include this in cultural arts initiatives of the city.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the Cultural Development Board meeting adjourned at 10:10 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine J. Cathers  
Arts & Culture Specialist