



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
July 11, 2023**

ITEM TITLE:

Cultural Development Board meeting of May 16, 2023.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

NEW BUSINESS – CULTURAL GRANTS:

a. CULTURAL GRANT UPDATES & CHANGE REQUESTS

Board members were advised of updates and change requests from the Lowe Art Museum; the Dave and Mary Alper JCC; Coral Gables Congregational Church, Community Arts Program; Friends of the Miami-Dade Public Library; and The Opera Atelier. Requests addressed updates to performers and date changes due to venue conflicts.

Mr. Rodriguez made a motion accepting updates from the Lowe Art Museum and approving the requested changes for the Dave and Mary Alper JCC; Coral Gables Congregational Church, Community Arts Program; Friends of the Miami-Dade Public Library; and the Opera Atelier. Ms. Burgos seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

b. CULTURAL GRANT REVIEW PROCESS

Ms. Cathers provided an overview of the on-line Cultural Grant review and scoring process, reviewing how to access the portal and enter evaluations. Dr. Roth remarked on the benefits of using the matrix provided by staff to ensure consistent and fair scoring.

NEW BUSINESS – ART IN PUBLIC PLACES:

a. UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI CAMPUS ART MASTER PLAN – PRESENTATION

Board members received the University of Miami Public Sculpture Program 2022 report and updated Campus Art Master Plan in response to the requirement for exemption from Art in Public Places fees. Alicia Corral, UM Director of Development Regulations attended in person; and Dr. Jill Deupi, Director of the Lowe Art Museum was present via Zoom. They introduced themselves and provided an overview of the report including new artwork installations, de-installations, conservation and maintenance updates.

Mr. Pantin made a motion recommending approval of the University of Miami Campus Art Master Plan report as presented. Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

b. PUBLIC ART INSTALLATION – LEONORA CARRINGTON

Board members received a proposal from The Plaza property owner requesting exhibition of the sculpture “Rey del Tequila” by surrealist artist Leonora Carrington. Background of the artist was provided along with a detailed description of the artwork, which was purchased through the Beckmann Foundation. It was noted that the deceased artist is a highly regarded surrealist artist who lived most of her adult life in Mexico.

Mr. Rodriguez made a motion recommending approval to exhibit the sculpture “Rey del Tequila” by artist Leonora Carrington at The Plaza. Mr. Pantin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES:

a. ARTS ADVISORY PANEL MEETING MINUTES

Board members received Arts Advisory Panel meeting minutes for March 1 and April 5, 2023.

b. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES PROJECT UPDATES

The Board was provided with updates about the following projects:

- The Plaza: Jean-Michel Othoniel artwork is installed and testing of the water feature continues; KAWS sculpture fabrication is in progress.
- Villa Valencia: Thomas Houseago sculpture is installed.
- 427 Biltmore Way: Zilia Sanchez installation is waiting for foundation work.
- Police and Fire Headquarters: a new installation schedule is being proposed by the artist team.
- Jaguar Land Rover: waiting response from the developer.
- Julio Larraz: Ms. Cathers stated that she visited the foundry and observed the piece in progress and is recommending installation at Aragon and Merrick Way.
- Centennial Projects: Staff is currently pursuing three projects including a work honoring the Bahamian community; a virtual/digital Centennial path; and a physical/digital artwork.
- Frank Stella: waiting to receive a proposal from the artist’s gallery.
- Jose Bedia: proposal has been received and staff is pursuing an appraisal prior to bringing it to the Board.
- Ponce Circle Park: Board members discussed the site as an ideal location for prominent artwork.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

CITY COMMISSION ITEMS:

There were no Commission items.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

There were no further discussion items.

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:

Ms. Cathers reminded Board members to complete the process provided by the City Clerk’s office for continued interest in serving on the Board.