

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item I-6
January 14, 2020
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli
Vice Mayor Vince Lago
Commissioner Jorge Fors, Jr.
Commissioner Pat Keon
Commissioner Michael Mena

City Staff

City Manager, Peter Iglesias
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos
City Clerk, Billy Urquia
Cultural Arts Specialist, Catherine Cathers

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item I-6 [10:08:03 a.m.]

A Resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Cultural Arts (Unanimously recommended by the Cultural Development Board approval/denial vote 6 to 0)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: I-6, funding for cultural affairs, unanimously recommended by the Cultural Development Board 6 to 0. Hi.

Ms. Cathers: Good morning Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, Catherine Cathers Arts and Cultural Specialist with the Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Department. One of the responsibilities of the City's Cultural Development Board is to recommend to the City Commission the annual allocation of cultural grant funding. On December 3rd the Cultural Development Board reviewed and scored over 34 applications for the allocation the City of Coral Gables cultural grants funding. One of those is required by the museum which is funded separately. Each application is reviewed and scored by all Cultural Development Board members, highest and lowest scores are dropped before averaging and using a multiplier for a fair process of initial funding recommendations. Leslie Pantin is here today representing the Cultural Development

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Board and can speak on their behalf and today we are asking the Commission to accept the recommended funding of 29 applicants.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Mr. Pantin you have 20 minutes.

Mr. Pantin: We take this seriously. We had 39 applications and it takes even if I'm doing this for the third year, about a half-an-hour to go through the whole system of grading. This is what you have today is what the Board voted.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Half-an-hour each.

Mr. Pantin: Half-an-hour each times 39 is like a lot of hours, 18 hours, so after a lot of – this is what the Board recommends to you.

Vice Mayor Lago: Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you very much for your excellent service, your very dedicated service.

Ms. Cathers: I just have to add that Mr. Pantin is very fast at 30 minutes each application.

Vice Mayor Lago: Thank you for your time.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Do I hear a motion?

Commissioner Mena: I just wanted to confirm one thing, which the City Attorney confirmed for you, but I just wanted to confirm on the record, which is that the entities are either Coral Gables based, or if not Coral Gables based, they are hosting or putting on a Coral Gables based event, is that a fair description?

Ms. Cathers: Correct. So, all of the programs are in Coral Gables. There is a separate category for Coral Gables based organizations that have an operating budget over \$500,000. So sometimes we have a Coral Gables based organization, but they don't meet the threshold of applying for operating expenses, which is what that upper tier is.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Do I hear a motion?

Commissioner Mena: Motion.

Vice Mayor Lago: Second.
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Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Will you call the roll please.

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes

Commissioner Mena: Yes

Commissioner Fors: Yes

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you very much.

Ms. Cathers: Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you for your cooperation and your great work.

[End: 10:11:10 a.m.]