

City of Coral Gables

405 Biltmore Way
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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

9:30 AM

Sister Cities Conference Room - Coral Gables Museum

Cultural Development Board

Chairperson Jose Valdes-Fauli
Vice Chairperson Frank Rodriguez
Board Member Eric Fliss
Board Member Sergio Gonzalez-Arias
Board Member Armando Hassun
Board Member Barbara Perez
Board Member Amanda Requena

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Board Member Fliss, Board Member Requena, Vice Chairperson Rodriguez, Chairperson Valdes-Fauli, Board Member Perez, Board Member Hassun and Board Member Gonzalez-Arias

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

[26-1305](#) Cultural Development Board Meeting of February 17, 2026.

Attachments: [CDB Minutes February 17, 2026 Draft](#)

A motion was made by Mr. Gonzalez-Arias and seconded by Vice-Chair Rodriguez to approve the meeting minutes of February 17, 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

Yeas: 7 - Board Member Fliss, Board Member Requena, Vice Chairperson Rodriguez, Chairperson Valdes-Fauli, Board Member Perez, Board Member Hassun and Board Member Gonzalez-Arias

B. NEW BUSINESS

B.-1. [26-1327](#) Arts & Business Council FY24-25 Report & FY25-26 Proposed Programs

Attachments: [24-25 ArtsBiz coral gables final report \(002\) CC](#)
[2026 ArtsBiz programs plan and overview \(002\) CC](#)
[CORAL GABLES ARTS 2026 TOOLKIT](#)
[2024-25 Coral Gables Municipal Partner Report b](#)

Ms. Cathers presented the annual Arts & Business Council's FY24-25 Report and FY25-26 Proposed Programs. Following a brief discussion, the Board voted unanimously in favor of continuing to fund and support the partnership.

A motion was made by Mr. Gonzalez-Arias and seconded by Vice-Chair Rodriguez to continue funding and support of the annual partnership with the Arts & Business Council. The motion passed unanimously.

Yeas: 7 - Board Member Fliss, Board Member Requena, Vice Chairperson Rodriguez, Chairperson Valdes-Fauli, Board Member Perez, Board Member Hassun and Board Member Gonzalez-Arias

C. OLD BUSINESS

D. CULTURAL GRANT UPDATES

Staff reported that the annual Cultural Grant workshop/webinar will be held on Thursday, March 19 via Zoom and invited Board members to attend if possible.

Board members were informed that the revised date of the May Cultural Grant Review & Scoring meeting has been set for **Thursday, May 14 at 9:00**, with the regular Board meeting starting at 8:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Coral Gables Museum, Sister City room and applicants will be encouraged to attend in person or via Zoom.

[25-8543](#)

Cultural Grant Updates 2025-2026 / 2026-2027

Attachments: [FY2026-2027 Guidelines DRAFT](#)

Board members were provided with updates of cultural grant recipient programs.

E. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES

[25-8544](#)

AiPP Active Project Lists

Attachments: [AiPP acquisition update March 2026 2 per AiPP Project Updates 032027](#)

Art in Public Places project updates were provided to the Board and a presentation was provided with images of all active municipal and private development projects.

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

F.-1. [26-1330](#)

Mobility Hub Artist Proposal Rqst - Hernan Bas

The Board was informed of the City Commission's motion to invite a proposal for the Mobility Hub from Artist Hernan Bas. It was noted that the proposal would be brought through the art in public places process.

F.-2. [26-1331](#) AiPP Artwork Proposal - Agustin Cardenas

Attachments: [Untitled 1992 3 5 26](#)
[427 Biltmore Way Garden Paseo a](#)
[427 Biltmore Way Garden Paseo b](#)

The Board was informed of the City Commission's motion of direction to proceed through the process for consideration of a second Agustin Cardenas sculpture acquisition. Staff advised that an appraisal will be requested and the proposal will be brought to the Arts Advisory Panel before returning to this Board for a recommendation to the City Commission.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no further discussion items.

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY

There were no items from the secretary.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:42.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 21 at 9:30 a.m.

NOTE