



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
February 25, 2020**

ITEM TITLE:

Cultural Development Board meeting minutes of December 3, 2019.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

PERSONAL APPEARANCE & NEW BUSINESS:

a. UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI CAMPUS ART MASTER PLAN – PRESENTATION

Following up on last month's item, Board members were advised of the University of Miami's request to present the Campus Art Master Plan within the calendar year. Board members received the submitted University of Miami Public Sculpture Program 2019 report and PowerPoint presentation. Janet Gavarrete, UM Campus Planning; Alicia Corral, UM Campus Planning; and Amanda Belli, with the Lowe Art Museum were present and introduced themselves. They provided an overview of the report including new artwork installations, de-installations, conservation and maintenance updates. Board members asked how decisions are made regarding rotating artworks and discussed the merits of having outdoor public art that is easily accessible. The Board commented on the numerous construction projects currently underway on campus.

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

CULTURAL GRANTS – REQUESTS, UPDATES, REVIEWS:

a. BOARD MEMBER REVIEWS

Board members shared cultural programs they've attended, including: Coral Gables Museum, Florida Grand Opera, GableStage, Seraphic Fire, and the Coral Gables Art Cinema.

b. GENERAL DISCUSSION

The Board briefly discussed The Sanctuary of the Arts, noting their current commitment of funds toward operating expenses including physical development of the space. Staff stated they will be programming outdoor performances over the holidays.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. JOHN HENRY

Mr. Pantin stated that he spoke with a member of the Kirk Landon Foundation about the previously offered John Henry sculpture, including a proposed location and possible financial support of the Foundation for restoration of the sculpture. The Board agreed that the Foundation is welcome to approach the Board to discuss.

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES:

Staff reported completion of re-painting the main Carlos Cruz-Diez crosswalk on Biltmore Way and on the successful installation of the Rafael Barrios sculpture, *Pause*.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Board members were reminded of the Art Basel VIP event on Sunday, December 8th celebrating Rafael Barrios and the new sculpture. They were encouraged to attend the Coral Gables Museum Art Basel event afterward to view the Museum's new exhibitions and related exhibition of Barrios' work.

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:

There being no further business, the Cultural Development Board meeting adjourned briefly at 8:55 a.m. prior to the FY2019-2020 Cultural Grant Review and Scoring Meeting.

FY2019-2020 CULTURAL GRANT REVIEW & SCORING:

Members of the community arrived. Dr. Roth called the FY2019-2020 Cultural Grant Review & Scoring meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

Ms. Horwitz made a motion to accept the Board's FY2019-2020 Cultural Grant application scores as presented. Dr. Alvarez-Perez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Horwitz made a motion to distribute funds equitably based on scoring and use of the multiplier for applications scoring 80 points and higher. Mr. Pantin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Horwitz made a motion to distribute the remaining funds to the applicants receiving the least amount of funding. Dr. Alvarez-Perez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Martinez made a motion recommending allocation of FY2019-2020 Cultural Grant funds as presented, contingent on staff verification of scores and calculations. Dr. Alvarez-Perez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.