

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES**  
**CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, September 17, 2024, 9:15 a.m.**  
**Historical Resources & Cultural Arts Department**  
**Hybrid Meeting & Virtual via Zoom**

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

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

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Pantin called the Cultural Development Board (CDB) meeting to order at 9:16 AM.

**ROLL CALL**

Board members in attendance: Ms. Requena, Mr. Rodriguez, Mr. Pantin, Mr. Valdes-Fauli,  
 Mr. Fliss and Ms. Burgos.

**A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

**A motion was made by Mr. Fliss, seconded by Mr. Valdes-Fauli, to approve the meeting minutes for August 20, 2024, which passed unanimously.**

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

**B.-1. AiPP WAIVER REQUEST: REGENCY PARC**

Developers representing the Regency Parc development project approached the Board with a waiver request of the Art in Public Places fee in lieu of placing public artwork on site. Artwork proposed by artist Lynda Benglis was presented.

The Board reviewed the proposal and were advised of the Arts Advisory Panel recommendation to approve the waiver request as presented. Board members commented enthusiastically about the work and artist. After a brief discussion the following motion was made:

**A motion was made by Mr. Valdes-Fauli recommending approval of the waiver request from Regency Parc developers to commission and install artwork by Lynda Benglis at the project site as presented. Mr. Pantin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**C. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**D. CULTURAL GRANT UPDATES**

**D.-1 CULTURAL GRANT UPDATES**

None

**E. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES**

**E.-1. AIPP ACTIVE PROJECT LISTS**

Staff provided a list of current projects and reported no new updates.

**F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS**

Staff reported on the City Commission approval of the following projects: Commemorative artwork by Morel Doucet, Garden Club sculpture by Xavier Cortada, and the Art Basel application honoring Janine Antoni. They were advised of the deferral for the 719 Biltmore Way waiver request.

Board members were further informed that the Art in Public Placed code amendment will need to be re-submitted.

**G. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**G.-1. STRATEGIC PLAN – CULTURAL ARTS FOCUS AREA**

Board members discussed the upcoming joint meeting with the Economic Development Board to address the City Commission resolutions regarding Cultural Arts as a focus area within the city's strategic plan.

Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs director, Marialaura Leslie, joined the meeting via Zoom and provided an overview of the county's recently adopted Arts Energize 305 plan. She stated that the plan is a "living" document and provided insight into working with the community to identify blind spots such as what can be done better, areas that are under-resourced or under-developed, who isn't being reached, and what the plan addresses over the next years to increase the social and economic impact of the arts throughout the County.

Rafi Maldonado, representing the Coral Gables Arts Alliance, attended in person and spoke on the interests of the Alliance and established cultural institutions in Coral Gables. He stated that the alliance includes representation of 18 organizations, including presenting facilities. Mr. Maldonado stated the importance of crafting a sustainable plan to support artists in the community and referenced the annual State of the Arts in Coral Gables happening the first Tuesday in December.

Board members were reminded that the meeting is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on October 15<sup>th</sup> prior to their regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

#### G.-2. PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 2024 AS "NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH" IN CORAL GABLES

Board members were encouraged to attend the proclamation presentation at the next City Commission meeting honoring National Arts and Humanities Month in Coral Gables. Members discussed having a Board member speak on behalf of the Board. With no further discussion, the following motion was made:

**A motion was made by Mr. Fliss, and seconded by Ms. Requena, nominating Ms. Burgos to speak on behalf of the Board for National Arts and Humanities Month at the City Commission, which passed unanimously.**

#### **H. ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY**

There were no further discussion items.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the Cultural Development Board meeting adjourned at 10:44 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine J. Cathers  
Arts & Culture Specialist