

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

10:00 AM

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88687811677>

427 Biltmore Way, First Floor Conference Room

Cultural Development Board

*Chairperson Leslie Pantin
Vice Chairperson Jose Valdes-Fauli
Board Member Geannina Burgos
Board Member Ray Corral
Board Member Eric Fliss
Board Member Amanda Requena
Board Member Frank Rodriguez*

The Cultural Development Board will hold its regular meeting commencing at 10:00 a.m. Board Members and City Staff will be physically present. All interested persons may be heard via the Zoom platform used by the City for live remote comments.

Members of the public may join the meeting via Zoom at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88687811677>.

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Chairperson Pantin, Board Member Burgos, Vice Chairperson Valdes-Fauli, Board Member Fliss, Board Member Requena and Board Member Rodriguez

Excused: 1 - Board Member Corral

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

[24-8524](#) [Cultural Development Board Meeting of December 17, 2024.

Attachments: [CDB Minutes December 17, 2024 Draft CC](#)

A motion was made by Ms. Burgos and seconded by Mr. Rodriguez to approve the meeting minutes of December 17, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

Yeas: 6 - Chairperson Pantin, Board Member Burgos, Vice Chairperson Valdes-Fauli, Board Member Fliss, Board Member Requena and Board Member Rodriguez

Excused: 1 - Board Member Corral

NEW BUSINESS

[24-8504](#) AiPP Waiver Request: 4241 Aurora - Jaime Plensa

Attachments: [4241 Aurora - Jaime Plensa-Coral Gables Presentation - 241201](#)
[4241 Aurora - Coral Gables City Application Art - 250110](#)

Board members were advised of the 4241 Aurora Ave. development project's request for a waiver of paying the Art in Public (AiPP) fee in lieu of purchasing and installing public art on the project site to be deeded to the

city. Materials were provided about the proposed artist Jaume Plensa, and the artwork .

Board members were informed of the Arts Advisory Panel's recommendation to recommend approval, including their recommendation to install paving around the piece to experience the form as it changes while walking around the piece.

Devon Vickers with Greenberg Traurig and Eduardo Otaola with 4241 Aurora LLC spoke about the project and provided specifics about the artist and artwork.

Board members enthusiastically embraced the project and after a brief discussion made the following motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Valdes-Fauli and seconded by Mr. Rodriguez accepting the recommendation of the Arts Advisory Panel and recommending approval of the waiver request by 4241 Aurora Ave. as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

CULTURAL GRANTS

[25-8543](#)

Cultural Grant Updates 2025

Attachments: [FY2024-2025 Guidelines DRAFT](#)
[FY24-25 Summary v2 Categories](#)

Mr. Fliss updated the Board on progress made developing a draft proposing an additional category focusing on youth. The Board was advised that the item will come back after staff review.

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES

[25-8544](#)

AiPP Active Project Lists

Attachments: [AiPP Projects Municipal & Private November 2024](#)

Ms. Pernas updated the Board on current projects.

Mr. Valdes-Fauli asked for an update on the progress of the Julio Larraz sculpture. Ms. Pernas responded that staff is waiting for engineering documents to proceed and will reach out to the fabricator.

Board members discussed the status of the Ponce Circle Park design and reiterated the intention to include significant artwork.

CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

The Board was updated of items moving forward to Commission, and were advised of the Commission Resolution to move the Merrick Festival to a separate funded line item in the budget.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY

Staff advised the Board of the new City Manager appointment and were provided with centennial commemorative pins.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Next scheduled meeting: Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 9:15 a.m.

NOTE