



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
May 9, 2023**

ITEM TITLE:

Cultural Development Board meeting of March 8, 2023.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

NEW BUSINESS – CULTURAL GRANTS:

a. CULTURAL GRANT GUIDELINES & APPLICATION – UPDATES FOR FY23-24

Board members received and reviewed updates to the Cultural Grant Guidelines that were drafted by staff following meetings with the Mayor, Vice-Mayor, Commissioners, and City Attorney's Office. Ms. Cathers stated that a resolution accepting the updates will be presented to the City Commission on March 14 and reflects the Commission's input. Ms. Burgos reported on the discussion held at the previous City Commission meeting, which focused on the topics of residency and access.

Staff reviewed the guidelines in depth, noting each update and bonus points as follows:

- Category names changed to: Coral Gables Core Cultural Organization (CGC) and Coral Gables Cultural Programs (CGP)
- Applicants must provide a one-to-one cash match.
- Submission of non-provide corporation annual report required.
- Require incorporating social media marketing to entities outside of the organization.
- +5 points – the organization's principal address, as verified in Sunbiz, is in Coral Gables.
- +5 points – event is free to the public.
- +2 points – organization's operating budget is \$50,000 or less, as verified by tax records.

After a brief discussion, the following motion was made:

Mr. Valdes-Fauli made a motion recommending the proposed updates to the annual Cultural Grant Guidelines as presented. Mr. Corral seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Board members discussed dates for the review and scoring meeting and were advised that the City Manager's office is aware that additional service is needed by Board members to complete the process. With no further discussion, the following motion was made:

Mr. Pantin made a motion to set the Cultural Grant Review and Scoring meeting to June 13 or 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. depending on the Commission calendar, further recommending that the Board change their June meeting to the same date at 8:00 a.m. Mr. Valdes-Fauli seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS – ART IN PUBLIC PLACES:

a. PUBLIC ART ACQUISITION – PROPOSAL REQUEST

Board members continued their discussion from the previous meeting of the motion received from the

Arts Advisory Panel to request a proposal from three prominent artists: Frank Stella, Wangechi Mutu, and Hernan Bas for artwork with a budget of \$750,000. The Board reviewed materials about the artists and discussed the budget. Overall, the Board felt more funds were necessary to put toward the project. Members spoke about the merits of each artist and recognized the Panels' advice and interest in offering the opportunity to multiple artists. They further confirmed with staff that a direct selection is also an option for city acquired artworks.

Mr. Valdes-Fauli made a motion recommending denial of the motion from the Arts Advisory Panel. Mr. Corral seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Valdes-Fauli made a motion recommending a proposal from the artist Frank Stella, recognizing the Arts Advisory Panel's recommendation of the artist, further recommending a budget of \$1.25 million. Mr. Pantin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Burgos made a motion recommending Mr. Valdes-Vauli to speak on behalf of the Board to the City Commission regarding the motion to request a proposal from the artist Frank Stella. Mr. Pantin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES:

a. ARTS ADVISORY PANEL MEETING MINUTES

Board members received Arts Advisory Panel meeting minutes for February 1, 2023.

b. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES PROJECT UPDATES

The Board was provided with the following updates:

1. Police and Fire Headquarters: artwork installation is currently on schedule.
2. Jaguar Land Rover: waiting response from the developer.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

CITY COMMISSION ITEMS:

There were no Commission items.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

There were no further discussion items.

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:

Ms. Cathers reminded Board members to complete the process provided by the City Clerk's office for continued interest in serving on the Board.