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**CITY OF CORAL GABLES
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, February 2, 2021, 8:30 a.m.
Historical Resources & Cultural Arts Department
Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

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Cultural Arts*

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MEMBERS	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	S O	N	D	J	F	APPOINTED BY:
	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	21	21	
Leslie Pantin	P	-	-	P	P	P	P	P	-	-	-	P	Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli
Dr. Fernando Alvarez- Perez	E	-	-	P	P	P	A	P	-	-	-	P	Vice-Mayor Vince Lago
Betty Horwitz	P	-	-	P	P	P	P	P	-	-	-	P	Commissioner Pat Keon
Frank Martinez	E	-	-	P	P	P	P	E	-	-	-	P	Commissioner Michael Mena
Geannina Burgos*				P	P	P	P	P	-	-	-	P	Commissioner Jorge Fors
Dr. Bernice Roth Chair	E	-	-	P	P	P	P	P	-	-	-	P	City Manager Peter Iglesias
Dr. Rosa Maria Mayorga	P	-	-	P	P	P	E	P	-	-	-	P	Board Appointee

LEGEND: A = Absent; P = Present; E = Excused; * = New Member; ^= Resigned Member;
- = No Meeting + = Special Meeting

STAFF:

Kara Kautz, Interim Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Director
Catherine Cathers, Arts and Culture Specialist

RECORDING AND PREPARATION OF MINUTES: Catherine Cathers, Arts and Culture Specialist,
Historical Resources and Cultural Arts

Dr. Roth called the Cultural Development Board meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 30, 2020:

Dr. Alvarez-Perez made a motion to approve the minutes of September 1, 2020. Ms. Burgos seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

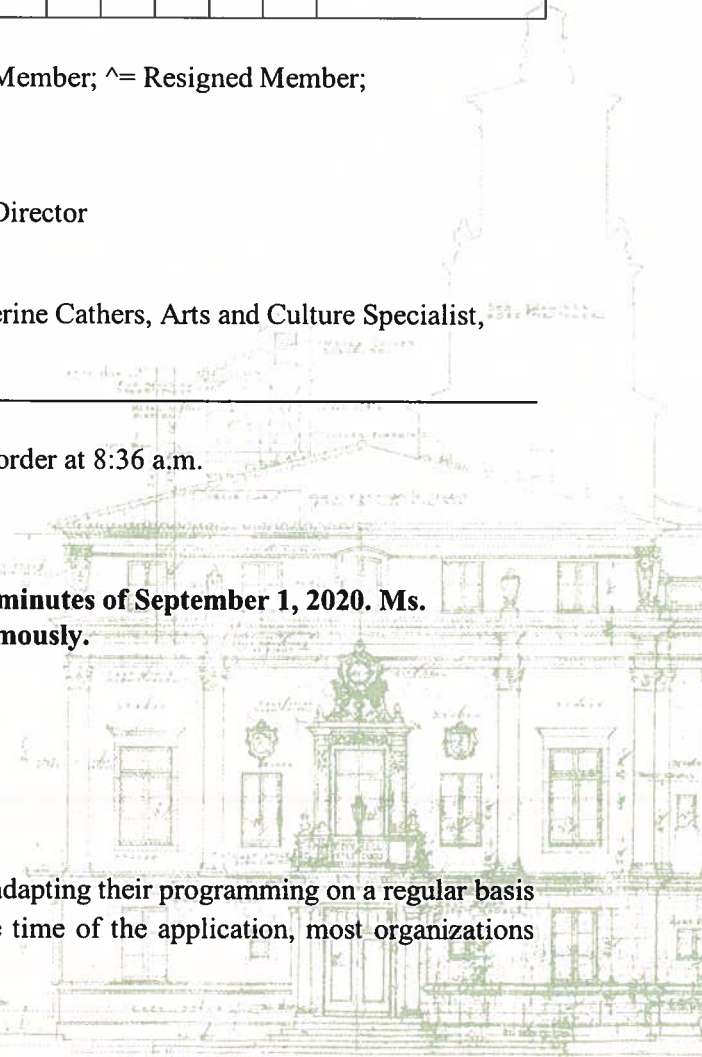
NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

CULTURAL GRANTS:

a. GRANTEE PROGRAMS

The Board was advised that grantees are doing well and are adapting their programming on a regular basis in response to the pandemic. Ms. Cathers stated that at the time of the application, most organizations



anticipated presenting in-person programming; however, due to safety protocols and guidelines, that has not been the case and most have moved to virtual programs such as Facebook live or Instagram live, YouTube, or pre-recorded concerts. It was noted that an extensive variety of cultural programs remain available to Coral Gables residents and visitors.

Dr. Roth asked if grantee organizations could be asked to present updates to the Board through Zoom. Ms. Burgos agreed and asked staff to coordinate. The Board discussed and agreed to space organization presentations throughout a series of meetings. Staff noted that there are 33 grantees. Dr. Roth remarked that everyone should have a chance to speak and discuss their programs and suggested a five min presentation followed by five minutes for questions and comments. The Board agreed that the Coral Gables Based (CGB) organizations should present first, followed by organizations with larger budgets. Dr. Roth asked if Laura Bruney with the Arts and Business Council could be invited to sit in to reiterate the development opportunities available through the Council.

Dr. Alvarez-Perez asked if there is an anticipated response for next year's grant application process. Ms. Cathers responded that organizations are continuing to produce content and have programs; and as all businesses, they need continued funding and support.

Dr. Roth asked if any have had to close and Ms. Cathers said not at this time.

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES:

Staff provided an update of Art in Public Places projects including: the Public Safety Building public art proposals; Hank Willis Thomas artwork benches restoration; maintenance assessment of the public art collection; Rafael Barrios sculpture movement to Ponce de Leon Park; William Barbosa temporary sculpture installation; Alice Aycock sculptures recent maintenance; Kiki Smith temporary exhibition installation; and Illuminate Coral Gables public art exhibition. She continued with updates regarding private development public art initiatives including the upcoming installation of artworks at Gables Station.

The Board was invited to attend the Kiki Smith opening event scheduled for Thursday, February 11th at 5:00 p.m. at the center of Giralda Plaza under the palm tree canopy. Ms. Cathers noted that the artwork includes an augmented reality experience and a downloadable coloring book with all 42 of Kiki's drawings.

Staff reported that Illuminate Coral Gables will be opening on February 12 and that a proclamation from the Mayor will be presented at the next City Commission meeting. The dates of the exhibition, February 12 – March 13 were provided and Ms. Cathers gave a brief review of the artworks and their locations.

In response to the Board's inquiry about the status of public art at Ponce Circle Park, staff had initially suggested artist designed pergolas. Initial plans are expected soon and a sculptural element could be incorporated into the park.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

CITY COMMISSION ITEMS:

There were no Commission items to report on.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

The Board discussed whether outdoor meetings are possible. Ms. Kautz stated that the City is reviewing this as a possibility.

The Board was advised that Arts Advisory Panel members will be terming off in April. Staff asked for recommendations of arts professionals to fill their positions. Ms. Burgos asked if there is a resident requirement. Staff responded that two members do not need to be residents; however, the two non-resident positions are currently filled.

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:

There were no additional items from the secretary.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the Cultural Development Board meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine J. Cathers
Arts & Culture Specialist

