



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
February 23, 2016**

ITEM TITLE:

Cultural Development Board meeting minutes of January 05, 2016.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER, DR. FERNANDO ALVAREZ-PEREZ:

Dr. Alvarez-Perez introduced himself and shared his background and interest in the arts. All Board members and staff introduced themselves and provided brief backgrounds.

CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR APPOINTMENT (ACTION):

Dr. Roth advised the Board that with full Board membership, they may now appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair. Ms. Spain reviewed the role of the Chair and Vice-Chair. With no objections, the following motions were made.

Mr. Perez made a motion to appoint Dr. Roth as the Chair. Mr. Litwer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Perez made a motion to appoint Mr. Pastor as the Vice-Chair. Mr. Litwer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

BOARD-AS-A-WHOLE APPOINTMENT (ACTION):

Dr. Roth reviewed the Board appointments and explained that Dr. Rosa Maria Mayorga is the current Board-as-a-Whole appointee; however, the term has expired and now that all other Board positions are in place, the Board may proceed to make their Board-as-a-Whole appointment recommendation to the City Commission. Dr. Mayorga expressed her interest in continuing to serve and left the room while the Board discussed. Board members were asked for any additional interested candidate names; none were offered.

Dr. Alvarez-Perez made a motion to appoint Dr. Rosa Maria Mayorga for an additional term of Board service. Mr. Perez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ARTS & BUSINESS COUNCIL OF MIAMI WITH GUEST, LAURA BRUNEY (DISCUSSION):

Dr. Roth introduced Laura Bruney, who spoke with the Board about the mission of the Arts and Business Council and the organization's recent advancements in social media and training of arts organizations. Ms. Bruney referenced the long and supportive relationship the City has shared with the Arts and Business Council and the Council's role in offering Coral Gables' grantee organizations professional development workshops and networking opportunities.

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES, PROJECT UPDATES (ACTION & DISCUSSION):

Jean Ward Sculptures

Ms. Cathers gave an overview of remaining items regarding the Jean Ward sculptures located at the library and at Pittman Park. She informed the Board that a motion is needed to confirm the color selection for the piece currently remaining at the library and for the piece at Pittman Park. Ms. Cathers stated staff's recommendation to paint the sculpture titled "Tuxedo", at Pittman Park, as originally received and documented in black with a white edge.

Mr. Perez made a motion for all sculptures currently at the library to be moved to Young Park. Dr. Alvarez-Perez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Dr. Mayorga made a motion to paint all the sculptures being moved to Young Park "Crawford Red." Mr. Perez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Dr. Mayorga made a motion to paint the sculpture titled "Tuxedo" at Pittman Park as originally documented in black and white. Dr. Alvarez-Perez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Miracle Mile and Giralda Avenue Streetscape

Ms. Spain provided an update on the status of the Miracle Mile Streetscape artists and commissioning process. Dr. Alvarez-Perez expressed interest in reaching out to the artist Carol Bove, who was approached to submit a concept proposal and has been unresponsive. Staff confirmed that a short time is possible for Dr. Alvarez-Perez to contact the artist if he chooses. The Board approved. Staff expressed the tight timeline of the project and the need to have artists who are able to accommodate the schedule.

Alice Aycock

Ms. Spain gave an update on the installation of the Alice Aycock sculptures and reported that staff met with the artist while she was in town for Art Basel. Ms. Cathers advised the Board that construction of the pool element will take about eight weeks and installation of the sculpture about an additional week. Construction is scheduled to begin this month.

FY 2015-16 CULTURAL GRANT FUNDING RE. AREA STAGE (ACTION):

Board members reviewed the City of Coral Gables Commission Meeting Agenda Item G-3 verbatim minutes draft and discussed the motion by the City Commission within the item to remand the two Cultural Grant award recommendations for Area Performance Gallery (Area Stage Co.). Ms. Spain explained that Area Performance Gallery submitted the two applications based on previous staff recommendation and were not at fault for the two submittals. The Board agreed. Dr. Roth clarified that the Board is to recommend funding for Area Performance Gallery in one category only. Dr. Roth continued, explaining that the organization is indeed a core cultural organization in Coral Gables and fits the criteria to receive a Cultural Development grant, whereby funds could be used for programming as it sees fit. Ms. Rodaz, with Area Performance Gallery, was introduced and spoke with the Board about the background of the organization and the significant quality and growth the organization has experienced in Coral Gables.

Mr. Litwer made a motion to recommend funding for Area Performance Gallery, Inc. in the Cultural Development category in the amount of \$6,025. Mr. Perez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Dr. Alvarez-Perez made a motion to recommend funding for St. Patrick's Day Committee in the Cultural Series, Festivals, and Special Events category in the amount of \$3,030. Mr. Litwer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

FY2015-16 FINAL REPORT FORM REVIEW (DISCUSSION):

Dr. Roth introduced the FY2015-16 Final Report Form for review. Ms. Cathers noted updates made to dates, formatting, budget line items, and evaluation notes to match the FY2015-16 applications. A brief discussion continued about the application content and all agreed to address these items at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Cathers stated that with full Cultural Development Board membership, nominations are needed for Arts Advisory Panel members. The Board-as-a-Whole agreed to review nominations and prepare their recommendation to the City Commission at the next Board meeting. Board members were asked to provide nominations to staff within the next week and Dr. Roth requested staff to provide Resumes and Bios. to Board members prior to next month's meeting.

DISCUSSION:

Dr. Roth led a discussion of recent cultural programs attended by Board members, which included the following organizations: the Miami Bach Society, Miami Jazz Cooperative, and Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens.

BOARD ITEMS / CITY COMMISSION UPDATE / CITY PROJECT UPDATE:

Ms. Spain reminded Board Members of the upcoming Boards and Committees Reception on January 21st from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. and encouraged Board members to attend.

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:

There were no additional items from the secretary.