



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
December 8, 2015**

ITEM TITLE:

Cultural Development Board Meeting of October 28, 2015.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS (DISCUSSION):

Ms. Cathers introduced new Board Member, Geannina Burgos. Board Members introduced themselves and shared their interest and connection to culture in Coral Gables.

ARTS ADVISORY PANEL (DISCUSSION):

Ms. Cathers reviewed the role of the Cultural Development Board in recommending appointments to the City Commission of Arts Advisory Panel Members. As discussed in the previous Board Meeting, Ms. Cathers updated the Board on the decision to move forward with a recommendation to the City Commission increasing the Arts Advisory Panel Membership from 5 (five) members to 7 (seven) members. Ms. Spain stated that the Commission passed the Resolution at the most recent City Commission Meeting. The Board discussed the process of recommendation. Dr. Roth requested that staff provide a list of potential names along with professional resumes and/or background for the Board's consideration. Ms. Cathers asked that Board Members forward any names for additional consideration to her prior to the next Board meeting. The Board went on to discuss whether an arts professional, if on the Cultural Development Board, could also sit on the Arts Advisory Panel and report back to the Board as the spokesperson for the Panel. Ms. Spain said she would check with the City Attorney and let the Board know of his response.

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES, JEAN WARD SCULPTURES (ACTION):

Ms. Cathers reviewed the request the Board made to the Art Advisory Panel to consider red as the paint color for the two Jean Ward sculptures being restored and located to Young Park. Ms. Cathers gave a very brief overview of the work and introduced Ms. Linderman as the representative with Rosa Lowinger and Associates, the conservator contracted to do the restoration and re-painting. A synopsis was given of the Arts Advisory Panel's process in considering various red colors, including their diligence comparing the samples in daylight. Ms. Linderman showed the Board the Crawford Red color and a sample of the gloss finish, as recommended by the Arts Advisory Panel.

Dr. Roth made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Arts Advisory Panel to paint the two Jean Ward sculptures being placed in Young Park the color of Crawford Red with a gloss finish. Mr. Perez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

Board members were provided with packets of an Art in Public Places project proposal associated with a mixed used development project located at 4311 Ponce de Leon Blvd. Ms. Cathers outlined the project site and details of the concept as it relates to the rural history, flora, and fauna of Coral Gables. She further described the proposed piece as a living wall of plant vegetation with colored, led-framed boxes

representing an abstraction of flowers. Ms. Spain provided background on the architect and advised that further detail, budget, and cost comparison to the required percent for art will be brought back to the Board for their review.

Ms. Cathers informed the Board that the Arts Advisory Panel is recommending the Cultural Development Board accept the concept proposal as presented.

Ms. Burgos made a motion to accept the public art concept proposal for 4311 Ponce de Leon Boulevard as recommended by the Arts Advisory Panel. Mr. Perez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

CULTURAL GRANTS, FY2015-16 APPLICATION & REVIEW PROCESS (DISCUSSION):

Hard copies of the FY2015-16 grant applications were made available to Board Members along with the review forms. Ms. Cathers informed the Board that the IRS documentation, tax returns, and W-9 attachments would be kept in the office, available to the Board, and reviewed by staff.

CULTURAL GRANTS, FY2014-15 FINAL REPORT REVIEW PROCESS (DISCUSSION):

Board Members were asked to review the Final Report packet presented for the Coral Gables Museum. Staff gave an overview of the City Commission support and funding history of the Museum. In keeping with the organization's signed Agreement, Ms. Spain asked Board Members to review the Final Report and share any comments. Ms. Spain also informed the Board that current director, Chris Rupp, has taken a position with Dade Heritage Trust, and that a succession plan has been implemented for Caroline Parker to assume the director's responsibilities.

ADDITIONAL BOARD BUSINESS (DISCUSSION):

Dr. Roth asked the Board to consider time limits on discussion of Board items.

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:

Ms. Cathers informed the Board of Mr. Litwer's confirmed absence and stated that Mr. Litwer delivered FY2014-15 review and scoring notes for his designated grantees. She offered to read the notes and proposed scores on his behalf.

A motion was called by Ms. Burgos to close this portion of the meeting and was seconded by Dr. Roth. The motion was unanimously approved.

There being no further business to come before the Board, this portion of the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

The FY2014-15 Cultural Grants Final Report review and scoring meeting continued at 9:15 a.m.

Board Members discussed the Coral Gables Museum Final Report and commended the Museum's programming and attendance. Ms. Rupp provided additional information regarding funding, history, and the Museum's future plans. There is no scoring requirement of the Museum's Final Report.

At the Board's request, Ms. Rodaz responded to the quality of Area Stage Company's Community Grant Final Report. Due to extenuating circumstances, the Board-as-a-Whole requested the organization re-submit the Final Report by the Board's next meeting of November 13. Ms. Rodaz expressed her gratitude and agreed to re-submit the report.

The following FY2014-15 scores were unanimously agreed on by all Board Members:

CD	Actors' Playhouse – 5	CS	Hispanic American Lyric Theatre – 5
CD	Area Stage Company – 5	CS	Miami Bach Society – 4.5
CD	Coral Gables Cinemateque – 5	CS	Miami Classical Guitar Society – no report
CD	Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden – 5	CS	Miami Hispanic Ballet – 2
CD	GableStage – 4.5	CS	Miami International Film Festival – 5
CD	Montgomery Botanical Center – 5	CS	Momentum Dance Company – 4
CS	Beaux Arts of the Lowe Art Museum – 5	CS	Orchestra Miami – 5
CS	CAJE/Miami Jewish Film Festival – 4	CS	Peter London Global Dance Company – 4
CS	Chopin Foundation – 4	CS	Seraphic Fire – 4
CS	Coral Gables Congregational Church – 4.5	CS	St. Patrick's Day Committee – 5
CS	Cubin Classical Ballet of Miami – no report	CS	Miami Symphony Orchestra – 5
CS	Friends of Chamber Music – 5	CS	Murray Dranoff Foundation, The – 4.5
CS	Friends of the Miami-Dade Library – 4.5	CS	UM - Festival Miami – 4.5
CS	Greater Miami Symphonic Band – 3.5	C	Area Stage Company/Outreach – rqst to resubmit
CS	Greater Miami Opera – 5	C	Fantasy Theatre Factory – 4
CS	Greater Miami Youth Symphony – 4	C	Merrick Festival – 5

ATTACHMENT(S):1. Minutes of Cultural Development Board Meeting of October 28, 2015.