



**City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
December 7, 2021**

**ITEM TITLE:**

Cultural Development Board meeting of October 19, 2021.

**SUMMARY OF MEETING:**

**CITY COMMISSION ITEMS:**

**ORDINANCE – AMENDING ZONING CODE SECTION 9-106 DEFINITION RE. MAINTENANCE**

The Board discussed key points that were agreed on at the joint meeting with the Arts Advisory Panel. They discussed a draft of proposed revisions to the amended zoning code regarding the definition of extraordinary maintenance. Dr. Roth noted that the amendment limits the scope of extraordinary maintenance but does not address the other items. Staff responded that per the City Attorney's Office, the purpose of the amendment was to address extraordinary maintenance and other items may be addressed at another time or as a resolution revising the Guidelines.

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**Mr. Valdes-Fauli made a motion recommending the revised resolution on second reading regarding the Art in Public Places Ordinance with the addition of removing the term "expanded." Mr. Pantin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. ALAN SONFIST – ARTIST CONSIDERATION FOR CITY PROJECT**

The Board was provided with materials about the artist Alan Sonfist and proposed artwork for a temporary installation. A brief presentation was given by staff stating that the artist is based in New York City, represented by Fredric Snitzer Gallery, has exhibited around the world, and is known for major land-based artworks that bring attention to the environment, sustainability, and green initiatives. The artwork was described as branches made of cast bronze artwork. Two works were shown and proposed for exhibition up to two years.

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**Mr. Pantin made a motion to defer the item until further information is available. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**b. FIRE STATION 4 – PROPOSAL ARTISTS**

Board members were provided with materials related to the City's new Fire Station 4 construction project. Ms. Cathers presented a PowerPoint and reviewed the artists recommended by the Arts Advisory Panel (AAP) to approach for interest in developing a concept proposal for public art on site.

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**Mr. Martinez made a motion accepting the artist recommendations of: Thomas Bils, Cara Despain, Beatriz Monteavaro, Ana Samoylova, Onajide Shabaka, and the artist team of Antonia Wright and Ruben Millares for Fire Station 4. Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

**CULTURAL GRANT UPDATES:**

The Board was advised of minor change requests from the Dave and Mary Alper JCC, and Strength in Numbers, Power in Connection.

**Mr. Valdes-Fauli made a motion accepting the change requests from the Dave and Mary Alper JCC, and Strength in Numbers, Power in Connection. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

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ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES:

The Board was provided with updates regarding Art in Public Places projects.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Dr. Roth reported on her visit with Mayor Lago to discuss Cultural Grants and Art in Public Places.

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ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:

There were no further updates from the Secretary.

ATTACHMENT(S):1. Cultural Development Board meeting minutes of October 19, 2021.