

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

9:30 AM

Sister Cities Conference Room - Coral Gables Museum

Arts Advisory Panel

The Arts Advisory Panel will hold its regular meeting commencing at 9:30 a.m. Panel Members and City Staff will be physically present. All interested persons may attend in person or be heard via the Zoom platform used by the City for live remote comments.

Members of the public may join the meeting via Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/86540364720>.

A dedicated phone line will be available so that any individual who does not wish (or is unable) to use Zoom may listen to and participate in the meeting by dialing: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 865 4036 4720.

To speak on an Agenda Item, please "Raise your Hand" or send a message to one of the meeting hosts using the Zoom Platform. If you joined the meeting via telephone, you can "Raise your Hand" by pressing

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Deupi, Board Member Corral, Board Member de Leon,
Board Member Guerrier, Board Member Valdes-Fauli
Absent: Board Member Perez
Excused: Vice Chair Kolasinski, Board Member Incer, Board Member
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A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

[25-9180](#)

Arts Advisory Panel Meeting of July 2, 2025.

Attachments: [AAP MeetingMinutes 02 July 2025 DRAFT](#)

A motion was made by Mr. Guerrier and seconded by Mr. Valdes-Fauli to approve the meeting minutes of August 6, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

B. NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-321**B.-1. [25-9489](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission approving the concept and commissioning of a work of public art by Michele Oka Doner in conjunction with The Aurelian development project at 912 E. Ponce de Leon Blvd., in fulfillment of the Art in Public Places requirement for public art in private development (unanimously recommended by the Arts Advisory Panel approval/denial vote: 5 to 0; unanimously recommended by the Cultural Development Board approval/denial vote: 7 to 0).

Attachments: [Commission Cover 08.26.2025 AiPP The Aurelian Oka Doner](#)
[R-Draft-AiPP The Aurelian Oka Doner](#)
[Exhibit A AiPP Submittal - Aurelia](#)

Jose Mata and Kenneth Dupret, representing the Empira Group, approached the Panel with a Waiver Request of the AiPP fee, to instead commission an original artwork by artist Michele Oka Doner. Ms. Doner attended via Zoom. Mr. Mata described the mixed-use development project, titled The Aurelian, and noted its location in the northeast area of Coral Gables.

Ms. Oka Doner presented a PowerPoint with images of previous artwork and the proposed sculpture. She described the concept for the bronze piece at The Aurelian and how it relates to the project as well as her own aesthetic and areas of interest. Panel members discussed the location, expressing some concerns about visibility and lighting. They wondered whether it could be placed in an area outside of the enclosure currently presented. Ms. Doner, and the team, responded that the location was selected to welcome people and better connect to the project overall. The Artist was encouraged to consider the height and material of the raised base and to work with the design team on the paving and areas surrounding the artwork. With no further discussion, the following motion was made.

A motion was made by mr. Guerrier and seconded by Mr. de Leon to recommend approval fo the aiPp fee waiver request by the Empira Group for The Aurelian development project to commission and install artwork by artist Michele Oka Doner. The motion passed unanimously.

C. OLD BUSINESS**D. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES**

[25-8544](#)

AiPP Active Project Lists

Attachments: [AiPP Projects Municipal & Private 2025](#)
[McBride Murals - Spanish Consulate Alone](#)

Panel members were provided with updates of current public art projects, including notification that the Cardenas appraisal is in progress and the Gables Go! project has officially started production.

Ms. Cathers presented an update of "Intervals", including sites and artists who have agreed to participate.

E. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

An update of City Commission items proceeding to the Commission for approval on August 26 included the following:

- AiPP Code Revisions, second reading
- Confirmation of Arts Advisory Panel members for 2025-2027
- FL DOS Grant acceptance to proceed with a Morel Doucet exhibition in relation to his sculpture "Secrets that the Wind Carries Away"
- AiPP waiver request for The Aurelian Project, pending a recommendation of the Cultural Development Board

F. DISCUSSION ITEMS

G. ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY

ADJOURNMENT

Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, September 3 at 9:30 a.m.

NOTE