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EXCERPT

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:30 a.m.
Coral Gables Museum
285 Aragon Ave., Coral Gables, Florida 33134**

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

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

STAFF:

Dona Spain, Historical Resources & Cultural Arts Director
Catherine Cathers, Arts and Culture Specialist, Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Dept.

GUESTS:

Bill Brady; Katia Rosenthal

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 8:30 a.m. and read aloud the City’s
False Claims Ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS:

b. SCULPTURE DONATION – ARTIST, JOHN HENRY

The Board was advised of a proposed donation from the Kirk Landon Foundation of the sculpture “Quark” by American artist John Henry. The sculpture, staff said, is currently installed in Orlando. The donation proposal was brought before the Arts Advisory Panel, who asked that a cost estimate be completed prior to further discussion. Staff responded that an estimate of \$150,000 (one hundred fifty thousand dollars) was received to have the sculpture de-installed, restored, transported, and installed in Coral Gables.

Information about the artwork was presented including the sculptures size, 70x36x12 ft.; material (welded, painted steel), and approximate 20-ton weight. Provenance of the artwork includes its installation in Tallahassee and gift from the artist to Kirk Landon.

Staff reported the Arts Advisory Panel’s discussion regarding the cost associated with accepting the donation, the fact that the artist’s work is well represented throughout Florida – including in Miami-Dade County, the difficulty in siting the artwork due to its large scale, and the ongoing maintenance required. For these reasons, staff said the Arts Advisory Panel is making a recommendation to the Cultural Development Board not to recommend acceptance of the generous donation.

There was a discussion about Ponce Circle Park as a possible location; however, there was a feeling that the size may overwhelm significant artwork proposed within The Plaza. It was also noted that the City already has a number of painted artworks in its collection.

The Board overall expressed liking the piece and the challenge it would be to maintain it due to the material and size. With no further discussion, the following motion was made:

A motion was made by Mr. Pantin to accept the recommendation of the Arts Advisory Panel and not accept the generous donation of the John Henry sculpture titled “Quark.” Ms. Morris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dona M. Spain
Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Director