



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
October 13, 2020**

ITEM TITLE:

A Resolution approving a temporary public art loan for up to a year of a sculpture by William Barbosa (unanimously recommended by the Arts Advisory Panel approval/denial vote: 8 to 0, and the Cultural Development Board approval/denial vote: 6 to 0).

DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:

Approval

BRIEF HISTORY:

Durban Segnini Gallery approached Mayor Valdes-Fauli requesting a temporary exhibition of the artwork *Untitled* by artist William Barbosa.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli forwarded the request through the City Manager to the Arts Advisory Panel and Cultural Development Board for their review and recommendation to the City Commission.

About the artist:

William Barbosa was born in Ocaña, Colombia, in 1955. A self-taught artist, his metal sculpting was guided by his work in the metallurgic industry. In 1975 he moved to Caracas, Venezuela, where he developed his artistic career. Barbosa is known for work within the Madí movement, an international abstract style focusing on non-representational geometric abstraction. William Barbosa's work is in private and public collections throughout Europe, in Argentina, Colombia, South Korea, the United States and Venezuela.

Installation is proposed in a prominent, accessible site; the location currently being explored is within the Alhambra Circle median just west of Le Jeune Road.

Funding for the temporary installation is estimated below \$20,000 and is being proposed through the Durban Segnini Gallery with the City providing promotional support of the exhibition.

The Arts Advisory Panel voted unanimously (8-0) to recommend support of the temporary public exhibition of William Barbosa's *Untitled* at their meeting on September 23, 2020. The Cultural Development Board voted unanimously (6-0) to recommend support of the temporary public exhibition of William Barbosa's *Untitled* at their meeting on September 30, 2020.

ADVISORY BOARD/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION(S):

Date.	Board/Committee	Comments
September 23, 2020	Arts Advisory Panel	Recommended
September 30, 2020	Cultural Development Board	Recommended

ATTACHMENT(S):

- 1. Draft Resolution**
- 2. Exhibit A, Project Proposal**
- 3. Excerpt Minutes from the Arts Advisory Panel meeting of September 23, 2020**
- 4. Excerpt Minutes from the Cultural Development Board meeting of September 30, 2020**