

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item 2-1 and I-4 are related
September 10, 2019
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli
Vice Mayor Vince Lago
Commissioner Jorge Fors, Jr.
Commissioner Pat Keon
Commissioner Michael Mena

City Staff

City Manager, Peter Iglesias
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos
City Clerk, Billy Urquia
Art and Culture Specialist, Catherine Cathers

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item 2-1 [9:20:08 a.m.]

2-1: A Resolution of the Cultural Development Board recommending a temporary public art exhibition of a sculpture by artist Carlos Albert installed at 2655 LeJeune Road, from the end of November 2019 through December 2020 (Cultural Development Board approval/denial vote: 5 to 1; Arts Advisory Panel recommendation to the Cultural Development Board approval/denial vote: 6 to 0)

I-4: A resolution approving a temporary public art exhibition of a sculpture by artist Carlos Albert installed at 2655 LeJeune Road, from the end of November 2019 through December 2020 (recommended by Cultural Development Board approval/denial vote: 5 to 1)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: 2-1 – the temporary sculpture Carlos Albert.

City Attorney Ramos: 2-1 does not require any action from you sir, but I-4 does, it's a corresponding item.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: OK. 2-1 doesn't require any, 2-1 and I-4, right.

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City Attorney Ramos: Yes. I-4 is a resolution approving a temporary public art exhibition of a sculpture by artist Carlos Albert installed at 2655 LeJeune Road.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Do we have a picture of it?

Ms. Cathers: We do. We have a PowerPoint. Good morning Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners. So, we received an application for a temporary exhibition of public art. The exhibition request is for a 13-month period, between November 2019 through December of 2020. The property owners of the 2655 LeJeune Road, which is relatively located. The artist Carlos Albert is a Spanish artist. He received the equivalent of his Doctorate and his Bachelor of Arts from University of Madrid and he's a premiere artist in Spain and has received one of the highest commendations for a living artist in Spain. The artwork is in the process of being created; and is similar to other works by the artist. We have....and will be similar in size, scale, materials and color.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: A very, very nice private enterprise of art by the owners of the Davidson Building.

Ms. Cathers: The 2655 LeJeune, yes, yes exactly. So, here's some images of the site location itself. It will be on the corner of LeJeune and Valencia and across from the Publix parking lot. Here's a view of the sculpture if you are approaching it from the north and from the south.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Beautiful.

Ms. Cathers: We want to state that coming for the artwork, the exhibition, the installation and all other fees will be provided by the requestor and they are also aware of the installation requirements; and once its complete we'll be working with an engineer on the drawings. So, we are not sure yet whether it will be installed at...installing a temporary, just as a reminder, this is for a temporary exhibition.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Lago: What is the length of time that we'll have this beautiful sculpture up in the City.

Ms. Cathers: November 2019 through December 2020, so for 13 months.

Vice Mayor Lago: So, we'll actually have it for two Basel seasons.

Ms. Cathers: Yes.

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Mayor Valdes-Fauli: This is private friends and private enterprise from one of our distinguished landlords and property owners in the City of Coral Gables.

Commissioner Keon: How wonderful. Can I ask a question? Is there a plaque or something that will go along with it?

Ms. Cathers: Yes. We did discuss that.

Commissioner Keon: Since it's a temporary exhibition and the artist. Can you tell us now a little bit – tell me about his work. What is it?

Ms. Cathers: He does other similar works. Like I said, similar geometric forms. This is a moquette of another piece that he did, so its not going to be this exact work. Its being worked on right now, so we don't have images of the final piece, but it will be in a similar size and scale.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Very, very good. Given what happened today at the courtyard, a bottle of rum to him.

Vice Mayor Lago: Commissioner Mena just mentioned a few moments ago. I actually like the fact that you get to see it in person. Obviously, we always see renderings on TV, but its also very nice to see...and I know that a...cost money...Very well done.

Commissioner Keon: You know what, our color on the TV and my color in person are very different colors. Somebody needs to look at our TV, your feed, so that what you show, your resolution is actually what things look like.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you very much. OK – E-1, personal appearance.

City Attorney Ramos: Mr. Mayor we need a motion sir.

Commissioner Keon: I'll move it.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: OK.

Vice Mayor Lago: Second.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Will you call the roll please.

Commissioner Fors: Yes
Commissioner Keon: Yes
Vice Mayor Lago: Yes
Commissioner Mena: Yes
Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes
(Vote: 5-0)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.

Ms. Cathers: Thank you very much.

[End: 9:24:38 a.m.]