



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
February 15, 2022**

ITEM TITLE:

Arts Advisory Panel meeting minutes of January 12, 2022.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

PERSONAL APPEARANCES:

a. MAYOR VINCE LAGO

The Panel was informed that Mayor Lago had a conflict this morning and sent his apologies, requesting to reschedule his appearance to a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. STOREFRONT WINDOW COVERINGS

Ms. Cathers updated the Panel on a resolution approved by the City Commission to create two-dimensional artwork for storefront windows. She presented a PowerPoint with an overview of the program referencing the need and benefit, goals, objectives, and criteria, noting that it is a collaboration between the Historical Resources and Cultural Arts department with the Economic Development department and Business Improvement District. The intent is to have a program, Ms. Cathers continued, that contributes to the beautification and welcoming atmosphere of the downtown area with a proposed title of "Art on! Storefront Windows."

Ms. MacDonald-Korth made a motion recommending Mr. Kolasiński and Mr. Guerrier to sit on the Art On! Storefronts selection panel. Ms. Miyar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

b. KIOSK ART

Staff informed the Panel that the IKE Kiosks throughout downtown are being considered as a location to place two-dimensional art on one of the rotating advertising panels. Ms. Cathers stated that the kiosks are in high traffic areas and present an opportunity for area artists to present work they may already have in their collection. This program, she continued, would be similar to the Art on! Storefront program, where the City would license work by the artist for a limited time. It was clarified that this is in the early stages of development and would follow a similar program established in Baltimore.

Ms. Roselione-Valadez made a motion recommending that the Arts Advisory Panel meet at one of the City's IKE Kiosks at their next meeting. Ms. Miyar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES:

The Panel was updated on responses that were received to questions regarding the materials of the proposed Zilia Sanchez sculpture, Concepto I. Ms. MacDonald-Korth reported that the Gallery was asked for information about how the sculpture was made so she could evaluate whether the surface was appropriate for exterior display. She stated that her assessment is that it is fine for outdoor installation, clarifying that the system is called Matthews, which is made for exterior signs and architectural elements. They have an

involved preparation of the metal surface, she continued, and spray coat it with the paint system. Ms. MacDonald-Korth stated that as long as they did it properly, and based on the detail of their answers, it sounds like they did it right.

Ms. Cathers reported that the sculpture went to the Cultural Development Board with the material information, and the Board requested an appraisal prior to making a recommendation to the City Commission. She added that landscaping modifications were discussed with the City Manager, who supported having the area re-designed to accept and complement the artwork with the artist involved as much as possible.

The Panel was updated on the progress of the Coral Carpet artwork by R&R Studios at Balboa Plaza, noting that it is complete.

The Panel was notified that staff will be visiting Fredric Snitzer Gallery to view the previously discussed proposed artworks for temporary installation. Ms. Cathers stated that she will meet with Mr. Snitzer on site to review where they could best be sited. She discussed the possibility of having the installation as part of the City's Art Basel program and asked the Panel to consider this, or recommend other artists and artwork.

CITY COMMISSION ITEMS:

The Panel was advised of the Commission Resolution approving the concept of installing artwork and using a direct selection of an artist as the selection method for future artwork at 427 Biltmore Way.

The Panel was advised of the Commission Resolution approving development of public art opportunities at the new Mobility Hub using the minimum 1.5% of Art in Public Places fees toward the public art project.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

There was no further discussion.

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:

There were no additional items from the secretary.