



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
May 9, 2023**

ITEM TITLE:

Arts Advisory Panel meeting minutes of February 1, 2023.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

NEW BUSINESS:

a. PROPOSAL CONSIDERATION – LOUISE NEVELSON

The Panel received a proposal from LNS Gallery for the acquisition of an artwork by sculptor Louise Nevelson. Staff asked the Panel for input on whether the piece would work well at the dedicated location for art in the future Mobility Hub. Panel members agreed that if the work were installed on a raised plinth, which is desired, it would be too high for the space. They unanimously agreed that the piece is too dark for the site and an indoor (enclosed) space is ideal for the work. Panel members further stated that the price is high. After a brief discussion, the following motion was made:

Mr. Guerrier made a motion to defer this item based on location and cost. Ms. Miyar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. RFP FOR SIGNIFICANT ARTWORK

Ms. Cathers advised the Panel that the Mayor requested, through the City Manager, that staff reach out to Frank Stella's gallery with a request for a proposal for artwork to be placed in Ponce Circle Park with a value up to two million dollars. She asked if the Panel wanted to revise their previous motion recommending that an RFP be sent to Frank Stella and two other artists. The Panel unanimously agreed not to change the motion.

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES:

There were no new updates to report.

CITY COMMISSION ITEMS:

Staff reported on the Commission's approval to commission the sculpture *Whispering Through a Stone* by Janine Antoni and thanked Mr. Guerrier for attending on behalf of the Panel. Mr. Guerrier shared comments from the Commission, including a preference from some to see more options and consider work that is more traditional.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Mr. Guerrier shared that he met with the Mayor, who requested that the city acquire one of his artworks. He continued, saying that if the City Attorney approves of it, he will develop a proposal for consideration.

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:

There were no additional items.

ATTACHMENT(S):1. Arts Advisory Panel Meeting of February 1, 2023.