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**CITY OF CORAL GABLES
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, February 21, 9:00 a.m.
Historical Resources & Cultural Arts Department
Hybrid Meeting & Virtual via Zoom**

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Cultural Arts*

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MEMBERS	M	A	M	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	APPOINTED BY:
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Leslie Pantin	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	Mayor Vince Lago
Frank Martinez	E	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	Vice-Mayor Michael Mena
Frank Rodriguez	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	-	P	Commissioner Rhonda Anderson
Ray Corral	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	-	E	Commissioner Jorge L. Fors Jr.
Jose Valdes- Fauli	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	Commissioner Kirk R. Menendez
Dr. Bernice Roth Chair	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	-	P	City Manager Peter Iglesias
Geannina Burgos	P	P	P	E	E	E	E	P	P	-	P	Board Appointee

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

STAFF:

Warren Adams, Historical Resources & Cultural Arts Director
Catherine Cathers, Arts and Culture Specialist

MEETING RECORD / MINUTES PREPARATION: Catherine Cathers, Arts and Culture Specialist,
Historical Resources and Cultural Arts

Dr. Roth called the Cultural Development Board (CDB) meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Mr. Pantin made a motion accepting the absence of Mr. Corral as excused.

Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DECEMBER 20, 2022:

Mr. Pantin made a motion to approve the minutes of December 20, 2022. Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS – CULTURAL GRANTS:

a. ARTS & BUSINESS COUNCIL FY21-22 REPORT & FY22-23 PROPOSED PROGRAMS

Ms. Renee Pesci, Deputy Director of the Arts and Business Council, attended the meeting and introduced herself. Laura Bruney, Executive Director of the Council, attended the meeting via Zoom and reviewed the previous year's programs and the proposed partnership programs for the current fiscal year.

Highlights from the previous year's partnership included features of over 200 Coral Gables events through 54 Instagram and Facebook posts; extensive use of #coralgablesarts, initiated through the partnership; the organization toolkit to assist with social media campaigns and additional funding requests; and over 48 Arts Connection blogs and articles featuring Coral Gables arts events distributed to over 20,000 arts enthusiasts.

Ms. Pesci and Ms. Burney expressed their excitement regarding the partnership and spoke in detail about the benefits of the social media component and its capacity to build new audiences in Coral Gables. Additional highlights of the program were discussed including the scholarships available to Coral Gables Cultural Grantees to attend the Miami Arts Marketing Program (MAMP) workshops

With no further questions and after a brief discussion, the following motion was made:

Mr. Rodriguez made a motion recommending continued funding for the city partnership with the Arts and Business Council of Miami. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

b. CULTURAL GRANT GUIDELINES & APPLICATION – UPDATES FOR FY23-24

Dr. Roth reported on her conversation with the Mayor regarding the status of the Cultural Grant program. Topics included supporting organizations with their business address in Coral Gables, free access to granted programs, and greater financial accountability. She recommended delaying the announcement of the program until staff can get further direction from the Commission and suggested Board members speak with their appointing officials. Dr. Roth expressed concern about narrowing access to the arts and the potential loss of prominent organizations presenting in Coral Gables, such as Seraphic Fire and City Theater, that benefit the community by providing a wide range of cultural offerings.

Board members discussed that there may not be a clear understanding of the benefits of the program. Mr. Pantin commented on the amount of time organizations put in to completing the application and a request for an audit would be very expensive.

Dr. Roth asked staff to provide a report of organizations with their office in Coral Gables and which ones are offering free programs. Ms. Cathers responded that the report exists and a majority

of the presenting organizations are from outside; however, all programs take place in Coral Gables and the funding is clearly tracked and tied to the Coral Gables presentations.

Ms. Cathers stated that staff has a meeting scheduled with the assistant city manager regarding the timeline and any proposed changes.

Dr. Roth said, and Board members agreed, that it isn't fair for organizations to apply when it is unclear if funding will be approved. The Board asked if a discussion item can be added to the February 28 Commission meeting on behalf of the Board. After additional, related discussion, the following motion was made:

Mr. Pantin made a motion nominating Ms. Burgos to speak on behalf of the Board at the City Commission meetings addressing the Cultural Grant and process. Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

c. CULTURAL GRANTEE UPDATES AND CHANGE REQUESTS

Board members were advised of change requests from the South Florida Youth Symphony and Les Ailes du Desir Foundation. Updates were provided regarding Friends of Chamber Music and the Alper JCC. Requests addressed date changes due to venue conflicts. With no questions, the following motion was made:

Mr. Rodriguez made a motion approving the requested changes for the South Florida Youth Symphony and Les Ailes due Desire Foundation. Mr. Valdes-Fauli seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS – ART IN PUBLIC PLACES:

a. PUBLIC ART ACQUISITION – PROPOSAL REQUEST

Board members received a recommending motion from the Arts Advisory Panel to request a proposal from three prominent artists: Frank Stella, Wangechi Mutu, and Hernan Bas for artwork with a budget of \$750,000. It was noted that the motion is in response to the Commission's interest to acquire significant artwork and more specifically, in response to the Mayor's interest in the artist Frank Stella.

Board members discussed the budget and what would be possible for \$750,000. Staff responded that it would be a request for a proposal; therefore, there are no specific pieces to show at this time.

Mr. Pantin made a motion to accept the recommendation with a preference for Frank Stella. There was not a second and the motion died.

Board members briefly discussed, expressing that more time is needed to review materials before making a recommendation and decide as a whole to defer the item.

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES:

a. ARTS ADVISORY PANEL MEETING MINUTES

Board members received Arts Advisory Panel meeting minutes for December 14, 2022, and January 11, 2023.

b. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES PROJECT UPDATES

The Board was provided with the following updates:

1. The Plaza: Michele Oka Doner's hanging lanterns, part of the monumental artwork bench, have been installed.
2. Gables Living: artwork by Gustavo Velez has not been requested to move forward for City Commission approval.
3. Jaguar Land Rover: notice was sent to the developer to address the installation and suggested to take it through the Art in Public Places process.
4. *Moon Over the Gables / Museum of the Moon*: temporary public art project installed in partnership with the Coral Gables Community Foundation and the city's economic development department.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

CITY COMMISSION ITEMS:

The Board was advised of the Commission approval for the commissioning and acquisition of Janine Antoni's artwork "Whispering Through a Stone."

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

There were no further discussion items.

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:

There were no further items.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the joint Cultural Development Board and Arts Advisory Panel meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine J. Cathers
Arts & Culture Specialist