

EXCERPT

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, January 05, 2016 8:00 a.m.
Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Department
2327 Salzedo Street, 2nd Floor, Coral Gables, Florida 33134**

MEMBERS	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	O	N	D	J	APPOINTED BY:
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Claudio Pastor*									P	P	E	-	P	Mayor Jim Cason
Geannina A. Burgos*										P	P	-	E	Vice-Mayor Frank C. Quesada
Alfonso Perez*							P	-	P	P	P	-	P	Commissioner Jeannett Slesnick
Bruce B. Litwer	P	-	P	P	-	-	E	-	P	E	P	-	P	Commissioner Pat Keon
Dr. Fernando Alvarez-Perez*													P	Commissioner Vince Lago
Dr. Bernice Roth*							P	-	P	P	P	-	P	City Manager Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark
Dr. Rosa Maria Mayorga	E	-	E	P	-	-	P	-	P	P	P	-	P	Board Appointee

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

STAFF:

Dona Spain, Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Director, Historical Resources and Cultural Arts
Catherine Cathers, Arts and Culture Specialist, Historical Resources and Cultural Arts

GUESTS:

George Volsky; Parker Thomson; Laura Bruney, Arts and Business Council of Miami; Noel Stillings, St. Patrick's Day Committee; Maria Banda-Rodaz, Area Performance Gallery Inc.;

RECORDING AND PREPARATION OF MINUTES: Catherine Cathers, Arts and Culture Specialist, Historical Resources and Cultural Arts

Dr. Roth called the Cultural Development Board meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

FY 2015-16 CULTURAL GRANT FUNDING RE. AREA STAGE (ACTION):

Board members reviewed the City of Coral Gables Commission Meeting Agenda Item G-3 verbatim minutes draft and discussed the motion by the City Commission within the item to remand the two Cultural Grant award recommendations for Area Performance Gallery (Area Stage Co.). Ms. Spain explained that Area Performance Gallery submitted the two applications based on previous staff recommendation and were not at fault for the two submittals. The Board agreed. Dr. Roth clarified that the Board is to recommend funding for Area Performance Gallery in one category only. Dr. Roth continued, explaining that the organization is indeed a core cultural organization in Coral Gables and fits the criteria to receive a Cultural Development grant,

whereby funds could be used for programming as it sees fit. Ms. Rodaz, with Area Performance Gallery, was introduced and spoke with the Board about the background of the organization and the significant quality and growth the organization has experienced in Coral Gables.

Mr. Litwer made a motion to recommend funding for Area Performance Gallery, Inc. in the Cultural Development category in the amount of \$6,025. Mr. Perez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Board continued their discussion of how to allocate the remaining \$3,030 in available funds. Dr. Roth acknowledged Ms. Stillings, representing the St. Patrick's Day Committee, and noted the family-friendly nature of the event. Dr. Roth went on to review the organization's grant application score of 79 points, and summarized the City Commission's support of funding the organization. Dr. Roth asked Board members to attend the festival at various times to better understand the event's scope.

Ms. Cathers gave an overview of the additional organizations that did not receive the minimum score of 80 points. Discussion continued regarding the scoring with Mr. Litwer noting St. Patrick's Day Committee achieving the next closest score to 80. All agreed that special consideration of the scoring may be given for this unusual circumstance.

Staff and Board members expressed appreciation for the City Commission's respect and support of the grant application review and scoring process.

Dr. Alvarez-Perez made a motion to recommend funding for St. Patrick's Day Committee in the Cultural Series, Festivals, and Special Events category in the amount of \$3,030. Mr. Litwer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dona M. Spain
Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Director