

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES**  
**CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 9:00 a.m.**  
**Historical Resources & Cultural Arts Department**  
**Hybrid Meeting & Virtual via Zoom**

MEMBERS	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	APPOINTED BY:
	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	24	24	
Leslie Pantin Chairperson	P	P	-	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	Mayor Vince Lago
Frank Rodriguez	P	P	-	P	P	P	-	E	P	A	P	A	P	Vice-Mayor Rhonda Anderson
Ray Corral	E	P	-	P	P	P	-	P	P	A	P	P	P	Commissioner Melissa Castro
Maria Alicia Asrani*						E	-	E	A	P	A	A	P	Commissioner Ariel Fernandez
Jose Valdes-Fauli Vice Chair	P	P	-	A	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	E	Commissioner Kirk R. Menendez
Geannina Burgos	P	P	-	P	P	E	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	Board Appointee
Eric Fliss*								P	P	P	P	E	P	City Manager Peter Iglesias

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

**STAFF:**

Anna Pernas, Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Director  
 Catherine Cathers, Arts and Culture Specialist  
 Yvelisse Bonilla, Administrative Assistant

**MEETING RECORD / MINUTES PREPARATION:** Yvelisse Bonilla, Administrative Assistant and  
 Catherine Cathers, Historical Resources and Cultural Arts

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Pantin called the Cultural Development Board (CDB) meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Board members in attendance are Mr. Pantin, Ms. Burgos, Ms. Asrani, Mr. Corral, Mr. Fliss, and Mr. Rodriguez.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Mr. Rodriguez made a motion, Ms. Burgos seconded, to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2024, meeting, which passed unanimously.**

**D. NEW BUSINESS**

**D.-1. BOARD MEETING TIME**

**A motion was made by Mr. Rodriguez, seconded by Mr. Fliss, to change the Cultural Development Board meeting time to 9:15 AM, which passed unanimously.**

**D.-2. JEAN WARD SCULPTURE – UNDERLINE / DISCUSSION**

Board members were presented with an overview of the Jean Ward sculpture collection and reviewed a Letter of Intent from the Underline to have certain artworks in the collection placed within the Underline. Board members discussed the needed restoration of some of the works, maintenance, and proposed locations. Members discussed wanting the pieces to remain within the city of Coral Gables and overall requested input from the Arts Panel before moving forward with a recommendation.

**A motion was made by Ms. Burgos, and seconded by Mr. Fliss, requesting a recommendation from the Arts Advisory Panel regarding the Jean Ward sculpture collection and possible placement within The Underline, further requesting a budget for restoration and consideration of the pieces remaining in the City of Coral Gables, which passed unanimously.**

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

Board members were updated on the status of Cultural Grant applicant programs and requests. Members commented on the Alhambra Chamber Music Sunday afternoon performance and Actors Playhouse production of Legally Blonde. There were no change requests.

**F. CULTURAL GRANTS**

None

**G. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES:**

**G.-1. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES**

Board members were provided with Art in Public Places project updates as follows:

- Police & Fire Memorial - Contractors for the Artist have changed. Looking at a late April completion date.

- Julio Larraz, *Mars* – artwork is in production and planned for completion in the next months.
- Centennial Commemorative artwork – proposals have been submitted and are available for public comment on the city website.
- Janine Antoni, *Whispering Through A Stone* – project is estimated for completion by December 2024.

#### **H. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS**

Board members were advised that the Art in Public Places Ordinance Amendment is scheduled for the Planning and Zoning Board in March before returning to the Commission for second reading.

Staff reported that a date has not been set for the joint meeting with Economic Development Board to discuss including Cultural Arts as a goal of the city’s strategic plan.

Board members were advised that the former Assistant City Manager has been appointed as the Interim City Manager.

#### **I. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Board members discussed setting aside time to determine collective goals to consider as part of the Cultural Arts strategic plan.

Chair Pantin requested that staff provide a list of current projects to reference for future Board meetings.

#### **J. ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:**

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the Cultural Development Board meeting adjourned at 10:17 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine J. Cathers  
Arts & Culture Specialist