



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
July 13, 2021

ITEM TITLE:

A Resolution of the City Commission approving a public art exhibition by Kiki Smith, and for application to Art Basel and Miami Art Week, extending through winter, 2021-2022 (unanimously recommended by the Arts Advisory Panel approval/denial vote: 7 to 0, and the Cultural Development Board approval/denial vote: 7 to 0).

DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:

Approval

BRIEF HISTORY:

The Cultural Development Board historically has recommended City participation in Miami's Art Week and, more specifically, an affiliation with Art Basel.

Since 2016, the City has received recognition support from Art Basel for an annual temporary exhibition. Last year, Art Basel presented itself in a different format and has confirmed an in-person event this year. The recognition of Art Basel encourages the City to maintain quality programming that invites residents and visitors to confidently and safely experience the arts within the City Beautiful.

In partnership with the curatorial team of Fung Collaboratives, and in support of the now established arts initiative Illuminate Coral Gables, the City confirmed the temporary exhibition of "Blue Night" by renowned artist Kiki Smith for two years. The first installation did not take place during Art Basel; however, Art Basel visitors were able to preview the artwork through an augmented reality experience. In December, they will be able to experience the work in person.

The Arts Advisory Panel met and voted unanimously to recommend Kiki Smith's "Blue Night" as this year's temporary exhibition artist and Art Basel special event artist. The Cultural Development Board was presented with, and accepted, the recommendation of the Arts Advisory Panel and voted unanimously in support of the project.

Building on the established relationship with Art Basel, the City proposes to submit an Art Basel VIP event application to celebrate the exhibition.

Funding for the exhibition and related expenses have been previously secured through the Art Acquisition Fund.

The Arts Advisory Panel voted unanimously (7-0) to recommend support of Kiki Smith's "Blue Night" for application as an Art Basel 2021 event at their meeting on June 23, 2021.

The Cultural Development Board voted unanimously (7-0) to recommend support of Kiki Smith's "Blue Night" for application as an Art Basel 2021 event at their meeting on June 30, 2021.

ADVISORY BOARD/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION(S):

Date.	Board/Committee	Comments
June 23, 2021	Arts Advisory Panel	Recommended approval of proposal
June 30, 2021	Cultural Development Board	Recommended approval of proposal & funding

ATTACHMENT(S):

- 1. Draft Resolution**
- 2. Excerpt Minutes from the Arts Advisory Panel meeting of June 23, 2021**
- 3. Excerpt Minutes from the Arts Advisory Panel meeting of June 30, 2021**