



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
September 13, 2023**

ITEM TITLE:

Cultural Development Board meeting of July 18, 2023.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

NEW BUSINESS:

a. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES WAIVER REQUEST – THE VILLAGE

Board members were provided with a proposal request from The Village development project to waive the Art in Public Places fee in lieu of commissioning and providing artwork on site. Representatives of The Village addressed the Board, providing an overview of the project and proposed art. Artists Rosario Marquardt and Roberto Behar of R & R Studios spoke about the artwork and presented a PowerPoint presentation with the concept, specifications, and budget.

Mr. Valdes-Fauli made a motion recommending approval of the Art in Public Places fee waiver request for The Village development project in exchange for commissioning and installing artwork by the artist team of R & R Studios. Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

b. ARTS ADVISORY PANEL – MEMBER NOMINATIONS

Board members reviewed the background and CVs of people interested in serving on the Arts Advisory Panel (AAP). Ms. Cathers stated that nine members serve on the Panel with seven members qualifying as arts professionals and recommended to the Commission by the Cultural Development Board. The other two, she said, are City Commission-as-a-whole appointees and have not yet been confirmed. Ms. Cathers informed the Board that current eligible AAP members are interested in re-appointment, with one respectfully declining due to other commitments. The Board discussed new applicants and made the following motion:

Mr. Valdes-Fauli made a motion to recommend the following seven art professionals to the Arts Advisory Panel: Nelson de León, Dr. Jill Deupi, Adler Guerrier, Eugenia Incer, Jacek J. Kolasiński, Marijean Miyar, and Alexandra Michele Perez. Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

c. 2023 ART WEEK & ART BASEL EVENT APPLICATION

Ms. Cathers suggested celebrating the Zilia Sánchez sculpture installation for Art Week, 2023 and submission for the annual Art Basel VIP event. Board members agreed and made the following motion:

Mr. Valdes-Fauli made a motion recommending celebration of Zilia Sánchez' Concepto I for Art Week 2023 and application for the annual Art Basel VIP event. Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

d. BOARD-AS-A-WHOLE NOMINATION

Board members discussed their Board-as-a-Whole position and unanimously expressed interest in re-appointing Ms. Burgos. With no further discussion, the following motion was made:

Mr. Rodriguez made a motion to appoint Geannina Burgos as the Board-as-a-Whole member of the Cultural Development Board. Mr. Corral seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. CORAL GABLES CENTENNIAL – COMMEMORATIVE ARTWORK DISCUSSION

Staff provided updates to the Board on the following Centennial initiatives being led or explored by the department: Centennial Commemorative Public Art project; Centennial Path, digital experience; and proposed Centennial Poet Laurette.

Mr. Valdes-Fauli made a motion urging that Ponce Circle Park be completed in time for the Centennial with infrastructure in place to welcome future sculpture installations. Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

b. FY2023-2024 CULTURAL GRANT APPLICATIONS - ALLOCATION

Board members were advised that a small dollar amount remained for the FY2023-2024 Cultural Grant allocation that was not equally divisible by the number of recommended applications. Following a brief discussion, the following motion was made:

Mr. Rodriguez made recommending the remaining non-divisible funds be allocated to the highest scoring applicant. Mr. Corral seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES:

a. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES PROJECT UPDATES

Board members received the most recent Arts Advisory Panel meeting minutes and had no comments.

CITY COMMISSION ITEMS:

Board members were advised of upcoming Commission items related to the Board.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

There were no further discussion items.

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:

Ms. Cathers reported receiving a Florida Department of State grant for an exhibition in 2023-2024. She stated that the award would be on the August Commission meeting agenda.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the Cultural Development Board meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.