

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-187

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMOUNT OF \$2,500.00 AS A CONTRIBUTION, TO THE FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY (FIU) WRITERS CONFERENCE 2012, IN FURTHERANCE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES' CO-SPONSORSHIP IN CONNECTION WITH SAID EVENT AND ITS COLLABORATIVE EFFORT IN SUPPORTING A HANDS-ON WORKSHOP DISCUSSION SESSION DESIGNED TO ASSIST WRITERS AT ALL STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT; SAID EVENT WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 25 THROUGH OCTOBER 27, 2012.

WHEREAS, the FIU Writers Conference 2012 (scheduled for October 25-27, 2012) has been an internationally sponsored event taking place last year outside of the United States in Grand Cayman Island; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-678(26) of the Coral Gables Code, university provided consulting educational services, or cooperative activities are exempted from the Procurement Code; and

WHEREAS, said event has attracted the interest of many high profile literary writers and publishing companies and editors alike; and

WHEREAS, this year's event will feature such notables like Ann Hood, Non-Fiction ("Comfort"); Scott Spencer, Fiction ("Endless Love"); Steven Raichien, Food & Fiction Writing ("Island Apart, The Barbeque Bible); Lynne Barrett, Fiction & Revision ("Magpies"); Debra Dean, Novel ("The Madonnas of Leningrad"); John Dufresne, Fiction ("Requiem, Mass."); Denise Duhamel, Poetry ("Ka-Ching!"); Ellen Sussman, The Book Concept ("Dirty Words, French Lessons"); Les Standiford, Screenwriting & Structure ("Bringing Adam Home") and Julie Wade, Memoir ("Small Fires"); and

WHEREAS, the year's event will also include a collaborative discussion with the City Representative from the City Clerk's Office and its PALMM (Publication of Archival Library Museum Materials) partners, namely F.I.U.'s Green Library along with a representative from the Geographical Information System Center as it pertains to the three digital projects that have been unveiled by the City (i.e. namely, the Digital Photo Collection Project covering the decade of the 1940s; the "Talking Book," a collection of people, places and events from 1925 through 1942 and our current three-year Virtual Historic City Project; and

WHEREAS, this year's venue, taking place at the Biltmore Hotel and Resort, also includes the co-sponsorship by the City of Coral Gables and the Biltmore, recognizing the City as a budding literary center for the aforementioned activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon the adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. The City Commission does hereby authorize a \$2,500.00 contribution to Florida International University (FIU) Writers Conference 2012, in furtherance of the City's Collaborative effort of supporting a hands-on workshop session designed to assist writers at all stages of development to be held at the Biltmore Hotel & Resort on October 25-27, 2012.

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS SIXTEENTH DAY OF OCTOBER, A.D., 2012.

(Moved: Kerdyk / Seconded: Anderson)

(Yeas: Kerdyk, Quesada, Anderson, Cabrera, Cason)

(Unanimous: Vote)

(Agenda Item: C-3)

APPROVED:



JIM CASON
MAYOR

ATTEST:



WALTER J. FOEMAN
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



CRAIG E. LEEN
CITY ATTORNEY