

# City of Coral Gables

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## Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, January 15, 2025**

**9:00 AM**

**<https://zoom.us/j/86540364720>**

**Sister Cities Conference Room - Coral Gables Museum**

### **Arts Advisory Panel**

*Chairperson Jill Johnson Deupi*  
*Vice Chairperson Jacek Kolasinski*  
*Board Member Nelson de Leon*  
*Board Member Adler Guerrier*  
*Board Member Maggie Hernandez*  
*Board Member Eugenia Incer*  
*Board Member Marijean Miyar*  
*Board Member Alexandra Perez*

The Arts Advisory Panel will hold its regular meeting commencing at 9:00 a.m. Panel Members and City Staff will be physically present. All interested persons may attend in person or be heard via the Zoom platform used by the City for live remote comments.

Members of the public may join the meeting via Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/86540364720>.

A dedicated phone line will be available so that any individual who does not wish (or is unable) to use Zoom may listen to and participate in the meeting by dialing: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 865 4036 4720.

To speak on an Agenda Item, please "Raise your Hand" or send a message to one of the meeting hosts using the Zoom Platform. If you joined the meeting via telephone, you can "Raise your Hand" by pressing \*9.

## CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m.

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** 6 - Vice Chairperson Kolasinski, Chairperson Johnson Deupi, Board Member de Leon, Board Member Guerrier, Board Member Maggie Hernandez, Board Member Incer and Board Member Miyar  
**Excused:** 1 - Board Member Perez

## A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

[24-8179](#)

Arts Advisory Panel Meeting of October 2, 2024.

**Attachments:** [AAP Meeting October 2, 2024 DRAFT CC](#)

A motion was made by Ms. Miyar and seconded by Ms. Hernandez to approve the meeting minutes of October 2, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

**Yeas:** 6 - Vice Chairperson Kolasinski, Chairperson Johnson Deupi, Board Member de Leon, Board Member Guerrier, Board Member Incer and Board Member Miyar  
**Excused:** 1 - Board Member Perez

## B. NEW BUSINESS

B.-1. [24-8504](#) AiPP Waiver Request: 4241 Aurora - Jaume Plensa

**Attachments:** [4241 Aurora - Jaume Plensa-Coral Gables Presentation - 241201](#)  
[4241 Aurora - Coral Gables City Application Art - 250110](#)

Panel members were advised of the 4241 Aurora Ave. development project's request for a waiver of paying the Art in Public Places (AiPP) fee in lieu of purchasing and installing public art on the project site to be deeded to the city. Materials were provided about the proposed artist and artwork.

Members of the 4241 Aurora Ave. development team addressed the Panel, along with the artist's studio representative, and presented information about proposed artist Juame Plensa, and the proposed artwork "Minna." Details were provided about the material, dimensions, siting, maintenance, and cost. The development team advised the Panel that the site plan had been developed in response to staff and community input.

The proposed artwork was enthusiastically embraced with members requesting clarification on whether the piece is unique or part of an edition. Carlos Duran, representing the artist's studio, stated that the work is currently a unique piece; however, it is undecided whether further castings will be made. If so, he said, there would be no more than five in the series. Mr. Duran noted that the work is the last in the artist's portrait series.

Members discussed the material, maintenance, and discussed concerns about the proposed location. It was mentioned that the public would benefit from experiencing how the form changes while walking around the sculpture. All agreed that paving around the piece would accomplish this and keep irrigation and landscaping maintenance from adversely affecting the artwork.

Members also noted the importance of placing the artwork away from any tree canopy to retain the vibrancy of the piece and avoid falling plant debris.

The developer's representative responded that paving around the piece is possible and that the location of canopy trees would be addressed through the city's landscape team.

With no further discussion, the following motion was made.

A motion was made by Ms. Hernandez and seconded by Ms. Incer to recommend approval of the waiver request by 4241 Aurora Ave. as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Yeas:** 6 - Vice Chairperson Kolasinski, Chairperson Johnson Deupi, Board Member de Leon, Board Member Guerrier, Board Member Incer and Board Member Miyar

**Excused:** 1 - Board Member Perez

**C. OLD BUSINESS**

**D. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES**

Panelists were advised of Art in Public Places updates.

[22-5077](#)

AiPP Active Project Lists

**Attachments:** [AiPP Projects Municipal & Private November 2024](#)

**E. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS**

Staff reported on Art in Public Places recent Commission approvals and upcoming items.

**F. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Mr. Guerrier reported on the joint meeting of the Cultural Development and Economic Development Boards.

**G. ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY**

Staff advised the Panel of the new City Manager appointment and were provided with centennial commemorative pins.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

**Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday, February 5, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.**

**NOTE**