

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES  
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
AND ARTS ADVISORY PANEL MEETING  
Wednesday, January 26, 2011, 8:00 a.m.  
Economic Sustainability Department  
Conference Room**

MEMBERS	F	M	A	M	J	J	A#	S	O*	N**	N-	D	J~	J	COMMISSIONERS
José R. Garrigó	P	P	P	P	E	-	P	P	P	P	-	P	E	Mayor Donald D. Slesnick II	
Bobbi Litt	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	Vice Mayor William Kerdyk, Jr.	
Dr. Bernice Matalon-Roth	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	Commissioner Maria Anderson	
Dr. Carol Damian	P	P	P	P	P	-	E	P	P	P	-	P	P	Commissioner Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.	
Beatriz Pereira	P	P	E	P	P	-	P	E	P	E+	P	-	E	P	Commissioner Wayne "Chip" Withers
Andrea Cole	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	-	E	P	Board Appointee	
Ginger Jochem	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	City Manager	

**A = Absent**  
**P = Present**  
**E = Excused**  
**- = No Meeting**  
**+= Arrived at 4 p.m.**

\* Regular Meeting + FY2009-2010 Final Reports

# Regular Meeting + FY2010-2011 Grants Workshop

\*\* Regular Meeting + FY2010-2011 Cultural Grant Applications

Review & Scoring

- Special Grant Allocation & Recommendation follow-up Meeting

~ Special Art Proposal Meeting

**Board Meeting Guests:** Arts Advisory Panel Members: Brian Dursum, Peter Boswell, Freda Tschumy, Marijean Miyar, and Carlos Mindreau; Alberto Perez, John Angée, and Marshall Bellin, Ponce Catalonia project; Rick Katz, Miami Jazz Cooperative; Laura Bruney, Arts and Business Council of Greater Miami.

**Staff In Attendance:**

Cindy Birdsill, Economic Sustainability Director

Catherine Cathers, Arts & Culture Specialist

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**Motion Summary:**

**Meeting Attendance:** A motion was passed to excuse the absence of Joe Garrigó.

**A motion to accept the recommendation of the Arts Advisory Panel to accept John Angée as a qualified artist for the Ponce Catalonia development project was unanimously approved.**

**A motion to support Wednesday Jazz in the Gables as presented was unanimously approved.**

**A motion to accept the Greater Miami Youth Symphony's (cultural grant program) change request was unanimously approved.**

**A motion to accept Dance Now!'s (cultural grant program) change request was unanimously approved.**

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Dr. Matalon-Roth called the Board meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

**I. Meeting Attendance:**

**Ms. Jochem made a motion to excuse meeting attendance of Mr. Garrigó, Ms. Pereira seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**II. Review/Approval of November 19 & 29, 2010 and January 5, 2011 Board Meetings and Cultural Grants Review Meeting minutes:**

**Dr. Damian made a motion to approve the November 19 & 29, 2010 and January 5, 2011 Board Meetings and Cultural Grants Review Meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Jochem seconded the motion, which passed.**

**III. Art in Public Places – Developer proposal, Ponce Catalonia LLC:**

Staff provided an overview of a new development project at Ponce de Leon Boulevard and Catalonia and advised the Board that the developers have chosen the Art in Public Places option to commission artwork as part of the development project.

Alberto Perez presented drawings of the proposed building and stated that the City's Board of Architects has approved the building and approved the Mediterranean Bonus. Mr. Perez introduced the proposed artist, John Angée, who presented the Board with a review of his background, experience, and education. The artist presented the Board with a packet illustrating previous projects, including an illustration of the proposed sculpture in relation to the building. Mr. Angée also brought a maquette of the proposed sculpture.

Mr. Angée gave an outline of the materials, concept, and maintenance requirements for the proposed piece, slated for installation at the main entrance to the building and on Catalonia.

**Mr. Boswell made a motion to accept John Angée as an approved artist for Ponce Catalonia development project. Mr. Dursum seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The recommendation was forwarded to the Cultural Development Board.

**Ms. Cole made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Arts Advisory Panel of John Angée as an approved artist for the Ponce Catalonia development project. Dr. Matalon-Roth seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The proposed artwork concept was thoroughly discussed by members of the Arts Advisory Panel. While the piece itself and the design of the building were well received by the Arts Advisory Panel, the Panel agreed that the concept and piece are inappropriate for the site due to its relationship to the proposed public space, as there is not enough space around the location for the piece for appropriate public interaction and viewing. At Mr. Perez' request, the Panel provided other options to consider and explore, expressing that the work should be scaled appropriately for the site.

**IV. Art in Public Places – Donation proposal, sculpture by artist Maria Cristina Carlini:**

The Board was presented with a donation proposal of a Corten steel sculpture by Italian artist, Maria Cristina Carlini. The artist requested placing the sculpture on the plaza of the Coral Gables Museum.

The Arts Advisory Panel thoroughly discussed the proposal and addressed several points regarding the material, safety, and proposed location. The Panel agreed that though it was a nice piece visually, the nature of Corten steel in the South Florida environment would make it difficult to maintain. The Panel further discussed safety concerns regarding rough edges on the piece and the appropriateness to the site.

**Mr. Boswell made a motion recommending that the Coral Gables Museum is not an appropriate location for this work and that due to form and material concerns, a written maintenance evaluation prepared by a conservator should be presented for further consideration of this proposal. Ms. Miyar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

The recommendation was forwarded to the Cultural Development Board, which did not take action at this time.

**V. Wednesday Jazz in the Gables – City partnership proposal with BID and the Miami Jazz Cooperative:**

Ms. Birdsill advised the Board of a new initiative by the City to present a lunch-time Jazz music series on Wednesdays starting in mid-February and running through the end of April. The program is in partnership with the Business Improvement District, Miami Jazz Cooperative, and the Coral Gables Museum. Restaurants are also being asked to participate by providing box lunches for sale during the performance.

Rick Katz then presented an overview of the Miami Jazz Cooperative, a newly forming non-profit organization, and stated the organization's desire to open a performance and education space in Coral Gables dedicated to Jazz music.

**Ms. Cole made a motion to support Wednesday Jazz in the Gables and recommend waiver of any City fees, Ms. Litt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**VI. Arts & Business Council:**

**a) FY2009/2010 partnership program report**

Laura Bruney distributed a written report and reviewed the programs supported through the Arts & Business Council's partnership with the City in FY2009/2010.

**b) FY2010/2011 partnership program proposal**

Ms. Bruney discussed programs for the FY2010/2011 partnership program with the City. The Board unanimously agreed to support the following programs in FY2010/2011:

1. National Arts Marketing Project – workshop series with scholarships offered to Cultural grantees
2. Paper Chase: Annual Filing Requirements for Non-Profit Arts Groups – resource tool
3. Arts & Business Forum / Topic: Legal Issues in the Arts
4. Arts & Business Forum / Topic: Breakfast with the Coral Gables Business Improvement District
5. Roundtable - Marketing Tools to Cut Costs and Increase Audiences in Coral Gables
6. Roundtable - Cyber Show & Tell: Tools to Help You Work More Effectively

**IV. Grantee Programs & Events:**

**a) Greater Miami Youth Symphony – request for change of program:**

The Board received a written request from the Greater Miami Youth Symphony to change the number of performances to three, with the following performance dates: October 10, 2010 at the Coral Gables Museum; February 12, 2011 at the Coral Gables Library; and March 12, 2011 at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden.

**Ms. Cole made a motion to accept the Greater Miami Youth Symphony change request as presented. Ms. Litt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**b) Dance Now! – request for change of program:**

The Board reviewed a written request from Dance Now! to change the number of performances from two to one on April 17, 2011 at the Coco Plum/Dade Heritage Days.

**Ms. Pereira made a motion to accept Dance Now!'s change request as presented. Ms. Litt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 23, 2011, 8:00 a.m. Economic Sustainability Department**

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Respectfully submitted,  
Catherine Cathers  
City of Coral Gables Arts & Culture Specialist and Secretary to the Board