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**CITY OF CORAL GABLES
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, July 7, 2020, 8:15 a.m.
Historical Resources & Cultural Arts Department
Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

MEMBERS	A	S	O	N +	D +	J	J +	F	M	A	M	J	J	APPOINTED BY:
	19	19	19	19	19	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	19	
Leslie Pantin	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	-	P	P	Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli
Dr. Fernando Alvarez- Perez	E	E	P	E	P	P	E	P	E	-	-	P	P	Vice-Mayor Vince Lago
Betty Horwitz	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	-	-	P	P	Commissioner Pat Keon
Frank Martinez	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	E	E	-	-	P	P	Commissioner Michael Mena
Geannina Burgos*												P	P	Commissioner Jorge Fors
Dr. Bernice Roth Chair	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	-	-	P	P	City Manager Peter Iglesias
Dr. Rosa Maria Mayorga	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	-	P	P	Board Appointee

LEGEND: A = Absent; P = Present; E = Excused; * = New Member; ^= Resigned Member;
- = No Meeting + = Special Meeting

STAFF:

Kara Kautz, Historical Resources & Cultural Arts Interim Director
Catherine Cathers, Arts and Culture Specialist, Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Dept.

RECORDING AND PREPARATION OF MINUTES: Catherine Cathers, Arts and Culture Specialist,
Historical Resources and Cultural Arts

Dr. Roth called the Cultural Development Board meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. AIPP WAIVER REQUEST, THE PLAZA – MICHELE OKA DONER

The Board received proposal materials in advance for a request to commission artwork by Michele Oka Doner for placement within The Plaza development project in partial fulfillment of the Art in Public Places requirement.

Mr. Carlos Beckmann introduced himself as a representative of The Plaza and thanked the Board for allowing him to present the proposal. He shared a PowerPoint detailing the development project and the artwork designed by Ms. Oka Doner. Mr. Beckmann described the artwork as a monumental bronze bench

and table with textures inspired by Florida fauna, circling a specimen Oak tree. The artist, he said, is also designing copper lanterns and the paving area to compliment and draw visitors to the art.

Staff informed the Board that the Arts Advisory Panel reviewed the proposal in depth and made a motion recommending the Cultural Development Board to approve the artwork as presented and recommend in favor of the waiver request in partial fulfillment of the Art in Public Places requirement.

The Board raised concerns about the surface of the artwork and whether the material would be too hot to sit on at certain times of the day. It was noted that the location provides a great deal of shade from buildings and from the large specimen oak tree. The Board discussed the benefit of having temperature control testing done and asked that this be made a condition of approval.

The Board continued with a brief discussion and made the following motion:

Dr. Alvarez-Perez made a motion recommending approval of the Art in Public Places waiver request by The Plaza development project to incorporate artwork by artist Michele Oka Doner into The Plaza plans as presented on the condition of positive environmental testing results that ensure safe physical interaction with the surface of the artwork and as recommended by the Arts Advisory Panel. Mr. Pantin seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine J. Cathers
Arts & Culture Specialist