



**City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
September 28, 2022**

**ITEM TITLE:**

Cultural Development Board meeting of August 4, 2022.

**SUMMARY OF MEETING:**

OLD BUSINESS:

a. 2022 ART BASEL – ARTIST RECOMMENDATIONS

Prior to the meeting, Board members were provided with proposals by artists Janine Antoni and George Sanchez-Calderon for a public art exhibition and application to Art Basel related to Miami Art Week and for a three-month exhibition.

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**Mr. Valdes-Fauli made a motion to not recommend either Janine Antoni or George Sanchez-Calderon’s proposals as presented. Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion, which passed with the following vote: 5/yes, 1/nay.**

**Mr. Rodriguez made a motion to not accept the recommendation of the Arts Advisory Panel to acquire both artworks by Janine Antoni. Mr. Valdes-Fauli seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Board members discussed the possibility of celebrating recent work installed by private developers, such as the newly installed Tony Cragg piece at The Plaza. After a brief discussion, the following motion was made:

**Mr. Martinez made a motion recommending celebration of the recently installed Tony Cragg artwork as this year’s Art Basel project. Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

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CULTURAL GRANT UPDATES / REVIEW OF 2022-2023 PROCESS:

a. CULTURAL GRANT REVIEW & SCORING PROCESS – DISCUSSION

Dr. Roth gave a brief report of her discussion with Commissioner Menendez regarding participation of schools in the grant process. She referenced the lack of advertising that schools submit to the general public. A recommendation, Dr. Roth said, may be to require posting of (grant funded) events on social media platforms beyond (an organization’s site), such as using Eventbrite or other platforms that reaches a broader audience. Mr. Rodriguez encouraged Board members to speak directly to their appointing official. He said he did not feel the need to recommend expanding the requirements. Ms. Cathers stated that the Commission asked staff to respond to the (current guidelines) regarding schools and the library submission. She noted that Commission Menendez was o.k. with clarifying what “school programs” means. She also responded to the advertising recommendation and agreed that it is key (for organizations) to have far-reaching outreach. She continued, saying Laura Bruney with the Arts and Business Council suggested requiring posting programs on the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau (GMCVB) cultural calendar, which covers programs throughout the area. She agreed that Eventbrite is also a great tool.

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b. CULTURAL GRANTEE UPDATES

Dr. Roth asked Board members to report on cultural events they've attended. Dr. Roth said she attended the Community Arts Program at the Congregational Church and asked if other organizations have been experiencing a decrease in overall attendance.

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c. CHANGE REQUESTS

There were no change requests.

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES:

Staff reported that the Tony Cragg sculpture was recently installed at The Plaza.

Ms. Cathers mentioned considering placing the Julio Larraz sculpture of the watermelon where the Jean Ward sculpture currently is and moving the Jean Ward piece under a tree in another part of the park. She said she is waiting to speak with the fabricator about the paint finish of the sculpture and how it would wear if it was in the full sun.

CITY COMMISSION ITEMS:

The Board was informed that the next City Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 24.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

There were no further discussion items.

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:

There were no further items from the Secretary.

ATTACHMENT(S):1. Cultural Development Board meeting minutes of August 4, 2022.