

City of Coral Gables CITY COMMISSION MEETING February 23, 2021

ITEM TITLE:

Arts Advisory Panel Meeting of September 23, 2020.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

NEW BUSINESS:

a. TEMPORARY EXHIBITION PROPOSAL – WILLIAM BARBOSA

Panel members were provided with proposal materials for a temporary exhibition of a sculpture by William Barbosa.

Mr. deLeón made a motion recommending approval of a temporary exhibition of the sculpture Untitled by William Barbosa. Mr. Mato seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. AIPP WAIVER REQUEST, VILLA VALENCIA – THOMAS HOUSEAGO

The Panel received revised proposal materials and related maintenance information from the Villa Valencia development project for a waiver request of the Art in Public Places (AiPP) fee for commissioned artwork by artist Thomas Houseago. Ms. Cathers introduced Joanna Davila as representing Villa Valencia and art consultant Katia Rosenthal. Ms. Davila proceeded with a presentation, highlighting proposal revisions made in response to previous comments from the Panel.

Ms. Miyar made a motion recommending approval of the waiver request to incorporate artwork as presented by artist Thomas Houseago into the Villa Valencia development project, with a requirement that the development team submit the specific alloy and treatment of the artwork along with the pedestal height and design. Mr. Mato seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

b. AIPP WAIVER REQUEST, JAGUAR LAND ROVER – FABIO VIALE

The Panel received an updated proposal from the developers of Jaguar Land Rover. Representatives of the developer were on the call and stated that the developer is seeking a waiver of the Art in Public Places fee by commissioning artwork to place on the development site. Mario Garcia-Serra made the presentation as the zoning attorney for the project. He referenced the previous presentation made to the Panel and introduced Art Murphy along with Jorge Hernandez, architect for the project.

Ms. Miyar made a motion requesting the developer to present another option, or options, that address the Panel's comments. Mr. Guerrier seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES:

The Panel briefly discussed the RFQ for Parking Garage 7 and requested to extend the call. Staff will follow through and schedule a separate meeting to review submitted qualifications.

CITY COMMISSION ITEMS:

There were no City Commission items.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES SIGNAGE

Board members continued their discussion about the overall signage for the public art collection. Staff shared signage designs and asked for feedback from the panel regarding the design itself and if they favor consistency between City owned pieces and developer initiated or owned artwork. Ms. Miyar expressed interest in expanding access to information about the artworks. Dr. Deupi favored consistency and a request for proposals that include ADA design elements. Mr. Guerrier agreed and added that a second language and braille should be included. Ms. Cathers reported that she had a conversation with the City's accessibility coordinator, Raquel Elejabarrieta, who was excited that the Panel is dedicated to this issue. Ms. Elejabarrieta shared that braille may not be necessary, but an additional language would be great. She added that a third language would be a challenge to select (from the many that are used in this area). Mr. Guerrier also asked that accession information be included.

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:

Ms. Cathers followed up on the Panel's discussion regarding the development of a DEAI statement. City staff recommended incorporating this during the Cultural Arts Master Plan process and that it would need Commission approval.

ATTACHMENT(S):1. Arts Advisory Panel Meeting of September 23, 2020.