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**CITY OF CORAL GABLES
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, April 6, 2021, 8:30 a.m.
Historical Resources & Cultural Arts Department
Hybrid Meeting in City Commission Chambers & Virtual via Zoom**

MEMBERS	M	J	J	A	S	S	N	D	J	F	M	A	APPOINTED BY:
	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	21	21	21	21	
Leslie Pantin	-	P	P	P	P	P	-	-	-	P	P	P	Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli
Dr. Fernando Alvarez- Perez	-	P	P	P	A	P	-	-	-	P	P	E	Vice-Mayor Vince Lago
Betty Horwitz	-	P	P	P	P	P	-	-	-	V	V	P	Commissioner Pat Keon
Frank Martinez	-	P	P	P	P	E	-	-	-	P	P	P	Commissioner Michael Mena
Geannina Burgos*		P	P	P	P	P	-	-	-	P	E	E	Commissioner Jorge Fors
Dr. Bernice Roth Chair	-	P	P	P	P	P	-	-	-	V	P	P	City Manager Peter Iglesias
Dr. Rosa Maria Mayorga	-	P	P	P	E	P	-	-	-	V	V	V	Board Appointee

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

STAFF:

Warren Adams, Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Director
Kara Kautz, Assistant Historic Preservation Officer
Catherine Cathers, Arts and Culture Specialist

MEETING RECORD / MINUTES PREPARATION: Catherine Cathers, Arts and Culture Specialist,
Historical Resources and Cultural Arts

Dr. Roth called the Cultural Development Board meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

CULTURAL GRANTS:

b. GRANTEE PROGRAM UPDATES

Mr. Pantin initiated a conversation about requesting additional funding for the City's cultural grantees. The Board discussed the amazing work being done by arts organizations during this difficult year and wondered if it would be possible for the City to grant COVID relief funds to Coral Gables based (arts) organizations to help them catch up from economic shortfalls. Staff responded that arts organizations gained access to

COVID relief funds through Miami-Dade County and that the economic development department administered small businesses grants to those eligible.

Ms. Cathers gave a status of proposed FY2022 cultural grant funding, stating that the allocation is the same as last year when it was frozen due to revenue loss because of the pandemic. She went on to say that the Board has historically made recommendations to the Commission regarding cultural grant funding.

The Board continued discussion, noting that organizations are suffering economically and that the recent presentations to the Board have shown how active and productive the different groups have been (despite the situation). Overall, they agreed that the Commission should know; and Dr. Roth asked if a proclamation could honor their work during the pandemic.

Discussion continued and it was agreed to request a three percent (3%) increase for FY2022 cultural grant funding; the following motion was made:

A motion was made by Mr. Pantin recommending an increase of 3% for FY2022 Cultural Grant funding. Ms. Horwitz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine J. Cathers
Arts & Culture Specialist