

CITY OF CORAL GABLES
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, April 15, 2024, 9:15 a.m.
Historical Resources & Cultural Arts Department
Hybrid Meeting & Virtual via Zoom

MEMBERS	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	APPOINTED BY:	
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Leslie Pantin Chairperson	P	-	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	Mayor Vince Lago
Frank Rodriguez	P	-	P	P	P	-	E	P	A	P	A	P	P	P	P	Vice-Mayor Rhonda Anderson
Ray Corral	P	-	P	P	P	-	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Melissa Castro
Maria Alicia Asrani*					E	-	E	A	P	A	A	P	^	^		Commissioner Ariel Fernandez
Amanda Requena*													P	P		Commissioner Ariel Fernandez
Jose Valdes- Fauli Vice Chair	P	-	E	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P		Commissioner Kirk R. Menendez
Geannina Burgos	P	-	P	P	E	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		Board Appointee
Eric Fliss*							P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P		City Manager Amos Rojas Jr.

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

STAFF:

Anna Pernas, Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Director
 Catherine Cathers, Arts and Culture Specialist
 Yvelisse Bonilla, Administrative Assistant

MEETING RECORD / MINUTES PREPARATION: Yvelisse Bonilla, Administrative Assistant and
 Catherine Cathers, Historical Resources and Cultural Arts

A. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Valdes-Fauli called the Cultural Development Board (CDB) meeting to order at 9:23 AM.

B. ROLL CALL

Board members in attendance: Ms. Burgos, Mr. Corral, Mr. Fliss, Ms. Requena, Mr. Rodriguez, and Mr. Valdes-Fauli. Mr. Pantin was excused due to being out of town.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Fliss, seconded by Ms. Burgos, to approve the meeting minutes for March 19, 2024, which passed unanimously.

D. NEW BUSINESS

D.-1. CORAL GABLES CENTENNIAL – COMMEMORATIVE ARTWORK PROPOSAL REVIEW, ROUND 2

Staff reviewed the goals of the project and project description with board members. Board members reviewed each artist's revised proposal prior to the meeting. Artists Yanira Collado, Morel Doucet, and Tavares Strachan's representative presented their proposals in person and via Zoom.

Ms. Collado appeared via Zoom. Mr. Valdes-Fauli expressed concern about the proposal being a different piece rather than a revision to the original proposal. After a brief discussion, the following motion was made, and the presentation continued.

A motion was made by Mr. Rodriguez, and seconded by Ms. Burgos, to allow Ms. Collado's revised proposal. The motion passed (Yeas: 5, Nays: 1)

Morel Doucet appeared in person and a representative from Tavares Strachan's studio provided overviews of their revised proposals. Board members commented and asked questions of artists after each presentation.

Members of the public were invited to speak. Gay Bondurant, Merrick House Docent Coordinator and Coral Gables resident; Joanne Meagher, Merrick House Advisory Board Chair; and Mr. Carl Leon Prime, president of the Lola B. Walker H.O.A, appeared in person and commented on the importance of the project overall.

Following public comment, Board members discussed and were advised of the Arts Advisory Panel recommendation to invite Morel Doucet, encouraging him to work with the community, and continue refining his proposal to one concept.

A motion was made by Ms. Burgos, and seconded by Mr. Fliss, to recommend Morel Doucet to continue working with the community on final revisions before returning to the Board with a recommendation request for the City Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

E. OLD BUSINESS

E.-1. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES ZONING CODE – AMENDMENT

Board members reviewed the most recent updates to the Art in Public Places Zoning Code Amendment prior to submitting to the Planning and Zoning Board and second reading by the City Commission. With no additional comments, the following motion was made:

A motion was made by Mr. Fliss, and seconded by Mr. Valdes-Fauli, to accept the proposed revisions to the Art in Public Places Zoning Code Amendment. The motion passed unanimously.

F. CULTURAL GRANTS

F.1.- CULTURAL GRANT UPDATES & CHANGE REQUESTS 2023-2024

Staff reported receiving a significant change request from the Cultural Grant applicant “What if Works”, requesting the program be changed from a live performance to a virtual experience to be included in an exhibition at the Coral Gables Museum.

A motion was made by Mr. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Fliss, to allow the Cultural Grant change requested by “What if Works” as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Board members were reminded by upcoming programs presented by Cultural Grantee organizations.

G. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES:

G.-1. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES

A list of active Art in Public Places projects was reviewed by the Board. Staff provided the following updates:

- *Eternal Vigilance* Police & Fire Memorial – Completion scheduled this month.
- *The Water Below Us* – activated through mid-May, 2024.
- *Dear Human* – Trolley Tour scheduled on April 20, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. with city staff and Lowe Art Museum staff. Staff stated that participants can start the tour at either 427 Biltmore Way or at the University of Miami, Lowe Art Museum.

H. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS:

H.-1. Board members asked about item E.-4. on the upcoming City Commission agenda that approves placing the Regency Parc development required Art in Public Places fee into escrow. Board members expressed their opposition to the item, stating that it does not follow the established AiPP procedure and ties up funds that would otherwise be available for municipal public art projects. Board members expressed further concern about not receiving notification about the item.

A motion was made by Ms. Burgos, and seconded by Ms. Requeno, to not allow developers (permit applicants) to bypass the AiPP procedure and to pay the fee as specified in the code. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Rodriguez, and seconded by Mr. Fliss, nominating Ms. Burgos to speak to the City Commission on this item on behalf of the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

There were no further discussion items.

J. ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the Cultural Development Board meeting adjourned at 11:01 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine J. Cathers
Arts & Culture Specialist