

City of Coral Gables

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Agenda

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

9:30 AM

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88687811677>

Sister Cities Conference Room - Coral Gables Museum

Cultural Development Board

Chairperson Jose Valdes-Fauli
Vice Chairperson Frank Rodriguez
Board Member Eric Fliss
Board Member Armando Hassun
Board Member Leslie Pantin
Board Member Barbara Perez
Board Member Amanda Requena

CALL TO ORDER**ROLL CALL****A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

- A.-1. [25-9763](#) Cultural Development Board Meeting of September 16, 2025.

Attachments: [CDB Minutes September 16, 2025 Draft](#)

B. NEW BUSINESS**C. OLD BUSINESS**

- C.-1. [25-9261](#) Public Art Acquisition Proposal: Agustin Cardenas

Attachments: [Agustin Cardenas Proposal - REVISED](#)
[0 City of Coral Gables- Agustin Cardenas 8-22-2025 APPRAISAL](#)
[AAP MeetingMinutes 06 August 2025 DRAFT w watermark](#)
[RLA_CCG_Cardenas Conservation Consultation Report_Oct2025](#)
[AC proposed locations](#)

Legislative History

6/17/25 Cultural Development Board approved
Board members were provided with a memo from Mayor Lago to the Commission regarding the possible acquisition of a sculpture by the artist Agustin Cardenas. They were advised that a motion was made and passed at the City Commission meeting to pursue the proposal. The Cultural Development Board discussed and agreed that it should go through the approval process and be sent to the Arts Advisory Panel. They further agreed that it should be appraised, following the practice established for existing artworks. With no further discussion, a motion was made to have the piece appraised and go to the Arts Advisory Panel for a recommendation.

9/3/25 Arts Advisory Panel approved
Panel members received the appraisal report for artwork under consideration by artist Agustin Cardenas, along with the proposal that was previously discussed. Staff asked direction from the Panel for locations to consider should the artwork be acquired. Members expressed concerns about the sculpture being placed outdoors based on its material and high-polish finish. Following additional conversation about artwork acquisitions in general and their placement, the following motion was made.

9/16/25

Cultural Development Board approved

The public art acquisition proposal for artwork by Agustin Cardenas was brought back to the Board following a review and recommendation by the Arts Advisory Panel, which recommended not to acquire the artwork as presented based on the proposed price being higher than the appraised value and the artwork lacking an identified, suitable, publicly accessible location. The Board was advised that since the Panel's meeting, a lower cost was presented to the City in line with the appraisal. Staff presented possible locations, focusing on areas where the work would have overhead protection from the elements.

Board members discussed the material and requested additional information about proposed outdoor placement of the artwork. It was agreed that more information was needed regarding locations and maintenance expectations. With no further discussion, the following motion was made.

D. CULTURAL GRANT UPDATES**E. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES**[25-8544](#)

AiPP Active Project Lists

Attachments:[AiPP Projects Municipal & Private 2025](#)[PPT Intervals Artists & Update FINAL v1](#)**F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS****G. DISCUSSION ITEMS****H. ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY**[25-9955](#)

CDB & AAP FY25 Annual Report

Attachments:[24-25 CDB AAP Annual Report - Signed](#)**ADJOURNMENT**

NOTE

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Any person, or persons, wishing to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, will require a verbatim record of the proceeding upon which the appeal is based. Interested persons should, therefore, take the necessary steps to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which contains the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

Any person making impertinent or slanderous remarks or who become boisterous while addressing the Commission, shall be barred from further audience before the Commission by the Chair, unless permission to continue or again address the Commission is granted by the majority vote of the Commission Members present. Clapping, applauding, heckling or verbal outbursts or any remarks in support or opposition to a speaker shall be prohibited. Signs or placards shall not be permitted in Commission Chambers.

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