

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES**  
**CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, August 20, 2024, 9:15 a.m.**  
**Historical Resources & Cultural Arts Department**  
**Hybrid Meeting & Virtual via Zoom**

MEMBERS	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	APPOINTED BY:
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Leslie Pantin Chairperson	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	E	Mayor Vince Lago
Frank Rodriguez	E	P	A	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	Vice-Mayor Rhonda Anderson
Ray Corral	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Melissa Castro
Maria Alicia Asrani*	E	A	P	A	A	P	^	^	^	^	^	^	Commissioner Ariel Fernandez
Amanda Requena*						*	P	P	P	P	E	P	Commissioner Ariel Fernandez
Jose Valdes-Fauli Vice Chair	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Kirk R. Menendez
Geannina Burgos	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	A	P	P	Board Appointee
Eric Fliss*	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	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 9:25 AM.

**B. ROLL CALL**

The Board members in attendance: Mr. Valdes-Fauli, Ms. Burgos Mr. Corral, Mr. Fliss, and Ms. Requena.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

**A motion was made by Mr. Fliss, seconded by Ms. Burgos, to approve the meeting minutes for July 16, 2024, which passed unanimously.**

**D. NEW BUSINESS**

D.-1. CORAL GABLES GARDEN CLUB – XAVIER CORTADA, PUBLIC ART PROPOSAL  
Prior to the item, Mr. Corral excused himself due to a conflict of interest and left the room. Members of the Coral Gables Garden Club addressed the Board with a request to donate commissioned artwork by artist Xavier Cortada in celebration of the Garden Club’s centennial. Following a brief overview by Teresa Zohn, Mr. Cortada presented his proposal. Board members were advised of the Arts Advisory Panel’s recommendation to approve the request.

**A motion was made by Ms. Burgos, seconded by Mr. Fliss, to recommend acceptance of a donation proposal presented by the Coral Gables Garden Club of public artwork by Artist Xavier Cortada, with a preference for installation of the final work at the Coral Gables Branch Library. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

D.-2. 2024 ART BASEL EVENT APPLICATION

Staff provided an overview of the city’s annual Art Week and Art Basel Miami Beach event program application. Staff recommended honoring Janine Antoni this year and the current commissioned artwork, which is scheduled for completion by December. Staff discussed honoring Ms. Antoni through a debut film screening about another recently completed and related work. Board members discussed and made the following motion.

**A motion was made Ms. Burgos, seconded by Mr. Fliss, to recommend Janine Antoni for the 2024 annual Art Basel event application. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote**

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

E.-1. CORAL GABLES CENTENNIAL – COMMEMORATIVE ARTWORK PROPOSAL

Board members reviewed the draft Resolution Title: A Resolution accepting a proposal from artist Morel Doucet and approving the fabrication and installation of the sculpture “Secrets That The Wind Carries Away”, (unanimously recommended by the Arts Advisory Panel, approval/denial vote: 7 to 0, and the Cultural Development Board approval/denial vote: 6 to 0); authorizing the City Manager or his or her designee to negotiate an agreement with the artist; authorizing an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 amended budget to recognize as revenue a transfer from the Art in Public Places reserve, and appropriating such funds to put toward the cost of design, fabrication, installation, and related expenses regarding the artwork.

Mr. Doucet appeared before the Board and presented recent updates to his proposed design that were in response to Arts Advisory Panel and community comments. After a brief discussion, the following motion was made.

**A motion was made by Ms. Burgos, seconded by Mr. Fliss, to accept the recommendation of the Arts Advisory Panel to approve Morel Doucet’s “Secrets That the Wind Carries Away” proposal concept, which passed unanimously.**

## **F. CULTURAL GRANT UPDATES**

### **F.-1 CULTURAL GRANT UPDATES**

Board members were advised of a change of venue for cultural grantee Les Ailes du Desir and were encouraged to attend their performance at the Trail Theater on September 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **G. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES**

### **G.-1. AIPP ACTIVE PROJECT LISTS**

Staff provided an updated list of current projects and gave the following updates:

- Julio Larraz sculpture – artwork is pending application of the patina. Staff received permission to place the artwork at Aragon Ave and Merrick Way.
- Jean Ward sculpture collection – Staff is continuing to work on an agreement and long-term loan for pieces to be placed within The Underline.
- Michael Kalish artwork - Sunrise Senior Living development is under construction and fabrication of the artwork is progressing.
- Dear Human – AR experience is in iOS (Apple) test mode.

## **H. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS**

There were no further discussion items.

## **I. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **I.-1. AIPP CENTENNIAL SCORE**

Staff discussed commissioning a musical score for the Coral Gables Centennial digital/virtual path.

### **I.-2. STRATEGIC PLAN – CULTURAL ARTS FOCUS AREA**

Board members were reminded of the City Commission’s direction to meet collaboratively with the Economic Development Board (EDB), who requested meeting at 8:30 a.m. during a regularly scheduled meeting. Board members agreed to meet on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. and discussed including it as a discussion item at the next meeting.

### **I.-3. PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 2024 AS “NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH” IN CORAL GABLES**

Board members were advised that October is National Arts and Humanities Month. The Board

agreed that a proclamation would be appropriate to honor the month. Staff stated that it would be requested for the October 8 City Commission meeting.

Board members discussed nominating a member to speak on behalf of the Board at the upcoming City Commission.

**A motion was made by Ms. Requena, seconded by Mr. Fliss , to nominate Ms. Burgos to speak on behalf of the Board at the City Commission regarding items discussed and recommended, which passed unanimously.**

**J. ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY**

There were no further discussion items.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the Cultural Development Board meeting adjourned at 10:46 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine J. Cathers  
Arts & Culture Specialist