



**CITY OF CORAL GABLES  
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, May 16, 9:00 a.m.  
Historical Resources & Cultural Arts Department  
Hybrid Meeting & Virtual via Zoom**

*Historical Resources &  
Cultural Arts*

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MEMBERS	J J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	APPOINTED BY:
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Leslie Pantin	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	-	P	Mayor Vince Lago
Frank Martinez	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	E	-	^	Vice-Mayor Michael Mena
Frank Rodriguez	P	P	P	E	P	P	-	P	P	-	P	Commissioner Rhonda Anderson
Ray Corral	P	P	P	P	E	P	-	E	P	-	P	Commissioner Jorge L. Fors Jr.
Jose Valdes- Fauli	E	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	-	A	Commissioner Kirk R. Menendez
Dr. Bernice Roth Chair	P	P	E	P	P	P	-	P	E	-	P	City Manager Peter Iglesias
Geannina Burgos	E	E	E	E	P	P	-	P	P	-	P	Board Appointee

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

**STAFF:**

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 (CDB) meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Ms. Burgos attended via Zoom.

Dr. Roth commented on the positive Coral Gables Magazine article featuring the city's Art in Public Places program.

Board members were advised that Mr. Martinez has resigned from the Board due to schedule conflicts.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FEBRUARY 21, 2023:

**Mr. Pantin made a motion to approve the minutes of February 21, 2023. Ms. Burgos seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES MARCH 8, 2023:

**Mr. Pantin made a motion to approve the minutes of March 8, 2023. Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

There was no April meeting.

NEW BUSINESS – CULTURAL GRANTS:

a. CULTURAL GRANT UPDATES & CHANGE REQUESTS

Board members were advised of updates and change requests from the Lowe Art Museum; the Dave and Mary Alper JCC; Coral Gables Congregational Church, Community Arts Program; Friends of the Miami-Dade Public Library; and The Opera Atelier. Requests addressed updates to performers and date changes due to venue conflicts.

Ms. Cathers commented on the consistent communication from grantees regarding un-foreseen changes. After a brief discussion, the following motion was made:

**Mr. Rodriguez made a motion accepting updates from the Lowe Art Museum and approving the requested changes for the Dave and Mary Alper JCC; Coral Gables Congregational Church, Community Arts Program; Friends of the Miami-Dade Public Library; and the Opera Atelier. Ms. Burgos seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

b. CULTURAL GRANT REVIEW PROCESS

Ms. Cathers provided an overview of the on-line Cultural Grant review and scoring process, reviewing how to access the portal and enter evaluations. Dr. Roth remarked on the benefits of using the matrix provided by staff to ensure consistent and fair scoring.

Ms. Cathers noted an increase in new applicants, with a total of forty-four applying. She stated that one application is being disqualified for not having the required budget forms and another for not being registered with the Florida Division of Corporations. It was noted that all applicants had the opportunity to respond to requested technical corrections.

NEW BUSINESS – ART IN PUBLIC PLACES:

a. UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI CAMPUS ART MASTER PLAN – PRESENTATION

Board members received the University of Miami Public Sculpture Program 2022 report and updated Campus Art Master Plan in response to the requirement for exemption from Art in Public

Places fees. Alicia Corral, UM Director of Development Regulations attended in person; and Dr. Jill Deupi, Director of the Lowe Art Museum was present via Zoom. They introduced themselves and provided an overview of the report including new artwork installations, de-installations, conservation and maintenance updates.

In addition to the thirty artworks on view, Dr. Deupi mentioned advancements to access the collection through the Geo Museum App, U-Sketch, and an on-line photo essay. She mentioned the benefits of the U-Sketch project, which was initially designed during Covid, to encourage students to get outside and experience health benefits through art interactions.

Board members requested a tour of the collection and agreed that it may be best to wait until cooler weather in the Fall.

With no further discussion, the following motion was made:

**Mr. Pantin made a motion recommending approval of the University of Miami Campus Art Master Plan report as presented. Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Dr. Deupi and Ms. Corral thanked the Board and left the meeting.

**b. PUBLIC ART INSTALLATION – LEONORA CARRINGTON**

Board members received a proposal from The Plaza property owner requesting exhibition of the sculpture “Rey del Tequila” by surrealist artist Leonora Carrington. Background of the artist was provided along with a detailed description of the artwork, which was purchased through the Beckmann Foundation. It was noted that the deceased artist is a highly regarded surrealist artist who lived most of her adult life in Mexico.

**Mr. Rodriguez made a motion recommending approval to exhibit the sculpture “Rey del Tequila” by artist Leonora Carrington at The Plaza. Mr. Pantin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES:

a. ARTS ADVISORY PANEL MEETING MINUTES

Board members received Arts Advisory Panel meeting minutes for March 1 and April 5, 2023.

b. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES PROJECT UPDATES

The Board was provided with updates about the following projects:

- The Plaza: Jean-Michel Othoniel artwork is installed and testing of the water feature continues; KAWS sculpture fabrication is in progress.
- Villa Valencia: Thomas Houseago sculpture is installed.
- 427 Biltmore Way: Zilia Sanchez installation is waiting for foundation work.
- Police and Fire Headquarters: a new installation schedule is being proposed by the artist team.

- Jaguar Land Rover: waiting response from the developer.
- Julio Larraz: Ms. Cathers stated that she visited the foundry and observed the piece in progress and is recommending installation at Aragon and Merrick Way.
- Centennial Projects: Staff is currently pursuing three projects including a work honoring the Bahamian community; a virtual/digital Centennial path; and a physical/digital artwork.
- Frank Stella: waiting to receive a proposal from the artist's gallery.
- Jose Bedia: proposal has been received and staff is pursuing an appraisal prior to bringing it to the Board.
- Ponce Circle Park: Board members discussed the site as an ideal location for prominent artwork.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

CITY COMMISSION ITEMS:

There were no Commission items.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

There were no further discussion items.

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:

Ms. Cathers reminded Board members to complete the process provided by the City Clerk's office for continued interest in serving on the Board.

Board members were advised of the resignation of Warren Adams.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the joint Cultural Development Board and Arts Advisory Panel meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine J. Cathers  
Arts & Culture Specialist