

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD RECOMMENDING AGAINST ACCEPTING A DONATION OF THE ARTWORK “QUARK” BY JOHN HENRY FROM THE KIRK LANDON FOUNDATION. (UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED BY THE ARTS ADVISORY PANEL APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 4 TO 0, AND THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 6 TO 0).

WHEREAS, the Kirk Landon Foundation, through the Coral Gables Community Foundation, approached the City of Coral Gables with a proposed donation of the sculpture “Quark” by American artist John Henry; and

WHEREAS, “Quark” is a monumental steel sculpture, painted blue, standing 70 (seventy) feet tall and weighing approximately 20 (twenty) tons, currently installed in Loch Haven Park, Orlando, FL through the Orlando Museum of Art; and

WHEREAS, John Henry is an American artist who is known internationally for his large-scale, metal artworks of intersecting planes and beams; and

WHEREAS, the initial proposal to donate the artwork was presented to the Arts Advisory Panel, who had questions regarding the provenance, condition, and related expenses required to accept the piece; and

WHEREAS, Staff reached out to the Orlando Museum of Art and received detailed information used to request bids for relocating and restoring the artwork; and

WHEREAS, On August 28, 2019 the Arts Advisory Panel reviewed and discussed the related costs and feasibility of accepting the donation, voting unanimously (4-0) to recommend not accepting the donation at their meeting on August 28, 2019; and

WHEREAS, On September 17, 2019 the Cultural Development Board received the recommendation of the Arts Advisory Panel and discussed, voting unanimously (6-0) to recommend not accepting the donation at their meeting on September 17, 2019.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing “Whereas” clauses are here hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon the adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. The Cultural Development Board recommends against accepting the donation of the sculpture “Quark” by John Henry.

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF OCTOBER A.D.,
2019

DONA M. SPAIN
SECRETARY TO THE BOARD