

CITY OF CORAL GABLES
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, October 15, 2024, 9:30 a.m.
Historical Resources & Cultural Arts Department
Hybrid Meeting & Virtual via Zoom

MEMBERS	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	APPOINTED BY:
	23	23	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	
Leslie Pantin Chairperson	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	E	P	P	Mayor Vince Lago
Frank Rodriguez	A	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	Vice-Mayor Rhonda Anderson
Ray Corral	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	Commissioner Melissa Castro
Amanda Requena*				*	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	Commissioner Ariel Fernandez
Jose Valdes-Fauli Vice Chair	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Kirk R. Menendez
Geannina Burgos	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	A	P	P	P	P	Board Appointee
Eric Fliss	P	P	E	P	P	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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Pantin called the Cultural Development Board (CDB) meeting to order at 9:46 AM.

ROLL CALL

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

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mr. Valdes-Fauli, seconded by Ms. Burgos, to approve the minutes for the September 17, 2024, meeting. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. NEW BUSINESS

B.-1. AIPP TEMPORARY ARTWORK REQUEST – THE PLAZA

Isabel Garcia, with Bradesco Bank, and Jose Antonio Perez, representing The Plaza, joined the meeting via Zoom to request painting a mural by Brazilian artist Eduardo Kobra on an exterior wall to the left of the Loews Hotel entrance. The proposed artwork was presented and features musicians Frank Sinatra and Tom Jobim.

Board members clarified with the sponsors that the mural is expected to remain installed for 4-5 years. With no further discussion, the following motion was made.

A motion was made by Mr. Valdes-Fauli, seconded by Ms. Burgos, to accept the recommendation of the Arts Advisory Panel to recommend approval of a mural by Eduardo Kobra as presented, subject to requested revisions, which were included as part of the presentation. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

B.-2. JEAN WARD SCULPTURES – LOAN & RESTORATION COLOR

Rina Gitlin, with The Underline, joined the meeting via Zoom and addressed the Board to review The Underline's request to enter into a long-term loan agreement of five Jean Ward sculptures from the city's public art collection for installation within The Underline at the Rock Ridge Plaza. Board members were advised that three of the five need restoration and two of the five have been restored and are in storage at the city's facilities department.

The proposed location is close to the University of Miami's Stanford Drive entrance, underscoring the connection of the artist to the University. Three of the tall, abstract figurative pieces are proposed for grouping and two of the three in a separate grouping, as if in conversation. Ms. Gitlin shared the request of The Underline to have the three tall artworks painted black and the two shorter works in a cerulean blue. Staff shared The Arts Advisory Panel's recommendation to paint all five pieces black, in keeping with the artist's original intent, which The Underline agreed to.

Board members were advised of the Arts Advisory Panel's further recommendation to pursue a loan agreement through the City Attorney's Office. Staff expressed their recommendation for the city to restore the artworks and include a condition that the artworks remain in the City of Coral Gables.

With no further discussion, the following motion was made.

A motion was made by Mr. Valdes-Fauli, seconded by Mr. Fliss, to recommend approval of entering into a loan agreement with The Underline for the installation of five Jean Ward sculptures as presented and to accept

the recommendation of the Arts Advisory Panel to return the sculptures to their original color, black. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

B.-3. DISCUSSION RE. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Board members discussed the City Commission Resolution directing city staff to explore additional notice options with the Arts Advisory Panel and Cultural Development Board when the City is acquiring and installing new works of art utilizing the City's art fund. (Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)

Board members were advised of the Arts Advisory Panel's discussion and recommendation to test placing a QR code at the site linking to a webpage with more information. Members agreed to recommend this approach.

C. OLD BUSINESS - None

D. CULTURAL GRANT UPDATES- None

E. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES- None

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS- None

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS- None

H. ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY- None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the Cultural Development Board meeting adjourned at 10:21 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine J. Cathers
Arts & Culture Specialist