

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES  
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING  
Monday, November 29, 2010, 8:00 a.m.  
Economic Sustainability Department  
Conference Room**

MEMBERS	D	J	J*	J--	F	M	A	M	J	J	A#	S	O*	N**	N-	COMMISSIONERS
José R. Garrigó	-	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	E	-	P	P	P	P	P	Mayor Donald D. Slesnick II
Bobbi Litt	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	Vice Mayor William Kerdyk, Jr.
Dr. Bernice Matalon-Roth	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Maria Anderson
Dr. Carol Damian	-	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	E	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
Beatriz Pereira	-	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	-	P	E	P	E+	P	Commissioner Wayne "Chip" Withers
Andrea Cole	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	Board Appointee
Ginger Jochem	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	City Manager

**A = Absent**

**P = Present**

**E = Excused**

**- = No Meeting**

**> = New Member**

**+ = Arrived at 4 p.m.**

\* Regular Meeting + FY2009-2010 Final Reports

# Regular Meeting + FY2010-2011 Grants Workshop

\*\* Regular Meeting + FY2010-2011 Cultural Grant Applications  
Review & Scoring

\* - Special Donation Board Meeting

-- Special Grant Form review Meeting

- Special Grant Allocation & Recommendation follow-up Meeting

**Staff In Attendance:**

Cindy Birdsill, Economic Sustainability Director

Catherine Cathers, Arts & Culture Specialist

**Motion Summary:**

**The Board unanimously recommended that the City Commission apply the grant funds declined by Brazz Dance Theater to the Florida Grand Opera, which inadvertently had not received a recommended award at the prior Board meeting.**

**A motion was passed to approve the Cultural Development Board annual report with edits from Dr. Matalon-Roth as presented.**

Dr. Matalon-Roth called the Board meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

**I. FY 2009-2010 Cultural Grants Allocation Recommendations:**

Chair Dr. Matalon-Roth expressed her appreciation to all the Board Members for their hard work and time spent reading and reviewing this year's grant applications.

Ms. Cathers informed the Board that Brazz Dance Theater graciously declined the \$500 award recommendation, stating that the award does not provide sufficient financial support to make the proposal feasible. Ms. Birdsill advised the Board that the Florida Grand Opera was not included in the final presentation of funding allocations and that in keeping with similar Board's allocation recommendations, they would have received a recommended amount of \$500.

**Ms. Cole made a motion to apply the grant funds recommended for, but declined by Brazz Dance Theater (\$500) to a recommendation to grant such funds to the Florida Grand Opera. Ms. Jochem seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Discussion followed about how best to address funding allocations in the future. Board Members noted that they might want to establish a minimum award in the future, as it is possible that an organization would find that the cost of grant application and administration might exceed an award of \$500.

In addition, the Board discussed whether to consider the location of an organization as one of the criteria for future Cultural Grant recommendations. The Board noted that it was difficult to determine what would be meant by “located” in the Gables, as a majority of the grant recipients had an office outside of the Gables, even though many of them did most of their programming in the Gables. Chair Dr. Matalon-Roth suggested that Board Members contact and discuss this topic with their appointing Commissioners and report back to the Board at the next regular Board meeting in January.

Ms. Cathers reported an overall understanding and gratitude expressed by grant applicants regarding this year’s funding allocation recommendations. The Board was advised that the recommendation will go before City Commission on December 14, 2010.

## **II. FY 2009-2010 Cultural Development Board Annual Report:**

The Board’s reviewed the Annual Report as received via email prior to the Board meeting. Ms. Birdsill thanked the Board for their diligent work on behalf of the City in the past year and commended them for numerous accomplishments. Dr. Matalon-Roth provided staff with some typographical edits.

**Ms. Litt made a motion to approve the FY 2009-2010 Cultural Development Board annual report as presented with the edits suggested by Dr. Matalon-Roth. Mr. Garrigó seconded the motion, which passed. Ms. Cole abstained from voting, as she had not had an opportunity to review the report.**

## **III. Additional Board Business:**

**a) FY 2010/2011 Grant Guidelines and Application** – The Board discussed further grant application items:

- **Master Classes:** The Board agreed not to recommend funding master classes.
- **Performance Seasons falling outside of Coral Gables fiscal year:** Staff clarified for the Board that municipal funds must be allocated and used for programs occurring within the City’s fiscal year. The Board suggested that staff send an email reminding cultural organizations of this when completing the grant application and final report forms.

**b) Children’s Theater** – The Board was updated on attempts to contact Children’s Theater, and it was noted that the next step would be to send a letter since there has been no response to voice mail or email messages.

**c) Cundo Bermudez Sculpture** – Staff reported that the donation proposal of Cundo Bermudez’ sculpture was withdrawn as *Flora la Recogedora del Suenos* has been donated to the City of Miami for placement in Bayfront Park.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 26, 2011, 8:00 a.m. Economic Sustainability Department**

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Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Cathers  
City of Coral Gables Arts & Culture Specialist and Secretary to the Board