



**City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
January 12, 2016**

**ITEM TITLE:**

Cultural Development Board meeting minutes of November 13, 2015.

**SUMMARY OF MEETING:**

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES, PROJECT UPDATES (DISCUSSION):

Ms. Cathers shared with the Board Alice Aycock's schedule while she is in town for Art Basel. She let the Board know that Ms. Aycock's studio is sending large scale renderings of the Coral Gables artworks and that these renderings will be mounted on boards and displayed at the Coral Gables Museum December 3 and 4. Ms. Cathers commended the partnership with the Museum and added that they are generously announcing the display in their December marketing materials.

FY2014-15 FINAL REPORT FOLLOW-UP (DISCUSSION):

Dr. Roth asked Mr. Litwer to present Area Stage's revised Community grant F2014-15 final report. Mr. Litwer gave a brief overview of the report and recommended a score of 4, which was unanimously accepted by the Board.

FY2015-16 GRANT APPLICATIONS & REVIEW PROCESS (DISCUSSION):

Dr. Roth encouraged Board Members to attend as many grantee events as possible. Mr. Perez asked that a cultural calendar be put together for the Board.

ADDITIONAL BOARD BUSINESS (DISCUSSION):

The Board discussed upcoming Board meetings. Mr. Litwer stated that traditionally, the Board has not met in December. Ms. Spain stated that items may arise which need Board action during this time. The Board agreed that if necessary, they could meet December 14, 15, or 16.

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:

Board Members received packets from the Boards and Committees workshop and were encouraged to attend future workshops.

**A motion was called by Ms. Burgos to close this portion of the meeting and was seconded by Mr. Litwer. The motion was unanimously approved.**

This portion of the meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

CULTURAL GRANT APPLICATIONS REVIEW AND SCORING:

The FY2015-16 Cultural Grant applications review and scoring meeting commenced at 2:15 p.m.

Dr. Roth welcomed guests to the meeting. Board Members and City staff introduced themselves, followed by the introduction of audience members and their affiliated cultural organization. Board Members thoroughly discussed each application and scores were submitted to Mr. Urquia to calculate an average score of the Board.

Ms. Burgos made a motion to move Miami Bach Society's application from the Cultural Development category to Cultural Series, Festivals, & Special Events. Mr. Litwer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Dr. Mayorga made a motion to move UM - School of Architecture's application from the Cultural Development category. Mr. Litwer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Ms. Burgos made a motion to move UM - School of Architecture's application to the Community category. Mr. Perez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Litwer made a motion that if funds are received by Beaux Arts of the Lowe Art Museum, they are to be used toward the Beaux Arts Festival of Art student art exhibition only, and not toward the Festival as a whole. Mr. Perez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Litwer made a motion that if funds are received by Coral Gables Congregational Community Church, prior to receipt of funds, the organization is to provide a legal opinion letter stating why they are not able to comply with the Cultural Development Board's requirement to provide an IRS affirmation letter dated within the past 2 years. Mr. Perez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Board noted Miami Classical Guitar Society's disqualification due to no filing of the required FY2014-15 Final Report.

Mr. Litwer made a motion to disqualify South Florida Friends of Classical Music based on the incomplete status of the application. Dr. Mayorga seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Litwer made a motion to accept the allocations and scoring made by the Board. Mr. Perez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The results were as follows:

	ORGANIZATION	RECOMMENDED ALLOCATION
<b>CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT</b>		
1	Actors' Playhouse	\$7,150
2	Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden	\$6,725
3	Coral Gables Cinemateque, Inc.	\$6,650
4	GableStage	\$6,475
5	Montgomery Botanical Center	\$6,050
6	Area Performance Gallery, Inc.	\$6,025
<b>CULTURAL SERIES, FESTIVALS, &amp; SPECIAL EVENTS</b>		
7	Coral Gables Congregational Church / Community Arts Program	\$7,000

8	Seraphic Fire	\$6,900
9	UM - Festival Miami	\$6,800
10	Center for the Advancement of Jewish Education / MJFF	\$3,350
11	Chopin Foundation	\$6,675
12	Tigertail	\$1,500
13	Miami Bach Society, Inc.	\$6,550
14	Friends of Miami-Dade Public Library	\$6,525
15	Friends of Chamber Music	\$6,500
16	Community Television Fndtn. of South FL / WPBT2	\$6,500
17	Miami Jazz Cooperative	\$6,400
18	Florida Grand Opera	\$6,300
19	Miami Dade College Foundation / MIFF	\$6,300
20	Murray Dranoff Foundation Inc., The	\$6,200
21	Hispanic American Lyric Theatre	\$6,000
22	Merrick Festival Inc.	\$4,450
23	Peter London Global Dance Company	\$5,900
24	St. Patrick's Day Committee	\$0
25	GMCC / Greater Miami Symphonic Band	\$0
26	Florida Guitar Foundation	\$0
27	Beaux Arts of the Lowe Art Museum	\$0
28	Miami Classical Guitar Society	\$0
<b>COMMUNITY</b>		
29	Fantasy Theatre Factory, Inc.	\$3,245
30	Area Performance Gallery, Inc.	\$3,030
31	Orchestra Miami	\$1,800
32	UM - School of Architecture	\$3,000
33	Florida Opera Prima	\$0
34	South Florida Lindy Collective Corp.	\$0
35	South Florida Friends of Classical Music	\$0
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>

ATTACHMENT(S):1. Minutes of Cultural Development Board Meeting of November 13, 2015.