



**City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
January 25, 2022**

**ITEM TITLE:**

Cultural Development Board meeting of December 14, 2021.

**SUMMARY OF MEETING:**

NEW BUSINESS:

a. 427 BILTMORE WAY – ART IN PUBLIC PLACES

The Board was reminded that the Commission made a motion to combine the Art in Public Places fees from the Minorca Garage, Fink Building, 427 Biltmore Way, and the Fire Station 4 projects. It was further stated that the intent is to use the combined fees toward artwork at 427 Biltmore Way.

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**Mr. Jose Valdes-Fauli made a motion recommending an independent appraisal of the artwork “Concepto 1” by Zilia Sanchez prior to making a further recommendation regarding the artwork. Mr. Pantin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

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ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES:

The Board was updated on the status of the artwork at the Public Safety Building. Ms. Cathers reported that the artist has submitted initial design drawings and that the artist and fabricator will be meeting with the City’s project manager, Police, and Fire Chiefs. She said the project is on time with anticipated completion by this summer.

Ms. Cathers stated that the Coral Carpet at Balboa Plaza needed a particular terrazzo type, and with shipping delays, the project overall is slightly delayed.

The Board was informed that the City Manager’s office has asked for the David Hayes sculpture at City Hall be placed in storage.

The Board was also advised that signage for the public art collection is moving forward.

CULTURAL GRANT UPDATES:

At the previous Board meeting, the Board discussed the City’s policy that if a final report is late, the applicant organization is ineligible for the next two grant cycles. At that meeting, the Board asked if a representative from the Chopin Foundation would like to speak to the Board on their own behalf. Barbara Muze, the organization’s administrator, appeared before the Board and thanked them for the opportunity to speak.

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**Mr. Pantin made a motion to waive the late Final Report penalty for the Chopin Foundation and re-instate eligibility for this year’s grant funding. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

CITY COMMISSION ITEMS:

a. INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL EVENTS INITIATIVE

Staff provided a presentation for informational purposes regarding the recent presentation by the

Economic Development department to the City Commission of the International Cultural Events Initiative. The Board fully supported the initiative and made the following motion.

**Mr. Pantin made a motion endorsing the International Cultural Events Initiative.  
Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Dr. Roth and Ms. Burgos noted that they attended the Art Basel VIP event on Giralda Plaza celebrating Kiki Smith's artwork and congratulated Ms. Cathers on the lovely presentation of the event.

Ms. Burgos reported that she also attended the event at the Coral Gables Museum, which was wonderful.

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:

There were no further updates from the Secretary.

ATTACHMENT(S):1. Cultural Development Board meeting minutes of December 14, 2021.