

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-89

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO COMMENCE NEGOTIATIONS WITH CORAL GABLES CINEMATEQUE, INC. FOR MANAGEMENT OF AN ART CINEMA IN THE MUSEUM GARAGE; FURTHER DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO BRING BACK A DRAFT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR COMMISSION CONSIDERATION AND REVIEW.

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2005 an RFP was issued requesting proposals from nonprofit arts groups for the long-term management of the 4,220 sq. ft. cultural space (260 Aragon Avenue) in the City's Museum Parking Garage as an art cinema; and

WHEREAS, a response to the RFP was received from Coral Gables Cinemateque, Inc., which proposal, including the request that the City provide the space as a "vanilla shell," was recommended to the City Commission by the Cultural Development Board; and

WHEREAS, this City Commission at its meeting of April 18, 2006, under Resolution No. 2006-65, accepted the recommendation of the Cultural Development Board and authorized the City Manager to enter into preliminary negotiations with the nonprofit Coral Gables Cinemateque, Inc., regarding use of the space as an Art Cinema, to operate the theater and provide year-round programming; and

WHEREAS, the funding to deliver the space to Coral Gables Cinemateque as a "vanilla shell," estimated at \$400,000, will come from a variety of sources, most significantly \$250,000 from the FY2006/2007 CIP fund; and

WHEREAS, technical buildout and equipment will be donated by International Cinema Equipment and MAGNA-TECH, leaders in the cinema equipment industry, in an in-kind amount of \$400,000; and

WHEREAS, the project, initiated by the City of Coral Gables Cultural Development Board to provide a venue that would further energize the City's cultural prominence, has received enthusiastic support from individuals and cultural groups including the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs; George Neary (Vice President of Cultural Tourism at the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau); Sam Grogg (Dean, UM School of Communications); Carol Ann Lafferty (Miami

International Film Festival); Mitch Kaplan (Books & Books); several consulates and foreign cultural offices; and area businesses; and

WHEREAS, the proposed cinema would be an adaptive re-use ideally situated in the heart of downtown Coral Gables;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission hereby authorizes the City Manager to commence negotiations with Coral Gables Cinemateque, Inc. for management of an Art Cinema in the Museum Garage, and to bring back a draft management agreement for Commission consideration.

SECTION 3. That this resolution becomes effective upon the date of its adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF MAY A.D., 2007.

(Moved: Anderson / Seconded: Kerdyk)

(Yeas: Withers, Anderson, Cabrera, Kerdyk, Slesnick)

(Unanimous Consent: 5-0 Vote)

(Agenda Item: G-1)

APPROVED:

DONALD D. SLESNICK II
MAYOR

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CITY CLERK

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