

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES  
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, September 19, 9:00 a.m.  
Historical Resources & Cultural Arts Department  
Hybrid Meeting & Virtual via Zoom**

| <b>MEMBERS</b>                  | <b>O</b>  | <b>N</b>  | <b>D</b>  | <b>J</b>  | <b>F</b>  | <b>M</b>  | <b>A</b>  | <b>M</b>  | <b>J</b>  | <b>J</b>  | <b>A</b>  | <b>S</b>  | <b>APPOINTED BY:</b>             |
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| Leslie Pantin<br>Chair          | P         | P         | P         | -         | P         | P         | -         | P         | P         | P         | -         | P         | Mayor<br>Vince Lago              |
| Frank Rodriguez                 | E         | P         | P         | -         | P         | P         | -         | P         | P         | P         | -         | E         | Vice-Mayor<br>Rhonda Anderson    |
| Ray Corral                      | P         | E         | P         | -         | E         | P         | -         | P         | P         | P         | -         | P         | Commissioner<br>Melissa Castro   |
| Maria Alicia<br>Asrani*         |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | E         | -         | E         | Commissioner<br>Ariel Fernandez  |
| Jose Valdes-Fauli<br>Vice Chair | P         | P         | P         | -         | P         | P         | -         | A         | P         | P         | -         | P         | Commissioner<br>Kirk R. Menendez |
| Geannina Burgos                 | E         | P         | P         | -         | P         | P         | -         | P         | P         | E         | -         | P         | Board Appointee                  |
| Eric Fliss*                     |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | P         | City Manager<br>Peter Iglesias   |

**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

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Pantin called the Cultural Development Board (CDB) meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Staff advised the Board that Mr. Rodriguez and Ms. Asrani respectfully requested to be excused.

**Mr. Valdes-Fauli made a motion to approve the absence of Mr. Rodriguez and Ms. Asrani. Mr. Fliss seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Mr. Valdes-Fauli made a motion to approve the minutes of July 18, 2023.**

**Mr. Fliss seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**D. NEW BUSINESS**

**D.-1. CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR NOMINATIONS**

Ms. Cathers respectfully requested board members to nominate and vote for the Board's Chair and Vice-Chair.

**Mr. Valdes-Fauli made a motion to appoint Mr. Pantin as Chair of the Cultural Development Board. Mr. Fliss seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**Mr. Fliss made a motion to appoint Mr. Valdes-Fauli as Vice-Chair for the Cultural Development Board. Mr. Corral seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**D.-2. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES WAIVER REQUEST: ALTA – GT2P**

Alta Developers appeared via Zoom and approached the Board with a request to waive the required Art in Public Places Fee in lieu of commissioning and installing public artwork by the artist team of gt2P at 4101 Salzedo Street. Guillermo Parada, artist with gt2P, joined the meeting via Zoom from Chile and spoke about the proposed artworks.

Board members reviewed two artwork proposals from the development team. One was titled "Reconstructed Natures: Coral Mural" and was presented as a wall piece proposed for placement over the main entry to the project. The other work titled "Reconstructed Natures: Supple Tree Sculpture," was presented as a stand-alone sculpture of 19 ½ feet for proposed installation in a plaza area.

Alta representatives stated that Ignition Arts will be the fabricator and the engineer handling the project will be Craft.

Board members were provided with the recommendation and comments of the Arts Advisory Panel and discussed in detail the concerns of the Panel regarding materials, maintenance, lighting, and appropriateness of the site. Board members shared the concerns of the Panel and asked that further information be provided (to staff) regarding these items and that any approval be conditional based on a satisfactory funding mechanism for ongoing maintenance.

With no further discussion, the following motion was made:

**Ms. Burgos made a motion recommending approval of the waiver request from Alta Developers to commission and install artwork by gt2P at 4101 Salzedo Street as presented. Mr. Corral seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**E. PERSONAL APPEARANCES**

**E.-1. THE UNDERLINE: UPDATE**

The personal appearance of Meg Daly to present The Underline update was deferred to the next meeting.

**F. OLD BUSINESS**

**F.-1. CORAL GABLES CENTENNIAL – COMMEMORATIVE ARTWORK DISCUSSION**

Staff provided updates to the Board on the Centennial Commemorative Public Art project and advised Board members of the City Commission’s approved Resolution to fund the proposal process and the artwork.

**F.-2. PONCE CIRCLE PARK – BOARD RESOLUTION**

Staff respectfully requested the Board to appoint a member to speak on behalf of the Board at the City Commission meeting of Tuesday, October 24, 2023 to present the Cultural Development Board’s Resolution recommending the City Commission to commit to completing Ponce Circle park renovation in time for the city’s centennial; further recommending the renovation to include infrastructure to support installation of future artworks in the park (unanimously recommend by this Board approval/denial vote: 7 to 0.)

**Ms. Burgos made a motion nominating Chair Pantin to speak on behalf of the Board at the City Commission meeting, with Ms. Burgos as a back-up, to present the Board’s Resolution to complete the Ponce Circle Park renovation in time for the City’s centennial and include infrastructure for future artworks. Mr. Fliss seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**G. CULTURAL GRANTS**

**G.-1. CULTURAL GRANT UPDATES & CHANGE REQUESTS**

Board members were updated on the status of certain Cultural Grant applicant programs and requests.

The Board was advised of an invitation from the Montgomery Botanical Center to tour the site. Board members were enthusiastic and asked if a tour could be paired with a Board meeting. Ms. Cathers said she will ask the Clerk’s office if this is possible.

Board members were briefed on a change request from “What if Works” that was submitted the day before the meeting and will be addressed at the next meeting.

Board members were informed that the Murray Dranoff Foundation was not able to complete their proposed program that was granted for FY2023-2023. After a brief discussion, the following motion was made.

**Ms. Burgos made a motion to extend the FY23 Murray Dranoff cultural grant into FY24 and remove the organization's application for FY24, further accepting a change in programming. Vice-Chair Fliss seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

## **H. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES:**

### **H.-1. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES**

Board members were provided with Art in Public Places project updates for private development and municipal projects including The Village, the Police and Fire Memorial, and the Zilia Sanchez sculpture.

Board members received the Arts Advisory Panel meeting minutes for 09/9/2023 and had no comments.

## **I. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS**

Staff reported the decision by The Village development project to withdraw their Commission item for an Art in Public Places waiver request.

The Board was advised of City Commissions approvals to:

- Celebrate the Zilia Sanchez sculpture "Concepto I" for Art Week and Art Basel.
- Move forward with the proposal process and funding for the Centennial Commemorative artwork.

## **J. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

There were no further discussion items.

## **K. ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:**

K.-1. Staff stated that per City of Coral Gables Administrative Order, the Board's regularly scheduled November 21 meeting needs to be rescheduled. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made to move the November meeting to Wednesday, November 8.

**Ms. Burgos made a motion changing the Board's November 21, 2023, to November 8, 2023. Vice-Chair Valdes-Fauli seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

K.-2. Ms. Cathers reviewed Board member policies regarding parking, board meetings, and reminded members to attend the mandatory ethics training on September 29.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the Cultural Development Board meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine J. Cathers  
Arts & Culture Specialist