

**EXCERPT**

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES  
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, October 08, 2015, 8:00 a.m.  
Historical Resources & Cultural Arts Department  
2327 Salzedo Street, Coral Gables, Florida 33134**

<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>A</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>COMMISSIONERS</b>
	<b>'14</b>	<b>'14</b>	<b>'14</b>	<b>'15</b>	<b>'15</b>	<b>'15</b>	<b>'15</b>	<b>'15</b>	<b>'15</b>	<b>'15</b>	
Claudio Pastor *	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	P	Mayor Jim Cason
Andrea Cole	P	P	-	P	P	-	P	E	^	^	Vice Mayor Frank Quesada.
Bruce B. Litwer	P	P	-	P	P	-	P	P	E	P	Commissioner Patricia Keon
Samuel Joseph*	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	P	^	Commissioner Vince Lago
Alfonso Perez *	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	P	P	Commissioner Jeannett Slesnick
Dr. Bernice Roth*	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	P	P	City Manager
Dr. Rosa Maria Mayorga	P	P	-	P	E	-	E	P	P	P	Board-As-A-Whole

^Regular Meeting + FY14-15 Grants Scoring Review

LEGEND: A = Absent; P = Present; E = Excused; \* = New Member; ^ = Resigned Member; - = No Meeting  
~ = Prior to appointment

STAFF:

Dona Spain, Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Director, Historical Resources and Cultural Arts  
Catherine Cathers, Arts and Culture Specialist, Historical Resources and Cultural Arts

GUESTS:

Regina Jestrow, Rosa Lowinger & Associates; Sergio Rioux, resident; George Volsky, resident

RECORDING AND PREPARATION OF MINUTES: Catherine Cathers, Arts and Culture Specialist,  
Historical Resources and Cultural Arts

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The Cultural Development Board meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m.

CULTURAL GRANTS, FY2014-15 PROJECT CHANGES (ACTION):

Ms. Cathers reviewed for the Board two requests from FY2014-15 grantees for retro-active approval of changes to the organizations' projects as proposed.

Ms. Cathers stated that the Cuban Classical Ballet sent a letter to the Board asking for an extension to move their FY2014-15 project to FY2015-16. Ms. Cathers read the letter aloud and the Board discussed their request. Dr. Roth asked for the amount of the grant, and Ms. Cathers stated it was \$2,500. Dr. Roth commented that the expectation is for organizations to have space and details confirmed at the time grant funds are requested. Ms. Spain provided details on the process of when projects occur, when funds are requested, and when funds are distributed. The Board discussed reviewing the process for upcoming years. The Board continued discussion and Dr. Roth asked that a Board member attend the Cuban Classical Ballet's proposed date to ensure compliance.

Ms. Cathers noted that the decision may affect eligibility for FY2015-16, to which Dr. Mayorga commented that if a Final Report was not filed, the organization would not be eligible. Mr. Pastor added the Cuban Classical Ballet is a reputable organization and has been presenting for many years; however, he agreed that there be a penalty for not respecting the agreement terms.

Ms. Cathers continued with Miami Momentum Dance Company's request for an extension of one of their projects into FY2015-16. Dr. Mayorga recused herself due to professional conflict of interest. Mr. Pastor stated that in fairness, the same conditions as the previous requestor should be applied. Dr. Roth agreed and asked that the Museum (the location of the proposed event), in addition to the grantee, provide attendance numbers.

**Mr. Litwer made a motion to approve the Cuban Classical Ballet of Miami and Miami Momentum Dance Company's individual requests to use FY2014-15 funds toward October performances subject to the performances taking place prior to October 31, 2015, with an understanding that if a performance does not occur by this date, the extension is revoked and the monies are to be returned to the City of Coral Gables. Mr. Pastor seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Dr. Mayorga returned to the meeting.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dona M. Spain  
Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Director