

EXCERPT

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, June 7, 2016 8:00 a.m.
Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Department
2327 Salzedo Street, 2nd Floor, Coral Gables, Florida 33134**

MEMBERS	J	A	S	O	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	APPOINTED BY:
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Claudio Pastor*				P	P	E	-	P	P	-	P	P	E	Mayor Jim Cason
Geannina A. Burgos*					P	P	-	E	P	-	P	P	P	Vice-Mayor Frank C. Quesada
Alfonso Perez*			P	-	P	P	-	P	P	-	P	P	P	Commissioner Jeannett Slesnick
Bruce B. Litwer	-	E	-	P	E	P	-	P	E	-	P	E	^	Commissioner Pat Keon
Dr. Fernando Alvarez-Perez*							-	P	E	-	P	P	P	Commissioner Vince Lago
Dr. Bernice Roth*			P	-	P	P	-	P	P	-	P	P	P	City Manager Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark
Dr. Rosa Maria Mayorga	-	P	-	P	P	P	-	P	P	-	P	P	P	Board Appointee

LEGEND: A = Absent; P = Present; E = Excused; * = New Member; ^= Resigned Member; - = No Meeting + = Special Meeting

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
Peter Iglesias, Assistant City Manager

GUESTS:

No guests attended

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

Dr. Roth called the Cultural Development Board meeting to order at 8:28 a.m.

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES, PROJECT UPDATES (DISCUSSION & ACTION):

Balboa Plaza

Ms. Cathers stated that Torre Construction, Developer of 444 Valencia Avenue and 2509 Anderson Road, is requesting a waiver of the Art in Public Places fee to commission a work of art to be placed on City property within Balboa Plaza. Based on the Board's recommendation, she stated that the project would proceed to the Public Works department for further review regarding the site and to the Historic Preservation Board for appropriateness. The Board was informed that this project is in response to a previous motion by the Board to accept combining Art in Public Places fees from the two townhouse development projects at 444 Valencia Avenue and 2509 Anderson Road.

Board members were given packets describing the public art proposal by local artists Roberto Behar and Rosario Marquardt of R & R Studios. Ms. Cathers gave an overview of the artists' qualifications and details about the proposed artwork - an oversized oolitic stone sofa framed on either side by two equally large lamps. She added that the proposal includes modifications to the street, making the plaza itself larger, and conceptually addresses the transition between Coral Gables' downtown business district and residential neighborhoods. Board members asked about the lighting; staff confirmed that the sculptural lighting elements will be working lights. In keeping with the concept of the site as an "outdoor room", the Arts Advisory Panel included a recommendation to include on-site access to Wi-Fi.

The Arts Advisory Panel's motion was read aloud. Board members briefly discussed and made the following motion.

Mr. Perez made a motion to recommend approval of the Public Art Proposal by R & R Studios in conjunction with the Art in Public Places requirement for 444 Valencia Avenue and 2509 Anderson Row; and as noted in the motion of the Arts Advisory Panel. Dr. Mayorga seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Spain explained that an agreement will be entered into with the Developer requiring completion of the artwork prior to the townhouse projects receiving their Certificates of Occupancy.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dona M. Spain
Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Director