



**City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
May 24, 2016**

**ITEM TITLE:**

Cultural Development Board meeting minutes of April 5, 2016.

**SUMMARY OF MEETING:**

**ART IN PUBLIC PLACES, PROJECT UPDATES (DISCUSSION):**

Ms. Cathers distributed a packet with current and proposed Art in Public Places projects. She then updated the Board on the status of each project.

**Alice Aycock**

Ms. Cathers advised the Board of the completion date being moved forward. She further stated that Ms. Aycock will be visiting the fabricator and project sites on April 13; after assessing the progress, Ms. Aycock will present a new estimated completion date.

**Miracle Mile and Giralda Avenue Streetscape**

A report was given on the results of the Arts Advisory Panel meeting of February 12<sup>th</sup>. Board members were informed that the Panel asked the artist team of Cao + Perrot to return to the Panel with a new proposal at a major intersection along Miracle Mile for the Miracle Mile Streetscape and that artist Sibylle Pasche was asked to present a fully developed proposal for the Giralda Avenue Streetscape. The next proposal review meeting is scheduled for April 22.

**Jean Ward Sculptures**

The Board was informed that the Jean Ward sculptures at the library and the one in Pittman Park are scheduled for removal on April 28 and April 29. The sculptures will be taken off site for restoration before being re-installed in Young Park.

**Public Art Annual Maintenance**

The Board received a list of artworks being proposed by staff for general maintenance as part of the FY2015-2016 budget, including: Old Shoes, Cartagena Plaza; George Merrick, City Hall; Althea Merrick, Merrick House; Pomegranate, Flowering Tree Park; Jose Marti, Freedom Plaza; Fountain of Youth, Ponce de Leon Park; Juan Ponce de Leon, Ponce de Leon Park.

**Vessel**

The Board discussed the sculpture and was told that a bid for construction of the base is complete with installation of the piece scheduled for this summer at Cartagena Plaza, in-between LeJeune Rd. and Sunset Rd.

**Spinnaker**

Ms. Cathers informed the Board that installation is moving forward for placement of the artwork within a small traffic circle at Red Rd. and Lugo Ave.; the City is assisting with the permitting process.

## FY 2016-17 CULTURAL GRANT UPDATES (DISCUSSION & ACTION)

### **Cultural Grantee Requests, Updates, & Reviews**

#### **1. Coral Gables Congregational Church**

Board members were given a copy of a letter from the Coral Gables Congregational Church in response to the Board's request regarding their FY2015-2016 cultural grant application. The Board was satisfied with the letter and expressed their appreciation for the timely response.

#### **2. Community Television Foundation of South FL – WPBT2**

Board members received a letter of request from the Community Television Foundation of South Florida to modify their proposed programming to one episode of the Curator's Collection and four original segments highlighting the following Coral Gables cultural programs: Lowe Art Museum, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, First Friday Gallery Night, Actors' Playhouse, GableStage.

**Ms. Burgos made a motion to approve the request as presented. Dr. Alvarez-Perez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

#### **3. Cuban Classical Ballet**

Ms. Cathers advised the Board that she received an email the previous evening apologizing that a representative would not be able to attend the meeting due to illness and the director being out of town. The email was read aloud to the Board, including new proposed performance dates. Ms. Cathers noted their previous communication stated performance dates other than the ones currently being proposed.

**Mr. Litwer made a motion to recommend that the City request return of FY2014-2015 cultural grant funds from the Cuban Classical Ballet in the amount of \$2,500. Mr. Perez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

### **FY 2016-17 Cultural Grant Updates**

Dr. Roth reviewed updates put forward by the Board at the previous meeting including: a \$500,000 minimum operating budget for the category of Cultural Development; Community category programs to occur one day, free to the public; and mandatory attendance by all applicant organizations at the annual grant workshop. Dr. Roth asked Board members if anyone had additional comments or recommendations. No additional updates were recommended at this time.

### NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

### DISCUSSION:

Board members received copies of the Arts & Business Council's "Coral Gables Arts 2016 Social Media Tool Kit, introducing the #CoralGablesArts campaign. Ms. Cathers noted that some organizations are not currently using social media and that the Arts & Business Council is planning a workshop to address this issue. In response to the Board's request to further support Coral Gables grantee's success, Ms. Cathers encouraged greater participation in Arts & Business Council workshops and forwarded additional grant opportunities to grantees to encourage diversifying their funding sources.

### BOARD ITEMS / CITY COMMISSION UPDATE / CITY PROJECT UPDATE:

Ms. Cathers asked for permission to forward Board Member's emails to Grantees for inclusion on email notifications. All agreed.

**ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:**

There were no additional items from the secretary.

ATTACHMENT(S):1. Cultural Development Board Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2016.