

City of Coral Gables

405 Biltmore Way
Coral Gables, FL 33134
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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

9:30 AM

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88687811677>

Sister Cities Conference Room - Coral Gables Museum

Cultural Development Board

Chairperson Jose Valdes-Fauli
Vice Chairperson Frank Rodriguez
Board Member Eric Fliss
Board Member Armando Hassun
Board Member Leslie Pantin
Board Member Barbara Perez
Board Member Amanda Requena

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Board Member Pantin, Board Member Fliss, Board Member Requena, Vice Chairperson Rodriguez, Chairperson Valdes-Fauli, Board Member Perez and Board Member Hassun

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A.-1. [25-9763](#) Cultural Development Board Meeting of September 16, 2025.

Attachments: [CDB Minutes September 16, 2025 Draft](#)

A motion was made by Mr. Pantin and seconded by Mr. Fliss to approve the meeting minutes of September 16, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

Yeas: 7 - Board Member Pantin, Board Member Fliss, Board Member Requena, Vice Chairperson Rodriguez, Chairperson Valdes-Fauli, Board Member Perez and Board Member Hassun

B. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

C. OLD BUSINESS

C.-1. [25-9261](#) Public Art Acquisition Proposal: Agustin Cardenas

Attachments: [0 City of Coral Gables- Agustin Cardenas 8-22-2025 APPRAISAL Agustin Cardenas Proposal - REVISED](#)
[AAP MeetingMinutes 06 August 2025 DRAFT w watermark](#)
[RLA CCG Cardenas Conservation Consultation Report Oct2025](#)
[AC proposed locations](#)

Board members were provided with a Conservation Consultation Report from RLA Conservation. Chair Valdes-Fauli gave a brief overview of the proposal to date and staff presented additional information regarding possible locations. Board members overall agreed on the merits of the artwork and focused discussion on locations that would provide the greatest benefit for the community. It was agreed that a location at 427 Biltmore Way was most favored. After discussion, the following motions were made:

The gavel was passed and a motion was made by Chair Valdes-Fauli and seconded by Mr. Hassun to recommend acquisition of artwork by Agustin Cardenas, "Le Couple", 1991. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Hassun and seconded by Ms. Perez to recommend placement of the Agustin Cardenas sculpture at 427 Biltmore Way, with a preference for installation in the building lobby. the motion passed with 6 in favor and Mr. Rodriguez opposing.

A motion was made by Mr. Pantin and seconded by Mr. Hassun, nominating Ms. Perez to speak on behalf of the Board for this item at the City Commission meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Yeas: 7 - Board Member Pantin, Board Member Fliss, Board Member Requena, Vice Chairperson Rodriguez, Chairperson Valdes-Fauli, Board Member Perez and Board Member Hassun

D. CULTURAL GRANT UPDATES

There were no Cultural Grant updates.

E. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES**[25-8544](#) AiPP Active Project Lists**

Attachments: [AiPP Projects Municipal & Private 2025](#)
[PPT Intervals Artists & Update FINAL v1](#)

Art in Public Places updates were provided to the Board, including information about the Frank Stella sculpture plan to locate the artwork in Ponce Circle Park, invitation to the unveiling of Planting Pollinators by Xavier Cortada on December 6, and invitation to the ABMB VIP event for Intervals on December 7.

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

There were no City Commission items.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Chair Valdes-Fauli led a discussion on the status of the Art in Public Places fund and requested an accounting of allocated funds and projects for the next meeting. The Board-as-a-Whole requested staff from finance to attend the next meeting to discuss ways to ensure financial maintenance of the program.

H. ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY

Board members were reminded to contact the Clerks office to complete the Ethics training if they were unable to attend in person.

[25-9955](#)

CDB & AAP FY25 Annual Report

Attachments: [24-25 CDB AAP Annual Report - Signed](#)

Board members received and reviewed the FY25 Annual Report.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

NOTE