City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 16, 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

The Cultural Development Board will hold its regular meeting commencing at 9:30 a.m. Board Members and City Staff will be physically present. All interested persons may be heard via the Zoom platform used by the City for live remote comments.

Members of the public may join the meeting via Zoom at https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88687811677.

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To speak on an Agenda Item, please "Raise your Hand" or send a message to one of the meeting hosts using the Zoom Platform. If you joined the meeting via telephone, you can "Raise your Hand" by pressing *9.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Mr. Pantin left the meeting 9:45 a.m.

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

25-9762 Cultural Development Board Meeting of August 19, 2025.

Attachments: CDB Minutes August 19, 2025 Draft CC

A motion was made by Mr. Fliss and seconded by Mr. Rodriguez to approve the meeting minutes of August 19, 226. The motion passed unanimously.

Yeas: 6 - Board Member Fliss,Board Member Requena,Vice Chairperson Rodriguez,Chairperson Valdes-Fauli,Board Member Perez and Board Member Hassun

Absent: 1 - Board Member Pantin

B. NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-377

25-9764 A Resolution of the City Commission amending the Art in Public Places Program: Funding, Goals, and Implementation Guidelines to align with the updated Art in Public Places Zoning Code (recommended by the Cultural Development Board approval/denial vote: 6 to 0).

Attachments: CC AiPP Guidelines Amend 1
R-Draft-AiPP Guidelines Amend 1
Exhibit A_Guidelines Amend 2025 DRAFT Clean
Guidelines Amend 2025 DRAFT_Redline
R-2025-377 with Exhibit - Signed

Board members discussed the proposed amendment to the Art in Public Places Program: Funding, Goals and Implementation Guidelines. They reviewed edits proposed by staff to update the Guidelines and align it with the recently approved Art in Public Places Zoning Code. Following a brief discussion, the following motion was made.

A motion was made by Mr. Hassun and seconded by Mr. Fliss to approve Amendments to the Art in Public Places Program: Funding, Goals and Implementation as discussed and presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Yeas: 6 - Board Member Fliss,Board Member Requena,Vice Chairperson Rodriguez,Chairperson Valdes-Fauli,Board Member Perez and Board Member Hassun

Absent: 1 - Board Member Pantin

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
AC proposed locations - Following AAP Mtg

The public art acquisition proposal for artwork by Agustin Cardenas was brought back to the Board following a review and recommendation by the Arts Advisory Panel, which recommended not to acquire the artwork as presented based on the proposed price being higher than the appraised value and the artwork lacking an identified, suitable, publicly accessible location. The Board was advised that since the Panel's meeting, a lower cost was presented to the City in line with the appraisal. Staff presented possible locations, focusing on areas where the work would have overhead protection from the elements.

Board members discussed the material and requested additional information about proposed outdoor placement of the artwork. It was agreed that more information was needed regarding locations and maintenance expectations. With no further discussion, the following motion was made.

A motion was made by Mr. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Hassun to defer the item until additional information is available regarding the suitability of proposed locations and maintenance expectations. the motion passed with 5 in favor and 1 opposed.

Yeas: 5 - Board Member Fliss,Board Member Requena,Vice Chairperson Rodriguez,Board Member Perez and Board Member Hassun

Nays: 1 - Chairperson Valdes-Fauli

Absent: 1 - Board Member Pantin

D. CULTURAL GANT UPDATES

Staff reviewed proposed updates recommended by the Board at their previous meeting and recommended a cap on requests for single events of $5,000, along with greater clarification of the CGYAP category, including defining eligibility for both youth participants and youth audiences.

A motion was made by Mr. Fliss and seconded by Ms. Requena to accept updates to the Cultural Grant guidelines and process as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

E. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES

25-8544 AiPP Active Project Lists

Attachments: AiPP Projects_Municipal & Private 2025

Art in Public Places updates were provided to the Board, including information about the Carlos Cruz-Diez crosswalk removal by the FL Department of Transportation.

F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

Board members were advised of items passed at the most recent City Commission meeting and upcoming items.

Passed:
- Art in Public Places Zoning Code amendment on second reading
- Arts Advisory Panel ember appointments
- FL DOS grant acceptance for Morel Doucet exhibition
- the Aurelian development project AiPP waiver request for artwork by Michele Oka Doner

Upcoming Items:
- Art in Public Places Program: Funding, Goals, and Implementation / Amendment

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

At the beginning of the meeting, Deputy City Attorney Stephanie Throckmorton addressed the Board, at their request, and discussed the nuances of updates to the Art in Public Places Code and Guidelines. She also addressed the removal of the Carlos Cruz-Diez crosswalks.

In response to the removal of the Carlos Cruz-Diez painted crosswalks, Mr.Pantin proposed that the city explore options to incorporate a design by Carlos Cruz-Diez onto the Fire Station on US1. Board members agreed it was work looking into. Staff responded that there is one company responsible for all Cruz-Diez installations in the U.S. and they have not been reachable for several months. Mr. Pantin asked the Board to request that staff explore whether the existing design could be used or another one. Due to language in the original contract agreement, Ms. Throckmorton stated that the city would need to enter into a new agreement.With no further discussion, the following motion was made.

A motion was made by Mr. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Hussan to explore options and determine whether the existing Cruz-Diez design may be incorporated into the architectural features of Fire Station 2. The motion passed unanimously.

H. ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 21 at 9:30 a.m.

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