

# City of Coral Gables

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## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

9:15 AM

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

Police and Fire Headquarters, Community Meeting Room

### Cultural Development Board

*Chairperson Leslie Pantin*  
*Vice Chairperson Jose Valdes-Fauli*  
*Board Member Geannina Burgos*  
*Board Member Ray Corral*  
*Board Member Eric Fliss*  
*Board Member Amanda Requena*  
*Board Member Frank Rodriguez*

The Cultural Development Board will hold its regular meeting commencing at 9:15 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>.

A dedicated phone line will be available so that any individual who does not wish (or is unable) to use Zoom may listen to and participate in the meeting by dialing: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 886 8781 1677.

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 9:21 a.m.

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** 6 - Chairperson Pantin, Board Member Burgos, Board Member Corral, Board Member Fliss, Board Member Requena and Board Member Rodriguez

**Excused:** 1 - Vice Chairperson Valdes-Fauli

## A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A.-1. [24-8406](#) Cultural Development Board Meeting of November 19, 2024.

**Attachments:** [CDB Minutes November 19, 2024 Draft CC](#)

A motion was made by Board Member Rodriguez, seconded by Board Member Burgos, to approve the meeting minutes of November 19, 2024. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yeas:** 6 - Chairperson Pantin, Board Member Burgos, Board Member Corral, Board Member Fliss, Board Member Requena and Board Member Rodriguez

**Excused:** 1 - Vice Chairperson Valdes-Fauli

## B. NEW BUSINESS

B.-1. [24-8410](#) Arts & Business Council FY23-24 Report & FY24-25 Proposed Programs

**Attachments:** [01 23-24 ArtsBiz coral gables final report](#)  
[02 23-24 ArtsBiz CG FY 23-24 Social Media Report](#)  
[03 social media toolkit 2024](#)  
[04 24-25 ArtsBiz programs plan and overview](#)

Renee Pesci, Executive Director of the Arts & Business Council of Miami,

reviewed last year's partnership programs and discussed proposed programs supporting 2024-2025 Cultural Grantees.

A motion was made by Mr. Fliss and seconded by Ms. Burgos to approve the Coral Gables Arts & Business Council proposal and continued annual support of \$5,000. The motion passed unanimously.

**Yeas:** 6 - Board Member Burgos, Board Member Corral, Board Member Fliss, Board Member Requena, Board Member Rodriguez and Chairperson Pantin

**Excused:** 1 - Vice Chairperson Valdes-Fauli

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-290**

**B.-2. [24-8407](#)**

A Resolution of the City Commission approving funding support to Dade Heritage Trust toward the creation of a public sculpture honoring the life and legacy of Arva Parks McCabe to be installed at the entrance hall of the Main Miami-Dade County Public Library; authorizing an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Budget to recognize the transfer of funds from the Art in Public Places reserve as revenue and appropriate such funds as determined by the Commission, (unanimously recommended by the Cultural Development Board approval/denial vote: 6 to 0).

**Attachments:** [Arva Parks McCabe DHT Initiative](#)  
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[Freda Coffing Tschumy](#)  
[Commission Cover 01.14.2025 AiPP Arva Parks McCabe sculpture support\\_Dade R-Draft-AiPP Arva Parks McCabe Sculpture](#)

Christine Rupp, Executive Director of Dade Heritage Trust, approached the Board and discussed the Trust's Arva Parks McCabe sculpture project. She spoke about the contributions Ms. McCabe made to Coral Gables and requested a recommendation of funding support.

Board members expressed support of the project and recommended minimum funding of \$7,500 from the Coral Gables public art fund.

A motion was made by Board Member Burgos, seconded by Board Member Rodriguez, to recommend approval of this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**B.-3. [24-7817](#)**

AiPP City Score: Celebrating the Centennial

**Attachments:** [City Score - Abstract v2](#)  
[City Score - APPROACH](#)  
[City Score - Composer rvsd](#)

Staff presented an overview of the city's digital/virtual experience being developed in honor of the city's upcoming centennial. The presentation provided context for a proposal to commission an original musical score to augment the experience at each location.

Board members reviewed the conceptual approach of matching themes paired with cultural sites to live-data such as weather or traffic patterns that would modify the music each time the experience is activated.

The role of the University of Miami was discussed as a proposed partner to facilitate the commission, arrangement, transcription, rehearsals, performance, recording, publishing, licensing, etc.

Carlos Rafael Rivera was proposed as the composer and Board members were provided with his extensive background of award-winning accomplishments.

A motion was made by Mr. Rodriguez and seconded by Ms. Requena recommending approval to commission an original musical score, its performance, supplemental digital recording, and additional needs of the project for use by the city and for integration with the city's virtual/digital experience. The motion passed unanimously.

**Yeas:** 6 - Board Member Burgos, Board Member Corral, Board Member Fliss, Board Member Requena, Board Member Rodriguez and Chairperson Pantin

**Excused:** 1 - Vice Chairperson Valdes-Fauli

## **C. OLD BUSINESS**

## **D. CULTURAL GRANT UPDATES**

### **D.-1. [24-7525](#) Cultural Grant Updates**

**Attachments:** [FY2024-2025 Guidelines](#)  
[PPT\\_FY2024-2025 Cultural Grant Workshop updated](#)  
[2024-2025 CDB scoring rubric](#)  
[FY24-25 Summary v2 Categories](#)  
[Change Request Summary - December 2024](#)

Board members were provided with an update of change requests and discussed programs and events they attended.

The Board continued their discussion regarding updates and whether to recommend an additional category. Mr. Fliss volunteered to review and return to the Board with suggestions.

Staff presented proposed dates for the next Cultural Grant cycle. The following dates were reviewed and approved:

Cultural Grant Webinar - Thursday, March 20, 2:00 p.m.

Eligibility Deadline - Friday, March 28, 5:00 p.m.

Application Deadline - Friday, April 18, 5:00 p.m.

Cultural Grant Application Review and Scoring Meeting - Thursday, May 29, 9:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Ms. Burgos, and seconded by Ms. Requena, to accept the FY2025-2026 Cultural Grant calendar dates as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Yeas:** 6 - Board Member Corral, Board Member Fliss, Board Member Requena, Chairperson Pantin, Board Member Rodriguez and Board Member Burgos

**Excused:** 1 - Vice Chairperson Valdes-Fauli

## **E. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES**

E.-1. [22-5077](#) AiPP Active Project Lists

**Attachments:** [AiPP Projects Municipal & Private November 2024](#)

A list of current Art in Public Places projects was provided to the Board.

## **F. CITY COMMISSION ITEMS**

## **G. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

## **H. ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY**

**2025 CDB Meeting Dates: Third Tuesday of the month at 9:15 a.m., with exceptions noted:**

January - 21  
February - 18  
March - 18  
April - 15  
Thursday, May - 29, EXCEPTION due to conflict with City Commission meeting  
June - 17  
July - 15  
August - 19  
September - 16  
October - 21  
Wednesday November - 12, EXCEPTION due to conflict with City Commission meeting  
December - 16

A motion was made by Ms. Burgos, and seconded by Mr. Fliss, accepting the 2025 CDB meeting dates as presented and discussed. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Additional Discussion**

Board members were advised that starting in January, meetings will be held at the Coral Gables Museum in the Sister City room.

Staff reported that the University of Miami, Lowe Art Museum, is available to give the Board a tour of the public art collection on March 18. Members unanimously agreed to meet at the University for their regular meeting and follow it with the tour.

Members were invited to attend the January 7, Coral Gables State of the Arts event at the Sanctuary of the Arts.

Ms. Cathers notified the Board that she will be out of town for the next meeting on January 21st.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Cultural Development Board meeting adjourned at 10:42 AM.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 21 at 9:15 a.m.**

### **NOTE**