

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, May 27, 2015, 8:00 a.m.
Economic & Cultural Development Department
1 Alhambra Plaza, Suite 617, Coral Gables, Florida 33134**

MINUTES

MEMBERS	A#	S	O	O*	N^	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	COMMISSIONERS
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Meg Daly (Chair)	E	-	P	E	P	-	E	P	-	E	P	P	E	Mayor Jim Cason
Erica Guzman	P	-	A	P	P	-	A	A	-	A	A	P	P	Vice Mayor William Kerdyk, Jr.
Bruce B. Litwer	P	-	P	P	P	-	P	P	-	P	P	~	~	Commissioner Patricia Keon
Nan Markowitz	P	-	P	P	P	-	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Vince Lago
Andrea Cole (Vice-Chair)	P	-	E	P	P	-	P	P	-	P	E	P	P	Commissioner Frank Quesada
Irene Tapanes	P	-	P	P	E	-	P	P	-	P	P	~	~	City Manager
Rosa Maria Mayorga	P	-	P	P	P	-	P	E	-	E	P	A	P	Board-As-A-Whole

Regular Meeting + FY2013-2014 Grants Workshop
*Regular Meeting + FY12-13 Grants Final Report Review
^Regular Meeting + FY13-14 Grants Scoring Review

A = Absent
P = Present
- = No Meeting
~ = Prior to appointment
E = Excused

Additional Attendees:

Cindy Birdsill, Director, Economic & Cultural Development Department
Jorge Casuso, Business Development Analyst, Economic & Cultural Development Department

Motion Summary:

A motion to approve the minutes from the April 22, 2015 meeting was passed unanimously, with a correction by Mr. Litwer having been made.

A motion to locate the marble sculpture donated by artist Leonel Matheu at Cartagena Circle, instead of Fewell Park and to fund the creation of a pedestal using Art in Public Places funds was passed unanimously.

Ms. Daly called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m.

1. Review of Minutes from April 22, 2015

Ms. Markowitz made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2015 meeting that included a correction made by Mr. Litwer. Mr. Litwer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2. New proposed location for Leonel Matheu sculpture (Action)

Ms. Birdsill informed the Board that Mr. Fewell had indicated he preferred that a more traditional sculpture be placed in the Coral Gables park named after him. She said Cartagena Circle, which overlooks a waterway, would be an ideal location for Cuban artist Leonel Matheu's marble sculpture, which represents the precarious journey taken by Cuban refugees fleeing the island. The sculpture would be placed on the northwest side of the plaza, where people fish and park their cars and bicycles, Birdsill said. The site is currently being redesigned, making it a good time to introduce the 4-foot-tall sculpture.

Ms. Markowitz made a motion to locate the marble sculpture donated by artist Leonel Matheu at Cartagena Circle, instead of Fewell Park, and to fund the creation of a pedestal using Art in Public Places funds. Ms. Mayorga seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Other Topics (Discussion)

Ms. Birdsill reminded Board members that financial disclosure statements were due by July 1. Ms. Daly said that she had informed Mayor Cason's office that she would be stepping down from the Board. She said she might be appointed to the City's Green Task Force. Ms. Birdsill said the Commission would likely make board appointments at its meeting June 16. She suggested that Ms. Mayorga request that she be reappointed to replace Ms. Daly. Ms. Daly said she thought the Board had accomplished much over the past year without needing to call special meetings. She signaled out the new streamlined grants application form the board drafted last year. Ms. Markowitz agreed that was a notable accomplishment. Mr. Litwer said the Board does "important things." Ms. Birdsill informed the Board that the proposed budget that includes funding for cultural grants had not been finalized and noted that during the current fiscal year the Coral Gables Museum received \$200,000. She said the City also is paying for AC and plumbing maintenance for Actors' Playhouse. Ms. Daly lauded the museum's accomplishments during its first five years, saying it had become "an advocacy center" for sustainability, especially in the areas of design and transportation. She said they had taken on important issues, such as the Underline project that will create paths and parks underneath the Metrorail line, public transportation and sea rise. Ms. Daly suggested that all Board members communicate with their appointees to urge the Commission to increase the Cultural Grant funding available.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jorge Casuso, Business Development Analyst, Economic & Cultural Development Department