

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES  
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, April 22, 2015, 8:00 a.m.  
Economic & Cultural Development Department  
1 Alhambra Plaza, Suite 617, Coral Gables, Florida 33134**

**MINUTES**

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>A#</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O*</b>	<b>N^</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>COMMISSIONERS</b>
	<b>'14</b>	<b>'14</b>	<b>'14</b>	<b>'14</b>	<b>'14</b>	<b>'14</b>	<b>'15</b>	<b>'15</b>	<b>'15</b>	<b>'15</b>	<b>'14</b>	<b>'14</b>	<b>'14</b>	
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	P	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	P	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:**

Luis Fernandez, artist  
Nancy Sanabria, representative from the Gables by the Sea Homeowner's Association  
Cindy Birdsill, Director, Economic & Cultural Development Department  
Belkys Perez, Events & Marketing Specialist, Economic & Cultural Development Department

**Motion Summary:**

**A motion to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2015 meeting was passed unanimously, with corrections by Ms. Cole having been made.**

**A motion to recommend a proposal for the Art in Public Places project for Gables by the Sea's new traffic circle at Red Road passed unanimously, provided the neighborhood will finance the entire project and retain the obligation to properly maintain the piece.**

Ms. Cole called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m.

**1. Review of Minutes from February 25, 2015**

**Ms. Markowitz made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2015 meeting that include corrections made by Ms. Cole. Ms. Tapanes seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

## **2. Review of proposed Art in Public Places project for Gables by the Sea (Action)**

Ms. Sanabria explained to the board that the Gables by the Sea Homeowner's Association would like to have a sculpture in the new traffic circle at Red Road. Artist Luis Fernandez, who was qualified by the Arts Advisory Panel for this project, agreed to donate the creation of the piece. Mr. Fernandez explained that the piece would be made from aluminum, and therefore would not rust. The industrial grade paint would need to be cleaned annually, and probably need to be repainted periodically. The majority of the residents appear to want the sculpture to be red, which is one of the two colors preferred by the Arts Advisory Panel (red and orange). Ms. Markowitz asked whether the entire association participated in making the selection, or a smaller group. Ms. Sanabria stated that there was a public meeting open to all the residents.

Ms. Birdsill indicated that the Arts Advisory Panel recommended the concept for the sculpture because the neighborhood wanted the piece, but did not feel that arts in public places funds should be used because this was not the City's normal selection process. Ms. Sanabria confirmed that the Association would raise the funding needed for the base, lighting and ongoing maintenance. She also mentioned that the circle needs lighting, which needs to be coordinated with public works.

**Mr. Litwer made a motion to recommend a proposal for the Art in Public Places project for Gables by the Sea's new traffic circle at Red Road, provided the neighborhood will finance the entire project and retain the obligation to properly maintain the piece. Ms. Markowitz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

## **3. Final Report Online Version**

Ms. Perez presented the online version of the final report form to the board. The board congratulated her for her work. It was agreed that the Board would receive the emailed reports as a complete package once they have come in after the deadline.

## **Other Topics (Discussion)**

Mr. Litwer asked about the Naomi Fischer project for 2020 Salzedo, which is expected go to Commission in May. He noted that she was giving a presentation in May at Fairchild. Ms. Birdsill informed the Board that the Art in Public Places proposal for Columbus Plaza was deferred by the Commission as the Commission generally wanted more greenery in the plaza, and also was wrestling with whether the pavers and benches should be included as part of the art. The developer is working on addressing the concerns.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Cynthia Birdsill, Director, Economic & Cultural Development Department