

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, January 28, 2015, 8:00 a.m.
Coral Gables Youth Center
405 University Avenue, 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	P	P	P	P	E	Mayor Jim Cason
Erica Guzman	P	-	A	P	P	-	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	Vice Mayor William Kerdyk, Jr.
Bruce B. Litwer	P	-	P	P	P	-	P	~	~	~	~	~	~	Commissioner Patricia Keon
Nan Markowitz	P	-	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	Commissioner Vince Lago
Andrea Cole (Vice-Chair)	P	-	E	P	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Frank Quesada
Irene Tapanes	P	-	P	P	E	-	P	~	~	~	~	~	~	City Manager
Rosa Maria Mayorga	P	-	P	P	P	-	P	E	P	P	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

Staff in Attendance:

Cindy Birdsill, Director, Economic & Cultural Development Department
Jorge Casuso, Business Development Analyst, Economic & Cultural Development Department
Laura Bruney, Executive Director, Arts & Business Council of Greater Miami

1. Donation by Leonel Matheu of his marble sculpture; funding of the pedestal to be created, using Art in public Places funds, and provision of appropriate signage for the piece.

Ms. Birdsill informed the Board that Cuban artist Leonel Matheu, who was the subject of a recent retrospective at the Frost Art Museum, offered to donate a marble sculpture depicting a paper sail boat that represented the precarious journey taken by Cuban refugees fleeing the island. The sculpture would be placed on a concrete base at Fewell Park at Coral Way and Granada Boulevard. Ms. Birdsill said that the Arts Advisory Board, the Landscape Beautification Advisory Board and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board had recommended the project. Mr. Litwer and Ms. Cole said they worried about children climbing the sculpture. Ms. Birdsill noted that the 57-inch wide by 57-inch tall sculpture would be placed on a two-foot pedestal with an appropriate plaque. Ms. Tapanes asked about the monetary value of the work, and Ms. Birdsill said the City would have the work appraised before it is insured. Ms. Birdsill noted the cost to provide a pedestal and install the sculpture would be between \$2,000 and \$3,000 and would come from the City's \$1.2 million Public Arts Fund. She said the Fund also would fund the restoration of the Jean Ward sculptures on the grounds of the Coral Gables Public Library. Ms. Birdsill added that the majority of the funds would be used for art works for the Miracle Mile and Giralda Avenue Streetscape projects.

Ms. Markowitz made a motion to accept the donation of a sculpture by Leonel Matheu and to ensure the use of Art in Public Places funds to install the work in Fewell Park, create a pedestal, and provide proper signage and maintenance. Mr. Litwer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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