



City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
May 22, 2018

**ITEM TITLE:**

A Resolution approving the artwork *Induction Chromatique Coral Gables* painted crosswalks by Carlos Cruz-Diez as a permanent installation. (recommended by the Cultural Development Board approval/denial vote: 6 to 1).

**DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

In 2017, Mayor Valdes-Fauli generously sought out Master artist Carlos Cruz-Diez for a public exhibition of the artist's work, *Induction Chromatique*, during Art Basel and Miami Art week. The City received approval by Art Basel for an official VIP event celebrating the work at the site of City Hall.

The exhibition of painted crosswalks, *Induction Chromatique*, was widely celebrated by the residents, visitors, and the media regionally, nationally, and internationally.

The Arts Advisory Panel and Cultural Development Board were presented with a proposal for the permanent acquisition of the two crosswalk designs in front of City Hall (crossing Biltmore Way and crossing south at Coral Way), with a related maintenance plan. The Panel and Board voted in support of the project with the following conditions:

- A test patch with paint primer be applied and observed over time to assess fading and traffic wear
- The proposed annual maintenance of \$18,000 be agreed to as a not-to-exceed annual fee maintaining the work on an ongoing basis at an acceptable standard to the artist and to the City
- Quarterly inspections by the artist's representative to assess the quality of the installation

The cost of the crosswalk design is \$180,000 for permanent acquisition and is being proposed through use of the art acquisition fund. The cost of annual maintenance is not-to-exceed \$18,000 and is being proposed through use of the general fund as ordinary maintenance.

It is understood that the location as a traffic right-of-way requires permission and approval from the County to proceed prior to acquisition of the design and agreed maintenance.

The Arts Advisory Panel voted unanimously (6-0) to recommend acquisition of the Carlos Cruz-Diez crosswalk design *Induction Chromatique Coral Gables* and annual maintenance with conditions at their meeting on April 25, 2018.

The Cultural Development Board voted (6-1) to recommend acquisition of the Carlos Cruz-Diez crosswalk design *Induction Chromatique Coral Gables* and annual maintenance with conditions at their meeting on May 1, 2018.

**LEGISLATIVE ACTION:**

Date.	Resolution/Ordinance No.	Comments
N/A		

**ADVISORY BOARD/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION(S):**

Date.	Board/Committee	Comments
April 25, 2018	Arts Advisory Panel	Recommended approval of proposal
May 01, 2018	Cultural Development Board	Recommended approval of proposal

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION: (If Applicable)**

Account No.	Amount	Source of Funds
001-381-001	\$180,000	Art in Public Places, Art Acquisition Fund
001-1330-573-3190	\$18,000 annually	Annual maintenance per year/General Fund, Other Professional Services

**APPROVED BY:**

Department Director	City Attorney	Assistant City Manager	City Manager

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Proposed Resolution
2. Excerpt Minutes from the Arts Advisory Panel meeting of January 24, 2018
3. Excerpt Minutes from the Arts Advisory Panel meeting of February 28, 2018
4. Excerpt Minutes from the Arts Advisory Panel meeting of April 25, 2018
5. Excerpt Minutes from the Cultural Development Board meeting of May 01, 2018
6. Carlos Cruz-Diez public art proposal