

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting**  
**Agenda Item I-1**  
**November 13, 2018**  
**City Commission Chambers**  
**405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL**

**City Commission**

**Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli**  
**Vice Mayor Vince Lago**  
**Commissioner Pat Keon**  
**Commissioner Michael Mena**  
**Commissioner Frank Quesada**

**City Staff**

**City Manager, Peter Iglesias**  
**City Attorney, Miriam Ramos**  
**City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman**  
**Deputy City Clerk, Billy Urquia**  
**Historic Preservation Officer, Dona Spain**

**Public Speaker(s)**

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Agenda Item I-1[6:01:03 p.m.]

A Resolution approving the acquisition of four sculptural benches by artist Hank Willis Thomas (unanimously recommended by the Cultural Development Board approval/denial vote: 6 to 0; unanimously recommended by the Arts Advisory Panel approval/denial vote: 4 to 0).

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: OK. Item I-1.

Preservation Officer Spain: Very quickly. This is about the Hank Willis Thomas benches that are going to be installed for Art Basel for a temporary installation. This is a recommendation from the Cultural Development Board and the Arts Advisory Panel. Both Boards were unanimous in acquiring them for permanent installation.

Commissioner Quesada: So moved.

City Attorney Ramos: I just need to mention there was an item submitted in e-comment by Ms. Rhonda Anderson. The drawings for this proposal failed to address the seating, height, dimensions or requirements of the ADA for back support. Please note that seat height must fall within 17 to 19 inches from the finished floor. In addition, if these are the only benches being supplied in the area, the other requirements of the section...will need to be addressed. I recommend further study before this item is voted upon – Rhonda Anderson.

Vice Mayor Lago: My appointment with Planning and Zoning Board, which I love greatly, but is this temporary?

Preservation Officer Spain: It's temporary, but the item before you is to acquire the benches permanently.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Betty Horowitz here?

Preservation Officer Spain: She had to leave.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: It says here that I support the acquisition of the benches.

Commissioner Quesada: She supports the opposition?

Vice Mayor Lago: Acquisition.

Commissioner Quesada: Oh. I thought you said, I support the opposition of the benches.

City Attorney Ramos: The only thing that I would suggest is that we look with Raquel and Stephanie whether other benches that are not art pieces should also be supplied in that same park to make sure we are complying with the ADA.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Do we have a motion?

City Manager Iglesias: Let me look at the ADA requirements as far as art, because this is really art and see if this applies in that case.

Preservation Officer Spain: That's right. That's the way to go.

Commissioner Keon: I'll move it. Oh, I'm sorry, I'll second it, you moved it.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Do these benches have to be cleaned?

Vice Mayor Lago: I was going to mention also was, make sure we are aware of maintenance.

Preservation Officer Spain: We've contacted them and part of it is to get the maintenance from the artist himself – they are painted.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: It has been moved and seconded, will you call the roll please.

Commissioner Mena: Yes

Commissioner Quesada: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Preservation Officer Spain: Thank you very much.

[End: 6:03:14 p.m.]