



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
January 08, 2018**

ITEM TITLE:

Cultural Development Board meeting minutes of November 06, 2018.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

NEW BUSINESS:

a. HANK WILLIS THOMAS, SCULPTURE ACQUISITIONS

Staff reported to the Board the Arts Advisory Panel's unanimous motion recommending permanent acquisition of the four sculptural benches being installed as part of the temporary exhibition by Hank Willis Thomas. The Board was provided with the acquisition proposal submitted by the artist and were provided with locations where the benches will be installed during the temporary exhibition.

Ms. Burgos made a motion recommending acquisition of the four sculptural benches by artist Hank Willis Thomas as presented. Dr. Alvarez-Perez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

b. PONCE CIRCLE PARK - RFQ

The Board was advised that staff would like to move forward with drafting an RFQ for an artist to be involved on the design team as part of the development of the Ponce Circle Park. They were informed that the Arts Advisory Panel favors this approach. The Board-as-a-Whole approved.

CULTURAL GRANTEE REQUESTS, UPDATES, & REVIEWS:

a. DISCUSSION REGARDING FINAL REPORTS

The Board had a general discussion regarding the final report review and process. Dr. Alvarez-Perez discussed whether it's appropriate to address specific programming decisions of organizations. The Board discussed the role of freedom of speech and oversight regarding content. It was agreed that organizations receiving general operating support are not obligated to particular programming choices. However, organizations receiving funds for specific programs have a responsibility to present the programs as stated within their grant application unless a change is approved by the Cultural Development Board.

b. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Board members commented on cultural programs attended over the past month. Dr. Mayorga and Mr. Pantin both attended Actors' Playhouse with Dr. Mayorga also attending the Florida Grand Opera at the Steinway Piano Gallery.

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES:

a. GIRALDA AVENUE STREETSCAPE

Staff reported on the progress of the sculpture installation at Giralda Plaza by artist Sibylle Pasche of *Coral Forest* and *Secrets of the Sea*. Ms. Cathers stated that the sculptures have arrived into port and are set for installation on November 21st, with a dedication planned for November 28th. Board members were given invitations to the dedication and encouraged to attend. Ms. Cathers noted that the artist will not be present; however, CGTV will record a statement by Ms. Pasche that will play at the event on a large screen.

b. BALBOA PLAZA

The Board was provided with an invitation by MG Developer for the dedication of the sculptural artwork by R + R Studios installed at Balboa Plaza. The dedication will take place on Friday, November 30th at 5:30 p.m. Ms. Cathers noted that the artwork will be formally donated to the City at the event.

c. VENICE IN THE GABLES

Ms. Cathers reported that the remaining artist designed Venetian Posts are being installed at the Venetian Pool within the landscape.

CITY COMMISSION ITEMS:

a. PUBLIC ART DONATION – CIFO COLLECTION, FREDY ALZATE GOMEZ

Ms. Spain reported that the City Commission accepted the public art donation from CIFO through the Mayor. Ms. Spain stated that the City Attorney has since forwarded the minutes from both the Arts Advisory Panel and Cultural Development Board to the Commission and that the item will be discussed again at the next Commission meeting. The Board discussed the importance of the Commission seeing the artwork and having all the information. Ms. Horwitz offered to attend the Commission meeting. With no further discussion, the following motion was made:

Ms. Burgos made a motion recommending Ms. Horwitz to speak on behalf of the Board at the Commission meeting regarding the proposed CIFO donation. Dr. Alvarez-Perez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

The Board discussed scheduling the December meeting for the FY2018-2019 Cultural Grant application review and scoring meeting. It was agreed that all Board members need to attend. After discussion, the Board agreed to meet on Friday, December 14th with the Board having their regular Friday meeting at 8:00 a.m. followed by the grant application review and scoring meeting at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:

There were no items from the secretary.

FY2017-2018 FINAL REPORT REVIEW & SCORING:

Members of the community arrived. Dr. Roth called the FY2017-2018 Final Report Review & Scoring meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Ms. Burgos made a motion recommending the scores as submitted. Dr. Mayorga seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.