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**CITY OF CORAL GABLES**  
**CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, November 06, 2018 8:00 a.m.**  
**FY2017-2018 FINAL REPORT REVIEW & SCORING MEETING**  
**Tuesday, November 06, 2018 9:00 a.m.**

*Historical Resources &  
Cultural Arts*

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MEMBERS	D+	J	F	M	A	M	M+	J	J	A	S	O	N+	APPOINTED BY:
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Leslie Pantin	P	-	P	E	P	P	P	P	-	-	-	P	P	Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli
Betty Horwitz	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	E	-	-	-	P	P	Vice-Mayor Pat Keon
Dr. Fernando Alvarez-Perez	P	-	E	P	P	P	P	E	-	-	-	P	P	Commissioner Vince Lago
Alfonso Perez	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	E	-	-	-	E	^	Commissioner Michael Mena
Geannina A. Burgos Vice-Chair	P	-	P	E	P	P	P	P	-	-	-	P	P	Commissioner Frank C. Quesada
Dr. Bernice Roth Chair	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	-	-	E	P	City Manager Peter Iglesias
Dr. Rosa Maria Mayorga	P	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	-	-	P	P	Board Appointee

**LEGEND:** A = Absent; P = Present; E = Excused; \* = New Member; ^ = Resigned Member;  
 - = No Meeting    + = Special Meeting

**STAFF:**

Dona Spain, Historical Resources & Cultural Arts Director  
 Catherine Cathers, Arts and Culture Specialist, Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Dept.  
 Jessie Diaz, Administrative Assistant, Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Dept.

**GUESTS:**

Malcolm Lauredo, Coral Gables Museum; Jeff Rosenberg, Friends of Miami Dade Public Library; Analy Mendez, Miami Children’s Chorus; Helen Hauser, Alhambra Orchestra; Brenda Moe, Coral Gables Art Cinema; Judith Vigil, Center for the Advancement of Jewish Education for the Miami Jewish Film Festival; Mark Hart, Coral Gables Congregational Church for Community Arts Program (CAP)

**RECORDING AND PREPARATION OF MINUTES:** Catherine Cathers, Arts and Culture Specialist, Historical Resources and Cultural Arts

Dr. Roth called the Cultural Development Board meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

Ms. Cathers informed the Board that Mr. Perez resigned due to health matters and that he sends his best regards to the Board.

REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 02, 2018:

**Dr. Alvarez-Perez made a motion to approve the minutes of October 02, 2018. Ms. Burgos seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

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. Cathers noted that three of the pieces were fabricated for the Coral Gables exhibition and the studio has offered them to the City for \$200,000, applying a credit from costs associated with the temporary exhibition.

The Board asked about the material and required maintenance. The benches, Ms. Cathers said, are fabricated of steel and painted per the artist's preference. She went on to say that the artist will provide information regarding their care and that ongoing maintenance expenses (as noted in the art in public places guidelines) is intended through the City's general fund.

The Board discussed the locations and Ms. Cathers reported that the temporary exhibition locations were presented to the Parks and Recreation Board and Landscape Beautification Advisory Board, with both Boards supporting the project and locations as possible permanent sites. The location at McBride Plaza was discussed and noted that it is private property requiring an agreement with the property owner. The location at Lamar Louise Curry Park, Ms. Cathers said, will be presented to the Coral Gables Garden Club. Staff stated that if the artworks are acquired, permanent locations will be discussed further. The Board talked about the pros and cons of locating the artworks in the business district or within residential communities.

With no further discussion, the following motion was made:

**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.

The Board then discussed the role of the Final Report score. Dr. Roth commented that the score was not nuanced enough to accurately reflect the evaluation. Staff responded that the review allows for feedback to the organizations and general accountability. The Board continued discussing how scores may be used when accessing future funding requests. Ms. Burgos asked how the County uses information from final reports. Ms. Cathers stated that staff reviews the report and there isn't a panel evaluation. In addition, she said, the score is incorporated into the next year's application scoring matrix that is set up not to disadvantage first time requestors. Mr. Pantin asked if staff can review the logistical information and have the Board review the subjective information. The Board agreed and staff responded that the process will be modified.

#### 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.

Ms. Cathers reminded Board members of upcoming performances by Kaleidoscope MusArts and Seraphic Fire.

#### 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 21<sup>st</sup>, with a dedication planned for November 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

There being no further business, the Cultural Development Board meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m. for a break prior to the FY2017-2018 Final Report Review and Scoring meeting.

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**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. Cathers welcomed attendees, introduced, and thanked members of the Cultural Development Board. Staff reviewed the process for scoring.

Dr. Roth read aloud the False Claims Ordinance and informed attendees that one Board Member was assigned per grantee to share their comments and proposed score. Board members discussed each submitted Final Report and announced their scores.

All scores, as noted below, were read aloud at the end of the meeting. With no further discussion, the following motion was made:

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

Organization Name	Score
<b>CORAL GABLES BASED</b>	
Actors' Playhouse Productions, Inc.	5
Coral Gables Cinemateque, Inc.	5
Coral Gables Museum Corporation	4/5
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden	5
GableStage, Inc.	5

Organization Name (continued)	Score
Montgomery Botanical Center, Inc.	5
<b>COMMUNITY</b>	
Alhambra Music, Inc.	5
City Theatre	4
Cuatrogatos Foundation Inc	4
South Florida Chamber Ensemble	4
<b>CULTURAL SERIES, FESTIVALS, &amp; SPECIAL EVENTS</b>	
Center for the Advancement of Jewish Education, Inc.	5
Chopin Foundation of the United States, Inc.	5
Coral Gables Congregational Church, Community Arts Program (CAP)	5
Coral Gables Music Club, Inc.	3
Florida Grand Opera, Inc.	5
Florida Guitar Foundation, INC	4
Friends of Chamber Music of Miami, Inc.	tbd
Friends of the Miami Dade Public Library	4
Greater Miami Community Concert Band, Inc.	4
Merrick Festival Incorporated	5
Miami Children's Chorus, Inc.	5
Miami Dade College Foundation	5
Miami Momentum Dance Co., Inc.	4
Miami Youth for Chamber Music, Inc.	4
Piano Lovers Inc.	5
Seraphic Fire, Inc.	5
South Florida Composers Alliance	5
South Florida PBS	5
The Dave and Mary Alper Jewish Community Center, Inc.	4
The Murray Dranoff Foundation, Inc.	5
The Opera Atelier, Inc.	tbd
University of Miami	tbd
University of Miami, Festival Miami	5

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dona M. Spain" followed by a long horizontal line.

Dona M. Spain  
Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Director