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## EXCERPT

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES  
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, April 2, 2019 8:30 a.m.  
Coral Gables Museum  
285 Aragon Ave., Coral Gables, Florida 33134**

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

**GUESTS:**

Adriana Meneses

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

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Dr. Roth called the Cultural Development Board meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. and read aloud the City's False Claims Ordinance.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

a. DEVELOPER AIPP WAIVER REQUEST FOR 735 & 743 ALMERIA AVE. – R & R STUDIOS

The Board was presented with a request to combine the Art in Public Places (AiPP) fee allocation for 735 and

743 Almeria Avenue to put toward a commissioned artwork, “Coral Carpet”, at Balboa Plaza to complement the existing sculptural sofa “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.” Staff requested the Board to consider two motions to recommend combining the fees and recommend approval of the waiver request to commission and donate the artwork “Coral Carpet” to the City.

The Board was informed that artists Roberto Behar and Rosario Marquardt of R & R Studios addressed the Arts Advisory Panel, who reviewed the proposal at their last meeting and are making a recommendation to the Cultural Development Board to recommend combining the AiPP fees and approve the proposed artwork.

Ms. Cathers presented a PowerPoint starting with background information about the artists inspiration and interest in integrating indoor space with outdoor space and vis a versa. The artists, R&R Studios, designed the artwork sofa at Balboa Plaza and noted that the “carpet” was part of the artist’s original vision for the outdoor living room space. Conceptually, she said, the artists noted the “coral carpet” adds to the domesticity in the public realm, acting as a companion piece to the artwork sofa. The material, she went on, is an unpolished inlaid terrazzo. She stated that the artists design is inspired by blooming flowers. Unlike terrazzo with metal outlining the shapes separated by color, Ms. Cathers said pre-cast terrazzo pieces will be inlaid with contrasting coral colored terrazzo poured on site.

Mr. Martinez asked if the proposal will go to the Board of Architects (BOA). Ms. Spain responded no. Ms. Cathers added that the Arts Advisory Panel had an extensive discussion with the artists regarding the materials, installation, substrate, and maintenance. Mr. Martinez asked about not using metal other than around the border. Ms. Cathers shared the artists statement that it would create more of a carpet look. Ms. Spain remarked on the benefit of having a conservator on the Panel who knows a lot about terrazzo. The Board discussed the issue of including expansion joints and all agreed that it should be allowed to crack naturally.

With no further discussion, the following motions were made:

**A motion was made by Dr. Alvarez-Perez to recommend combining the Art in Public Places fee allocations for 735 and 743 Almeria Avenue; Ms. Burgos seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Dr. Alvarez-Perez to recommend approval of the waiver request to commission and donate to the City, the artwork “Coral Carpet” by R&R Studios as presented. Ms. Burgos seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

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There being no further business, the Cultural Development Board meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dona M. Spain  
Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Director