



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
May 14, 2019**

ITEM TITLE:

Coral Gables Arts Advisory Panel Meeting of March 27, 2019.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

NEW BUSINESS:

a. DEVELOPER ART IN PUBLIC PLACES FEE WAIVER REQUEST FOR 735 & 743 ALMERIA AVE. – ARTWORK PROPOSAL BY R & R STUDIOS

Ms. Cathers advised the Panel of two motions being sought: one recommending approval to combine the Art in Public Places (AiPP) fee allocations for the two properties of 735 & 743 Almeria Avenue; and the other recommending approval of a waiver of the Art in Public Places fee in lieu of commissioning and donating the public art piece “Coral Carpet” by R&R Studios (Roberto Behar and Rosario Marquardt).

A motion was made by Mr. Brito to recommend combining the Art in Public Place fee allocations for 735 & 743 Almeria Avenue. Ms. MacDonald-Korth seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Brito 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. MacDonald-Korth seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATES

a. GIRALDA SKY – JESSY NITE

Ms. Cathers reported that the City Commission approved the Giralda Sky “Sun Stories” project by Jessy Nite. She introduced the artist and studio manager, Samantha Gonzalez. The artist, she said, is addressing the Panel to provide an update and request any feedback regarding the text. Ms. Cathers said the artist has met with staff and conducted a site visit of Coral Gables. The PowerPoint presentation used for the City Commission meeting was projected for reference.

a. PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

Staff reported that over 100 public comments have been submitted regarding the Public Safety Building public art proposals and the review meeting needs to be scheduled with this Panel, the Police and Fire Chiefs, and representative of the Cultural Development Board. The Panel was asked if the meeting could follow the next regularly scheduled Arts Advisory Panel meeting of April 24th. The Panel agreed.

CITY COMMISSION ITEMS

a. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES ORDINANCE

Staff reported that updates to the Art in Public Places Ordinance passed on second reading with an amendment to modify the Municipal threshold from \$100,000 to \$500,000. The Panel was reminded that

the Historic Art Fund is being eliminated and the balance of the Historic Art Fund is being transferred to the Art Acquisition Fund.

b. CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP - REPORT

Staff reported that the Mayor and Vice Mayor attended the City Commission workshop to discuss incentives for gallery and artist in residence programs. Dr. Damian attended along with staff from planning and zoning, economic development, gallery owners, and private developers. Staff reported that the meeting was well received with interest from the Commission, developers, and gallery owners to move forward in developing a proposal. Staff stated that next steps include meeting further with internal staff and continuing discussions with developers/owners and galleries.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Ms. Cathers reported that the Cultural Development Board is attending the next Arts Advisory Panel on April 24th.

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:

There were no items from the secretary.

ATTACHMENT(S):1. Arts Advisory Panel meeting of March 27, 2019.