

MINUTES OF THE
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CULTURAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL

May 20, 2015

A meeting of the Miami-Dade County Cultural Affairs Council was held at the 6th Floor Conference Room, Stephen P. Clark Government Center, 111 N.W. 1st Street, Miami, Florida.

Members Present

Adolfo Henriques, Chairman
Mitchell Bierman
Mireille Chancy-Gonzalez
Xavier Cortada
Janá Sigars-Malina
Jorge Pérez
Phyllis Simpkins
Rosa Sugrañes
Monty Trainer

Members Not Present

Alejandro Aguirre
Denise Gerson
Susana Ibargüen
Robert Jensen
Louis-Albert Jolivet
Jorge Luis Lopez

Staff

Michael Spring, Director
Kelly Allocco
Francine Andersen
Patricia Arbelaez
Roxana Barba
Christina Beauvoir
Nikenna Benjamin
Sue Camp
Lisa D'Andrea Thompson
Marshall Davis
Roseline Duberceau-Baptiste
Eric Fliss
Sandra Hill
Gerry Landreth
Regla Lee
Marialaura Leslie
Deborah Margol
Gilda Mooney
Adriana Perez
Dana Pezoldt
Patricia Romeu

Staff (continued)

Javier Siut
Pam Valles

Chairman Adolfo Henriques called the meeting to order at 12:24 pm. With a quorum present, he recommended that the meeting proceed according to the agenda.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Requests for Excused Absences for May 20, 2015

Requests for excused absences submitted by Alejandro Aguirre, Denise Gerson, Susana Ibarguen, Robert Jensen and Jorge Luis Lopez were approved unanimously. (motion by Ms. Sigars-Malina; seconded by Ms. Chancy-Gonzalez)

Approval of the April 15, 2015 Minutes

The minutes of the April 15, 2015 Council meeting were approved unanimously. (motion by Mr. Trainer; seconded by Ms. Sagrañes)

FY 2014-2015 Community Grants (CG) Program – Fourth Quarter Recommendations

The FY 2014-2015 Community Grants program panel chaired by Ms. Sigars-Malina convened on April 30, 2015, to review 18 applications requesting \$113,391.00 for the Fourth Quarter of the program. The Panel recommended funding 18 applicants for a total of \$81,500.00.

Individual grant recommendations that involved Councilor conflicts of interest were removed from the package of recommendations and voted on individually. The following Council members declared a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on the following:

Mr. Cortada - Florida International University Board of Trustees, for the benefit of the College of Architecture and the Arts

Mr. Bierman - Florida International University Board of Trustees, for the benefit of the College of Architecture and the Arts

Mr. Henriques - Florida International University Board of Trustees, for the benefit of the College of Architecture and the Arts

Mr. Pérez - Florida International University Board of Trustees, for the benefit of the College of Architecture and the Arts

The Panel's recommendations to fund the remaining organizations were approved unanimously. (motion by Mr. Cortada; seconded by Ms. Sigars-Malina)

Algo Nuevo Incorporated	\$4,102
City of Doral Parks & Recreation	\$3,500
Cuban Theatre Folklore Heritage, Inc.	\$4,000
Culture and Community Association, Inc.	\$4,102
Developing Dreams Foundation, Inc.	\$5,126
DINGGIN, INC.	\$5,126

Fresh Start of Miami-Dade, Inc.	\$4,786
Fundarte, Inc. a/f/a for ANTIHEROES PROJECT, INC.	\$5,126
Fundarte, Inc. a/f/a for Artefactus Cultural Project, Inc.	\$5,126
IFE-ILE, Inc.	\$5,126
Instituto de Cultura Peruana, Inc.	\$4,620
Key Biscayne Community Foundation, Inc.	\$5,126
South Florida Composers Alliance, Inc. a/f/a for Inlets Foundation for Experimental Practices	\$5,126
The Miami Foundation, Inc. a/f/a for MelanchoLalaland Productions	\$3,000
The Miami Rail Publishing Corporation	\$5,126
The Motivational Edge, Inc.	\$5,126
Zunzun Arts & Education, Inc.	\$5,126

The panel's recommendation to fund the remaining organization, for which there was the above-noted Councilors' conflict of interest and abstention, was voted on individually and passed unanimously as follows:

Florida International University Board of Trustees, for the benefit of the College of Architecture and the Arts \$2,131

(motion by Ms. Sagrañes; seconded by Ms. Sigars-Malina)

FY 2015-2016 Program Panels

The panels for the Dance Miami Choreographers (DMC) Program and Festivals and Special Events (FEST) Grants Program were approved unanimously. (motion by Ms. Sagrañes; seconded by Ms. Sigars-Malina)

FY 2015-2016 Grants Program Recommendations

Hannibal Cox, Jr. (HCJ) Cultural Grants Program

The Hannibal Cox Jr. Cultural Grants Program Panel, chaired by Council member Mr. Trainer, convened on May 6, 2015 to review 28 applications requesting a total of \$865,000. The panel recommended funding all 28 applications.

Final grant awards are contingent upon the availability of funds in the Department's FY 2015-2016 budget, which is subject to the County's Budget as adopted in September 2015.

Individual grant recommendations that involved Councilor conflicts of interest were removed from the package of recommendations and voted on individually. The following Council members declared a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on the following:

Mr. Bierman - Florida International University Board of Trustees, for the benefit of School of Music

Mr. Cortada - Florida International University Board of Trustees, for the benefit of School of Music, Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center, Inc., Miami Dade College - Lynn and Louis Wolfson II Florida Moving Image Archives, Miami Dade College - Museum of Art and Design and Miami Dade College - Department of Arts and Philosophy

Mr. Henriques - Florida International University Board of Trustees, for the benefit of School of Music

Mr. Pérez - Florida International University Board of Trustees, for the benefit of School of Music, Miami Dade College - Lynn and Louis Wolfson II Florida Moving Image Archives, Miami Dade College - Museum of Art and Design and Miami Dade College - Department of Arts and Philosophy

Mr. Trainer - New World School of the Arts - Dance Division

The Panel's recommendations to fund the remaining organizations were approved unanimously. (motion by Ms. Sugrañes; seconded by Mr. Cortada)

Bas Fisher Invitational, Inc.
Creation Art Center Corporation
Cuban Classical Ballet of Miami, Inc.
Diaspora Vibe Cultural Arts Incubator, Inc.
Edge Zones, Inc.
Friends of Chamber Music of Miami, Inc.
Haitian Heritage Museum Corp.
Hispanic-American Lyric Theatre, Inc.
Karen Peterson and Dancers, Inc.
Living Arts Trust, Inc. d/b/a O Cinema
Miami Beach Film Society, Inc.
Miami Lyric Opera, Inc.
Michael-Ann Russell Jewish Community Center, Inc.
Mystery Park Arts Company, Inc. d/b/a SoBe Music Institute
Orchestra Miami, Inc.
Saint Martha Concerts and Cultural Affairs, Inc.
South Florida Composers Alliance, Inc.
The Coral Gables Museum
The Dance Now! Ensemble, Inc.
University of Wynwood, Inc. d/b/a O, Miami
Viernes Culturales / Cultural Fridays, Inc.
Zoetic Stage, Inc.

The Panel's recommendations to fund the remaining organizations, for which there were the above-noted Councilors' conflicts of interest and abstentions, were voted on individually and passed unanimously as follows:

Florida International University Board of Trustees, for the benefit of School of Music
(motion by Ms. Sugrañes; seconded by Mr. Trainer)

Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center, Inc.
(motion by Mr. Trainer; seconded by Ms. Sugrañes)

Miami Dade College - Lynn and Louis Wolfson II Florida Moving Image Archives, Museum of Art and Design and Department of Arts and Philosophy
(motion by Ms. Sugrañes; seconded by Mr. Trainer)

New World School of the Arts - Dance Division
(motion by Mr. Cortada; Ms. Sugrañes)

International Cultural Exchange (ICE) Grants Program

The FY 2015-2016 International Cultural Exchange Program Panel, chaired by Counselor Mireille Chancy-Gonzalez and attended by Counselor Rosa Sugrañes, convened April 23, 2015 to review 10 applications requesting a total of \$310,000. The Panel recommended funding 9 of the 10 applications.

Final grant awards are contingent upon the availability of funds in the Department's FY 2015-2016 budget, which is subject to the County's Budget as adopted in September 2015.

Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida, Inc.
Ballet Flamenco la Rosa, Inc.
Diaspora Vibe Cultural Arts Incubator, Inc
Edge Zones Art Center
FUNDate
Karen Peterson and Dancers, Inc.
Miami Light Project
South Florida Art Center
Tigertail Productions, Inc.

With no conflicts, the Panel's recommendations to fund the organizations were approved unanimously. (motion by Mr. Trainer; seconded by Mr. Cortada)

Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grants Program

The FY 2015-2016 Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grants Panel, chaired by Cultural Affairs Council member Robert J. Jensen, convened May 1, 2015 to review 23 applications requesting a total of \$1,260,000. The Panel recommended funding all 23 applications.

Final grant awards are contingent upon the availability of funds in the Department's FY 2015-2016 budget, which is subject to the County's Budget as adopted in September 2015.

All Florida Youth Orchestra, Inc. dba Florida Youth Orchestra
Alliance for Musical Arts Productions, Inc.
American Children's Orchestras for Peace, Inc.
Area Performance Gallery, Inc. d/b/a Area Stage Company
Ballet Etudes of South Florida, Inc.
Diva Arts & Entertainment, Inc.
enFAMILIA, INC.
Fantasy Theatre Factory, Inc.
Florida Film Institute, Inc.
Greater Miami Youth Symphony of Dade County, Florida, Inc.
Guitars Over Guns Organization, Inc.
Kinad, Inc.
Miami Children's Chorus, Inc.
Miami Dance Project, Inc.
Miami Momentum Dance Company, Inc.
Miami Music Project, Inc.
Miami Youth Ballet Inc.
South Florida Youth Symphony, Inc.
The Children's Voice Chorus, Inc.
The Motivational Edge, Inc.

The Roxy Theatre Group, Inc.
The South Florida Boys Choir, Incorporated
The Thomas Armour Youth Ballet, Inc.

With no conflicts, the Panel's recommendations to fund the organizations were approved unanimously. (motion by Mr. Cortada; seconded by Mr. Pérez)

FY 2015-2016 Grants Program Guidelines

The guidelines for the FY 2015-2016 Artist Access (ART) Grants Program for Individual Artists, Audience Access (AUD) Grants Program, and Community Grants (CG) Program were approved unanimously. (motion by Mr. Pérez; seconded by Ms. Sigars-Malina)

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

FY 2015-2016 Budget Updates

County

Ms. Margol reported that the FY 2015 - 2016 budget has been submitted to the County based on the recommendations made by the Council. She noted that the tax roll projections for property taxes will be released on June 1 and that these numbers will impact the proposed budget for FY 2015-2016.

Mr. Henriques noted that the requested \$10 million increase for the department budget would only bring the budget to the 2007-2008 level. He will be meeting with Mayor Gonzalez later in the day to discuss the department's needs.

Mr. Pérez noted that it is essential for government funding and commitments to keep pace with the rapid growth of the cultural community. Given his recent experiences, he emphasized that there must be a strong partnership between public and private sectors for cultural organizations to grow.

State

Mr. Spring reported that a special legislative session will be required to finalize the State's budget. He noted that the House of Representatives and the Senate have differing budget recommendations which will need to be resolved in the special session.

Culture Shock Miami - Discount Tickets for Youth Program

Ms. Beauvoir reported that to date, 8,020 tickets have been sold for the first eight (8) months of the current cultural season. In addition, 2,005 students have been reached through free outreach performances and workshops in collaboration with the Miami-Dade Public School System and the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center (SMDCAC), bringing the program's total reach 10,025. This represents an increase of 40% from the first eight (8) months of the 2013-2014 cultural season.

Culture Shock Miami will co-present Chicago Repertory Ballet on the main stage of SMDCAC on July 25. Hailed by the *Chicago Tribune* as "wonderfully dramatic," Chicago Repertory Ballet has established its unique voice in dance with its dedication to contemporary choreographic voice and incomparable storytelling. In addition to the \$5 CultureShockMiami.com student ticket-rate, tickets will be available to the general public at a cost of \$25-\$30.

Culture Shock Miami participated in SMDCAC's 9th Annual All Kids Included Festival on May 2, 2015. To help raise awareness about the program and draw teen audiences to the Center, Culture Shock Miami sponsored The Culture Shock Miami Stage featuring multiple performances by School of Rock and The Rodiles.

Contracts are being negotiated for *Culture Shock Presents* and collaborations with South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center, Miami-Dade County Auditorium and African Heritage Cultural Arts Center for the 2015-2016 season.

Department Facilities Updates

Joseph Caleb Auditorium

Ms. Valles reported that attendance to date at the Joseph Caleb Auditorium for FY 2014-15 is 28,649. She noted that the field trip season for the Miami-Dade County Public Schools ends on May 8.

Programs are in place for the summer, with more being negotiated. To date, reservations have been very brisk.

Ms. Valles also reported that the construction of the parking garage on the site is currently on schedule.

South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center

Mr. Fliss reported that for the 2014-2015 season, 59,287 patrons have attended the Center, participating in a wide range of programs and activities. Total attendance at the Center since the October 2011 grand opening has exceeded 200,000 patrons.

The Center hosted the 9th Annual All Kids Included Family Festival on May 2. The theme of this year's event was "The Seeds of Kindness." The estimated attendance for the festival and for the field trips leading up to it was 6,000.

Mr. Fliss noted that SMDCAC was nominated and recognized by Chamber South for an Excellence Award for its outstanding contribution to the community.

Subscriptions for the 2015-2016 season will be available in July 2015 and single tickets will go on sale to the general public in August 2015.

Art in Public Places Update

Ms. Romeu reported that the grand opening of the Miami-Dade Children's Courthouse was held on April 24. The building houses four Art in Public Places commissions, "Family of Bears" by Tom Otterness, "Just" by Jackie Chang, "Urban Quilt" by Carlos Alves and JC Carroll and "The Great Seal of the State of Florida" by Roberto Juarez.

"Arc," a new, permanent public art installation by artist Ivan Toth Depeña will be unveiled in the summer of 2015 at the Northeast Regional Library in Aventura, Florida. The sculpture reinterprets the natural force that destroyed the original library on the same site. A mobile app will use real time wind data to help visualize a permanent, virtual layer at this site.

Artists' orientation meetings for the public art commissions for the Miami Beach Convention Center expansion were held over two weekends. Twenty-six internationally renowned artists visited the site to help them formulate their proposals. Final proposals will be submitted in September 2015.

A national Call to Artists was issued for the NW 7th Avenue Transit Village and 149 applications were submitted. The artist selection meeting will be held on June 3, 2015.

Restoration projects for the program include the "X" sculpture located on the Wolfson Campus of Miami Dade College located in downtown Miami which has been recently completed. The work for the iconic *Miami Line* is in the permitting stage.

Mr. Pérez thanked Mr. Cortada for his installations in low-income housing developments. He noted that the feedback from the residents has been positive and it served as a reminder of the importance and impact of public art on the quality of life of the residents.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

- Mr. Spring noted the recent coverage in *The Miami Herald* regarding the transition of Vizcaya Museum and Gardens.
- Mr. Spring congratulated Mr. Pérez on receiving national Business Committee for the Arts Leadership Award.
- Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs will host the 7th annual Dance/USA conference in June 2015. The event will give local choreographers, dancers and dance organizations an opportunity to showcase their works as well as network on a national level.
- Miami-Dade County Auditorium has been selected as a finalist in the Knight Arts Challenge. The proposal is to create an international language bookstore in the lobby. Further plans include creating a coffee shop which would be open to the public during the day.

COUNCILOR REPORTS

- Mr. Cortada reported that he just returned from the Rauschenberg Art Residency on Captiva Island which addressed the rising waters of climate change. He will be giving an art talk at ArtCenter South Florida, "Matter: The Fundamental Particles," featuring Mr. Cortada's digital works "In Search of the Higgs boson." On May 21, Hialeah Mayor Carlos Hernandez will dedicate the installation of Mr. Cortada's work "Rise" at the city's main public library, a series of unique blocks arranged in the form of steps. Each block represents an individual's contribution to a community.
- Mr. Trainer reported that the Coconut Grove Arts Festival Gallery is hosting an exhibition entitled "My World Underwater" by artist Jose Regalado. He also expressed his thanks and congratulations to staff as they work with grantees and in the preparation for panel meetings.
- Ms. Sigars-Malina reported that the Chihuly exhibition at Fairchild ends on May 31. In addition to being able to see the exhibit during regular hours, the Garden hosts Tropical Chihuly Nights each Thursday night which offers a very different viewing experience.
- Mr. Henriques reported that his daughter appeared in the Florida Grand Opera's production of Gian Carlo Menotti's *The Consul*.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerry Landreth