

**MINUTES OF THE
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CULTURAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL**

July 16, 2014

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
Victor Bao
Mireille Chancy-Gonzalez
Xavier Cortada
Susana Ibarguen
Jorge Luis Lopez
Janá Sigars-Malina
Phyllis Simpkins
Rosa Sugrañes

Members Not Present

Alejandro Aguirre
Steven Alexander
Robert Jensen
Louis-Albert Jolivet
Jorge Pérez
Monty Trainer

Staff

Michael Spring, Director
Carolina Alfonso
Kelly Allocco
Francine Andersen
Patricia Arbelaez
Roxana Barba
Christina Beauvoir
Nikenna Benjamin
Jessica Berthin
Sue Camp
Lisa D'Andrea-Thompson
Marshall Davis
Marie Denis
Roselin Duberceau-Baptiste
Liliana Hernandez-Constanla
Sandra Hill
Gerry Landreth
Regla Lee

Deborah Margol
Gilda Mooney
Alex Peraza
Adriana Perez
Dana Pezoldt
Brandi Reddick
Javier Siut
Nicolle Ugarriza
Pamela Valles

Others

Gaby Lopez, Office of the Mayor
Lisa Martinez, Office of the Mayor

Chairman Adolfo Henriques called the meeting to order at 12:158 pm.

Chairman Henriques recognized Lisa Martinez and reported that she will be leaving the County to pursue other opportunities. He thanked her for her work and strong support during her tenure.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Requests for Excused Absences

Requests for excused absences submitted by Steven Alexander, Robert Jensen, Louis Albert Jolivert, Jorge Pérez and Monty Trainer. (motion by Mr. Cortada; seconded by Ms. Sugrañes)

Approval of the June 18, 2014 Minutes

The minutes of the June 18, 2014 Council meeting were approved unanimously. (motion by Mr. Bao; seconded by Ms. Sugrañes)

FY 2014-2015 Grants Program Recommendations

Dance Miami Choreographers (DMC) Grants Program

Four \$10,000 awards are being recommended for outstanding Miami-Dade choreographers selected by the program panel for the FY 2014-2015 Dance Miami Choreographers Program. This program supports the artistic development of Miami-Dade County-based choreographers for the creation of new work in all dance forms, including modern dance, ballet and folk. A panel of national dance experts met on June 27, 2014 to review the submissions.

As of this date, the FY 2014-2015 Dance Miami Choreographers Program allocation is being recommended to continue at the funding level in FY 2013-2014, to allow for four choreographers to be awarded. Any specific funding recommendations being considered and reviewed at this time are subject to the availability of funds in the Department's FY 2014-2015 budget, which is dependent upon the County's Final Adopted Budget in September 2014.

The recommended choreographers are:

- Alexey Puig Taran
- Lori Ilise George (a/k/a Ilisa Rosal)
- Augusto Soledade
- Pioneer Winter

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

Mr. Spring noted that Miami will be hosting the Dance/USA conference in 2015 which will provide national exposure to programs such as Dance Miami and Artburst as well as to Miami choreographers and organizations such as Miami City Ballet, the Arsht Center and South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center.

Developing Arts in Neighborhoods (DAN) Grants Program

The FY 2014-2015 DAN Program Panel convened on July 10, 2014 to review 32 applications requesting \$475,000. The Panel recommended funding all 32 applications.

The FY 2014-2015 award recommendations for the Developing Arts in Neighborhoods (DAN) Grants Program will be computed using the established funding formula for this program. The program's FY 2014-2015 total allocation and the recommended grant award amounts per grantee will be presented to the Council for final review later this summer after all of the "spring cycle" grants program panels have convened. Final grant awards are contingent upon

the availability of funds in the Department's FY 2014-2015 budget, which is subject to the County's Budget as adopted in September 2014.

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

Jorge Luis Lopez - The Miami Foundation, Inc., f/a for Bas Fisher Invitational

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

Academia de las Luminarias de las Bellas Artes, Inc.

Alhambra Music, Inc.

Arca Images, Inc.

CACEC, Inc.

Civic Chorale of Greater Miami

Community Arts And Culture, Inc.

Community Performing Arts Association, Inc.

Community Theatre of Miami Lakes, Inc., d/b/a Main Street Players

Deco Echo Artists Delegation d/b/a Center for Folk and Community Art

Delou Africa, Inc.

Fire Haus Projects, Inc., f/a for The Unconservatory, Inc.

Friends of the Japanese Garden, Inc.

Ground Up And Rising, Inc.

Homestead Community Concert Association, Inc.

Mad Cat Theatre Company, Inc.

Marti Productions, Inc.

Miami Beach Arts Trust, Inc., f/a for Pioneer Winter Collective

Miami Piano Circle, Inc.

Miami Watercolor Society, Inc.

Mz. Goose, Inc.

North Miami Community Concert Band, Inc.

Red Chemistry, Inc.

Siempre Flamenco, Inc.

South Beach Chamber Ensemble, Inc.

South Florida Bluegrass Association, Inc.

South Florida Composers' Alliance, Inc., f/a for Foundation for Emerging Technologies and Arts

South Florida Friends of Classical Music, Inc.

Teatro en Miami Corp.

The Arts at St. Johns, Inc.

The Cove/Rincon Corp.

The Miami Classical Guitar Society, Inc.

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

The Miami Foundation, Inc., f/a for Bas Fisher Invitational – conflict: Jorge Luis Lopez
(motion by Ms. Sugrañes; seconded by Mr. Bao)

Festivals and Special Events (FEST) Grants Program

The comprehensive year Festivals and Special Events Grants Program panel convened on June 24, 2014 to review 17 applications requesting a total of \$1,250,000. The applicants were determined to be eligible based on the program's guidelines and criteria, and were designated by the Panel as qualified for funding consideration. The Panel recommended funding 17 applications. There were no applications that applied to Cultural Organizations Division B.

The FY 2014-2015 award recommendations for the Festivals and Special Events (FEST) Grants Program will be computed using the established funding formula for this program. The program's FY 2014-2015 total allocation and the recommended grant award amounts per grantee will be presented to the Council for final review later this summer, after all of the "spring cycle" grants program panels have convened. Final grant awards are contingent upon the availability of funds in the Department's FY 2014-2015 budget, which is subject to the County's FY 2014-2015 Budget once adopted in September 2014.

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. Bao (Florida International University - South Beach Wine and Food Festival; Miami Dade College - Miami Book Fair International and Miami International Film Festival)

Mr. Cortada (Florida International University - South Beach Wine and Food Festival; Miami Dade College - Miami Book Fair International and Miami International Film Festival)

Mr. Henriques (Florida International University - South Beach Wine and Food Festival)

Mr. Lopez (Florida International University - South Beach Wine and Food Festival; National Foundation for the Advancement of the Arts – Young Arts Week)

The Panel's recommendations to fund the remaining organizations were approved unanimously. (motion by Ms. Sagrañes; seconded by Ms. Chancy-Gonzalez)

Cultural Organizations Division A

- The Music Association of Miami Award - The Cleveland Orchestra, Miami

Cultural Organizations Division C

- Inffinito Art & Cultural Foundation, Inc. Award - Brazilian Film Festival
- Miami Bach Society, Inc. Award - Tropical Baroque Festival
- Miami Gay and Lesbian Film Festival Award - Miami Gay and Lesbian Film Festival
- Patrons of Exceptional Artists, Inc. Award - Miami International Piano Festival
- University of Miami, Frost School of Music Award - Festival Miami

Community Organizations Division A

- Coconut Grove Arts and Historical Association Award - Coconut Grove Arts Festival

Community Organizations Division B

- Junior Orange Bowl Committee, Inc. Award - Jr. Orange Bowl Festival
- Miami-Broward One Carnival Host Committee Inc. Award - Miami Carnival

- Miami Design Preservation League Award - Art Deco Weekend

Community Organizations Division C

- Bayfront Park Management Trust Award - 2014 New Years' Eve Celebration
- Dade Heritage Trust, Inc. Award - Dade Heritage Days
- German American Social Club Award – Oktoberfest

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 - South Beach Wine and Food Festival
(motion by Ms. Sugrañes; seconded by Ms. Chancy-Gonzalez)

Miami Dade College - Miami Book Fair International and Miami International Film Festival
(motion by Ms. Sugrañes; seconded by Ms. Chancy-Gonzalez)

National Foundation for the Advancement of the Arts – Young Arts Week
(motion by Ms. Sugrañes; seconded by Ms. Chancy-Gonzalez)

Mr. Lopez commended the excellent work of the panelists. He suggested that they be recognized in some way for their hard work.

Youth Arts Enrichment (YEP) Grants Program

Youth Arts Enrichment (YEP) was created as a joint initiative of the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and The Children's Trust.

The FY 2014-2015 Youth Arts Enrichment Program (YEP) Grants Panel met on July 14, 2014 to review 46 applications requesting a total of \$673,480. The Panel recommended funding 33 applications for a total of \$450,000. Thirteen (13) applications scored below the threshold established by the Panel and were not recommended for funding.

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:

Ms. Chancy-Gonzalez (Jorge M. Perez Art Museum of Miami-Dade County, Inc.)

Mr. Cortada (Jorge M. Perez Art Museum of Miami-Dade County, Inc.; The Miami Children's Museum, Inc.)

Mr. Henriques (Florida Grand Opera, Inc.; Gablestage, Inc.; Historical Association of Southern Florida, Inc.; The Miami Children's Museum, Inc.)

Mr. Lopez (National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts, Inc.)

Ms. Sigars-Malina (Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Inc.)

Ms. Sugrañes (Jorge M. Perez Art Museum of Miami-Dade County, Inc.)

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

Actors' Playhouse Productions, Inc. \$9,838

Alhambra Music, Inc.	\$9,644
Area Performance Gallery Inc. DBA Area Stage Company	\$23,474
Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida, Inc	\$9,925
Bakehouse Art Complex, Inc.	\$9,687
City Theatre, Inc.	\$8,000
Coral Gables Congregational Church (United Church of Christ), Inc.	\$25,000
Deco Echo Artists Delegation d/b/a Center for Folk and Community Art	\$9,392
Friends of the Bass Museum, Inc.	\$9,961
Friendship Circle of Miami inc	\$9,536
Guitars Over Guns Organization, Inc.	\$25,000
Karen Peterson and Dancers Inc	\$25,000
Locust Projects, Inc.	\$9,492
Miami Light Project, Inc.	\$10,000
Miami Short Film Festival, Inc.	\$8,887
Michael-Ann Russell Jewish Community Center, Inc.	\$9,666
New World Symphony, Inc.	\$23,474
Saint Martha Concerts and Cultural Affairs, Inc.	\$9,421
South Florida Art Center, Inc. d/b/a ArtCenter/ South Florida	\$9,774
The Dance Now! Ensemble, Inc.	\$23,474
The Dave and Mary Alper Jewish Community Center, Inc.	\$9,493
The Miami Symphony Orchestra, Inc./Orquesta Sinfonica de Miami, Inc.	\$9,443
The Motivational Edge, Inc.	\$23,474
The Murray Dranoff Foundation, Inc.	\$10,000
The Musical Arts Association of Miami, Inc.	\$10,000
Tigertail Productions, Inc.	\$25,000

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:

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Inc. (motion by Mr. Bao; seconded by Ms. Sagrañes)	\$10,000
Florida Grand Opera, Inc. (motion by Ms. Sagrañes; seconded by Mr. Bao)	\$9,816
Gablestage, Inc. (motion by Mr. Bao; seconded by Ms. Sagrañes)	\$10,000
Historical Association of Southern Florida, Inc. (motion by Ms. Sagrañes; seconded by Ms. Sigars-Malina)	\$9,755
Jorge M. Perez Art Museum of Miami-Dade County, Inc. (motion by Ms. Sigars-Malina; seconded by Mr. Bao)	\$25,000
National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts, Inc. (motion by Mr. Cortada; seconded by Mr. Bao)	\$9,507

The Miami Children's Museum, Inc.
(motion by Ms. Sugrañes; seconded by Ms. Chancy-Gonzalez)

\$9,867

FY 2014-2015 Community Grants (CG) Program Panel

The FY 2014-2015 Community Grants (CG) Program Panel was approved unanimously. (motion by Mr. Cortada; seconded by Mr. Bao)

FY 2014-2015 Audience Access Grants Program (AUD) Grants Program Guidelines

The FY 2014-2015 Audience Access Grants Program (AUD) Grants Program Guidelines were approved unanimously. (motion by Ms. Sugrañes; seconded by Ms. Simpkins)

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

FY 2014-2015 Miami-Dade County Budget Update

Mr. Spring reported that the Mayor's proposed budget would not increase overall tax rates but it adjusted the millage rates to account for a proposed increase for the Libraries' budget.

Mr. Henriques noted that, although property tax collections are projected to increase, there are deferred expenses which are coming due and they will have an impact on the County's budget.

Mr. Cortada noted that it is important to preserve the Department's budget because the programs and projects gain national recognition and are used as a model for other cities. Mr. Henriques also noted that the activities of the Department make significant contribution to the quality of life and the economy.

Ms. Sigars-Malina suggested that the Cultural Affairs Council issue a resolution to request a restoration or increase in the budget. It also was suggested that talking points be drafted for Councilors to use when talking with their appointing Commissioner. Mr. Spring told Councilors that a resolution and talking points would be drafted for the Council's review.

Culture Shock Miami – Discount Tickets for Youth Program

Ms. Beauvoir reported that Culture Shock Miami's production of *Feet Don't Fail Me Now!* was a success. In addition to the public performance with 653 attendees, a free, full performance was made available to 765 Miami-Dade County campers from 8 different camp sites (central, west and south Miami-Dade) on June 27th, and a tap-dance master class led by the company's lead dancer and choreographer was offered to Miami-Dade residents on the morning of June 28th.

Culture Shock Miami partnered with the Arsht Center on marketing their summer production of H2OMBRE. The Center provided 400 tickets to the program.

Miami-Dade County Auditorium

Mr. Siut reported that during the months of May and June, Miami-Dade County Auditorium was booked primarily with graduations and dance recitals. There were 42 events during that period with over 42,000 in attendance.

The recent concert featuring Albita, Eva Ayllon and Olga Cerpa entitled "Mujeres con Cajones" was recorded live. The CD will be available soon.

Kohl's Department Stores used the Auditorium's stage for a photo shoot for their upcoming fall/winter catalogue. It concentrated on the clothing line designed by singer Marc Anthony who spent the day taking pictures on the stage.

Joseph Caleb Auditorium

Ms. Valles reported that the Auditorium hosted four summer performances. The performance for *Cinderella* was sold out. The attendance at the Joseph Caleb Auditorium for this fiscal year is 35,180 to date.

Coconut Grove Playhouse

Mr. Spring reported that the cone of silence for the selection of an architectural and engineering firm is still in place. The County's Internal Services Department (ISD) is overseeing the process. Mr. Spring is a member of the selection committee.

The City of Miami Off-Street Parking is operating the Playhouse parking lot. They are looking at different ways to utilize the space and bring people to that part of Coconut Grove.

Art in Public Places

Ms. Reddick reported that a Call to Artists has been issued for the Arcola Lakes Head Start Center. The project will enhance the area, particularly the benches, where children wait to be picked up. The budget is \$30,000.

A Call to Artists has also been issued to wrap the utility easement boxes in District 11, represented by Commissioner Juan C. Zapata. The selected artist(s) will create a series of wraps that can be duplicated throughout the 25 identified utility boxes. The "wrap" process is achieved by printing high-quality, high-resolution, large vinyl sheets and applying them the same way a decal would be applied.

Ms. Reddick reported that plans are in place to restore the iconic Miami Line. The original neon lighting, which could not withstand the vibrations of the Metrorail, will be replaced by more durable LED lighting. During the process, the entire electrical system will be replaced.

The final draft of the appraisal of the public art collection will be submitted to the Department on September 9. The report will include a full assessment of all of the works in the collection and will provide a maintenance report for each piece.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

- Mr. Spring reported that The Children's Trust has renewed its funding to the Department.
- Miami Science Museum's transition to a new construction company has been smooth and the work, which is being closely monitored by Department staff, is on pace.
- Staff member Mr. Peraza represented the Department at the groundbreaking for the Transit Village in Liberty City.
- Mr. Spring noted that the Council may need to meeting in August to finalize the Department's budget.

COUNCILOR REPORTS

- Ms. Chancy-Gonzalez noted that being a panelist provided great insight to the work being done in the community. She reminded Councilors that the Caribbean Marketplace opens Thursday, June 19.
- Ms. Ibargüen commented on the depth and the breadth of the work being by done by Miami's arts organizations.
- Ms. Sigar-Malina reported that International Mango Festival at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden held on July 12 and 13 was a great success.
- Ms. Simpkins reported that the Unity in the Community held in Goulds was a success. There was strong support from the community as well as from public service agencies.

- Mr. Cortada noted that he has created an interdisciplinary project at University of Florida commemorating the centennial of the Panama Canal.
- Ms. Sugrañes reported that she provided dignitaries from Spain with tours of Pérez Art Museum Miami and Wynwood. She noted that they were very impressed with both.
- Mr. Bao commented that he enjoyed serving as chair for the Developing Arts in Neighborhood (DAN) panel.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:33PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerry Landreth