

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

November 16, 2016

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
Alejandro Aguirre
Mitchell Bierman
Mireille Chancy-Gonzalez
Xavier Cortada
Sandra Curbelo
Denise Gerson
Robert Jensen
Jorge Pérez
Rosa Sugrañes
Monty Trainer
Dwayne Wynn

Staff

Michael Spring, Director
Kelly Allocco
Roxana Barba
Christina Beauvoir
Sue Camp
Mary Margaret Dale
Marshall Davis
Eric Fliss
Olga Gonzalez
Hanny Guedes
Theodore Harrell
Liliana Hernandez-Constanla
Regla Lee
Marialaura Leslie
Gilda Mooney

Members Not Present

Susana Ibarguen
Janá Sigars-Malina
Phyllis Simpkins

Others Present

Lydia Lopez, Assistant to Senior Advisor, Office of the Mayor

Staff (continued)

Alex Peraza
Adriana Perez
Dana Pezoldt
Amanda Sanfilippo
Pamela Valles

Chairman Adolfo Henriques called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Requests for Excused Absences for November 16, 2016

Requests for excused absences for Susana Ibarguen, Janá Sigars-Malina and Phyllis Simpkins were approved unanimously. (Motion by Mr. Bierman; seconded by Ms. Sugrañes)

Approval of the October 19, 2016 Minutes

The minutes of the October 19, 2016 Council meeting were approved unanimously. (Motion by Mr. Trainer; seconded by Ms. Sugrañes)

FY 2016-2017 Community Grants Program Recommendations – Second Quarter

The FY 2016-2017 Community Grants program panel chaired by Deputy Director Deborah Margol convened on November 3, 2016, to review 29 applications requesting \$229,250.00 for the Second Quarter of the program. The Panel recommended funding 29 applicants for a total of \$160,000.00.

The following Council members declared a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on the following:

Mr. Bierman – Village of Pinecrest - Pinecrest Gardens
Mr. Trainer - National Tropical Botanical Garden, Inc.

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

Angel Fraser-Logan Dance Company
Big Blue & You, Inc.
Borscht Corp.
Branches, Inc.
Brazilian Voices, Inc.
Center for the Advancement of Jewish Education, Inc.
Compositum Musicae Novae, Inc.
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Parade & Festivities Committee, Inc.
Florida Guitar Foundation, Inc.
Fotomission, Inc.
Global Arts Project, Inc.
Haitian American Youth Organization, Inc.
Juggerknot Theatre Corporation
Hispanic-American Lyric Theatre, Inc. a/f/a for Kaleidoscope MusArt, Inc.
Living Arts Trust, Inc. d/b/a O Cinema a/f/a for Bistoury, Inc.
Mind&Melody, Inc.
Music in Miami, Inc.
NWD Projects, Inc.
Rotary Foundation of South Miami, Inc.
Shakespeare in the Park Miami, Inc.
South Florida Bluegrass Association, Inc.
South Florida National Parks Trust, Inc.
St. Patrick's Day Committee, Inc.
St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Community
The Miami Foundation, Inc. a/f/a for 4Ward Miami, Inc.

United Jewish Generations, Inc.
Waving Hands, 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 and passed unanimously as follows:

National Tropical Botanical Garden, Inc.
(Motion by Mr. Bierman; seconded by Ms. Sugrañes)

Village of Pinecrest - Pinecrest Gardens
(Motion by Mr. Jensen; seconded by Ms. Sugrañes)

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Culture Shock Miami - Discount Tickets for Youth Program

Ms. Beauvoir noted that that Culture Shock Miami has entered the second month of its 12th season. To date, 1,232 tickets have been sold for the first two months of the 2016-2017 cultural season. Ms. Beauvoir reported that Culture Shock Miami has been working to confirm the participation of previous cultural organization partners, the addition of new partners and securing events and performances for the new season. Ms. Dale distributed the new Culture Shock Miami postcard highlighting the 2016-2017 presenting season. Culture Shock Miami continues to work with marketing firm, Matrix2, and PR firm, Arts Marketing Network, to implement the marketing plan. Councilor Sugrañes inquired about Culture Shock's use of social media and Ms. Beauvoir noted that Culture Shock Miami has an active presence on social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram and recently added Snapchat.

Department Facilities Updates

Joseph Caleb Auditorium

Ms. Valles reported that the Joseph Caleb Auditorium has launched their fall season and so far 8,731 children and youth have attended programs at the Joseph Caleb Auditorium for the month of October. Ms. Valles reported that October shows included *Little Monster Tales* by Fantasy Theatre Factory on October 6th and 7th; *We The People* by Theatre Works USA on October 21st; *Dog Loves Books* by Arts Power Touring Company on October 25th; and *A New Definition of Dance* presented by VSA Florida on October 26th in collaboration with All Kids Included, Culture Shock Miami, and the Miami-Dade County Auditorium.

Sandrell Rivers Theater

Mr. Spring reported that Fantasy Theatre Factory, the theater operator, and The M Ensemble, the resident company, have moved in to the new Sandrell Rivers Theater and are launching their first season in the new theater. The opening event will be Saturday, November 19th from 12 PM – 4 PM.

Coconut Grove Playhouse

Mr. Spring reported that the design team led by Arquitectonica is completing work on the site master plan for the Coconut Grove Playhouse. He noted that it is anticipated that a town meeting to get public input on the site master plan for the Coconut Grove Playhouse will be held by the end of the year. Mr. Spring also noted that the design team, which includes historic preservation architect Jorge Hernandez, theater consultants Fisher Dachs, and Arquitectonica, has been charged with designing a 21st Century, 300-seat theater for GableStage, which will be the operating company

in the Coconut Grove Playhouse. Ms. Spring reiterated that the goal continues to be to deliver an outstanding 300-seat theater that respects the historic elements of the property and remains within in the \$20 million budget.

Art in Public Places

Ms. Sanfilippo reported that Art in Public Places continues to work on various projects including public art commissions at Zoo Miami and at the Royal Caribbean Innovation Lab. Ms. Sanfilippo reported the Art in Public Places Professional Advisory Committee has selected a short list of artists for the APP project in Terminal A and parking garage at Royal Caribbean / Port of Miami.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

- Mr. Spring reported that The Children's Trust has increased their funding to the Department with an additional \$250,000 for summer arts and sciences camps grants and All Kids Included.
- Mayor Carlos Gimenez was reelected for another 4-year term.
- The Department has been recommended for a \$500,000 State capital grant for Joseph Caleb Auditorium.
- The Department has been recommended for a \$500,000 grant for the Coconut Grove Playhouse through the Division of Historical Resources.
- There is interest among County Commissioners to create a Black History Museum.
- American Museum of the Cuban Diaspora (formerly Cuban Museum) official opening on Friday, November 18th.
- Mr. Spring congratulated Carolina Alfonso on obtaining her architect's registration.
- Mr. Spring thanked staff that worked the election: Alex Peraza, Patricia Romo, and Cheryl Mizel.

COUNCILOR REPORTS

- Mr. Jensen reported that the Seminole Theater has reopened. The State of Florida's first national park, originally Royal Palm Park, now Everglades National Park will celebrate its 100th Anniversary on November 17, 2016.
- Ms. Chancy-Gonzalez encouraged Councilors to see the new Julio Le Parc exhibition at Pérez Art Museum Miami.
- Ms. Gerson noted that she attended an event at the New World School of the Arts.
- Mr. Cortada reported that he will attend the Creativity meeting convened by the National Endowment for the Arts.
- Mr. Aguirre noted that Art in Public Places was featured on the County's main Facebook page.
- Mr. Trainer reported that Saturday art walk in the Grove is going well. Also, the Miami Watercolor Society and Miami short Film Festival were recently presented at the Mayfair.
- Ms. Sagrañes was invited to Barcelona to discuss Miami's art scene with the Mayor of Barcelona and cultural leaders and public/private partnerships following her article that was published in La Vanguardia newspaper.
- Mr. Bierman attended the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C.
- Mr. Wynn invited Councilors to attend the African Heritage Cultural Arts Center and African Heritage Coalition and noted that he received the community involvement award at their banquet on October 21, 2016.
- Mr. Pérez reported that he met with Theaster Gates to discuss the power of art to be transformational in the development of communities. Mr. Pérez encouraged Councilors to attend the Julio Le Parc exhibition at PAMM.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Leslie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marialaura Leslie