

**MINUTES OF THE
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CULTURAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
May 19, 2021**

A meeting of the Miami-Dade County Cultural Affairs Council was held at the Miami-Dade County Auditorium and online via Zoom.

<p><u>Members Present</u> Brian May, Chairman Mitchell Bierman Sandra Curbelo Adolfo Henriques, Immediate Past Chair Jorge Plasencia Cheryl Rees Janá Sigars-Malina, First Vice Chair Rosa Sugrañes Justin Trieger</p>	<p><u>Members Not Present</u> Alejandro Aguirre Mireille Chancy-Gonzalez, Second Vice Chair Monty Trainer</p> <p><u>Others Present:</u> Laura Medina Tiffany Crapp</p>
<p><u>Staff</u> Michael Spring, Director Marialaura Leslie, Deputy Director Carolina Alfonso Kelly Allocco Francine Andersen Roxana Barba Stefania Barigelli Nikenna Benjamin Sue Camp Tania Centeno Kimberly Chuck Lisa D'Andrea Thompson Marshall Davis Marie Denis Ivette Dominguez Eric Fliss Olga Gonzalez Teddy Harrell</p>	<p><u>Staff (continued)</u> Liliana Hernandez-Constenla Regla Lee Amanda Sanfilippo Long Gilda Mooney Steven Padilla Alex Peraza Adriana Perez Dana Pezoldt Katherine Revell Javier Siut Christina Tassy-Beauvoir Pamela Valles Graham Winick</p>

Director Michael Spring called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Requests for Excused Absences for May 19, 2021

A request for an excused absence was submitted by Alejandro Aguirre, Mireille Chancy-Gonzalez and Justin Trieger. (Motion by Mr. Bierman; seconded by Ms. Sugrañes)

Approval of April 21, 2021 Minutes

The minutes of the April 21, 2021 Council meeting were approved unanimously. (Motion by Mr. Plasencia; seconded by Mr. Bierman)

FY 2020-2021 Community Grants (CG) Program Panel Recommendations – Fourth Quarter

Mr. Spring reported that the FY 2020-2021 Community Grants Program Panel, chaired by Councilor Sigars-Malina, met on April 28, 2021. A total of 20 organizations submitted applications to the program, requesting a total of \$147,500 in support funds. The panel reviewed and recommended funding all 20 applications for \$139,000. The Community Grants program is responsive on a quarterly basis to organizations which develop small and large-scale community-based programs, projects, events and publications. All of the panel's recommendations were approved unanimously. (Motion by Mr. Bierman; seconded by Ms. Sugrañes)

Angel Fraser-Logan Dance Company	\$6,000.00
Art For Us, Inc.	\$7,500.00
Center for Social Change, Inc. a/f/a Christensen Medina	\$7,500.00
Conecta: Miami Arts, Inc. a/f/a Arsenio Diaz Cardelle	\$7,500.00
Culture and Community Association Inc.	\$7,500.00
Due To Arts Inc.	\$5,000.00
Fire Haus Projects Inc.	\$7,500.00
Fresh Start of Miami-Dade, Inc.	\$7,500.00
HAVFAMA, Inc.	\$7,500.00
Instituto de Cultura Peruana, Inc.	\$3,000.00
Jazz Education Community Coalition, Inc.	\$7,500.00
La Zarzuela, Inc.	\$7,500.00
MAIACA, Inc.	\$7,500.00
Miami Girls Rock Camp, Inc.	\$5,000.00
South Florida Chamber Ensemble, Inc.	\$7,500.00
Stars Friends Arts, Inc.	\$7,500.00
Troop of Actors Inc.	\$7,500.00
UpBeat Miami, Inc.	\$7,500.00
Urgent, Inc.	\$7,500.00
Yiddishkayt Initiative, Inc.	\$7,500.00

FY 2021-2022 Community Grants (CG) Program Guidelines

Mr. Spring reported there are no substantive changes to the guidelines for the Community Grants (CG) program. The guidelines provide the Department of Cultural Affairs the flexibility to authorize those programs presented by cultural organizations in a virtual format and provide extensions as needed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. They were approved unanimously. (Motion by Ms. Sugrañes; seconded by Mr. Bierman)

FY 2021-2022 Capital Development (CAP) Grants Program Panel

Mr. Spring presented the grant panel list for the Capital Development (CAP) grants program. It was approved unanimously. (Motion by Ms. Rees; seconded by Mr. Plasencia)

FY 2020-2021 Festivals and Specials Events (FEST) Grant Program Panel Recommendations

Mr. Spring reported that the FY 2021-2022 Festivals and Special Events Grant Program Panel, chaired by Councilor Rosa Sugrañes, convened on May 6, 2021, to review 15 applications requesting \$1,235,000 in cultural funding. The Panel recommended funding all 15 applications based on the program formula. The program is designed to support festivals presented by legally incorporated 501(c)(3) nonprofit Florida corporations and/or units of local government. The following Council member declared a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on the following:

Mitchell Bierman - Florida International University Board of Trustees, for the benefit of the School of Hospitality – South Beach Wine and Food Festival

A motion was made to fund all the of the panel's recommendations subject to Councilors with conflicts abstaining from voting on the applications affected. The Councilor with the above-mentioned conflict of interest abstained from the voting. They were approved unanimously. (Motion by Ms. Sugrañes; seconded by Mr. Trieger)

4-ward Miami, Inc. – Gay8 Festival

Bayfront Park Management Trust – New Year's Eve Celebration

Coconut Grove Arts Historical Association – Coconut Grove Arts Festival

German American Social Club, Inc. - Oktoberfest

Ground Up Music Foundation, Inc. – GroundUp Music Festival

Inffinito Art & Cultural Foundation, Inc. – Brazilian Film Festival

Junior Orange Bowl Committee, Inc. – Jr. Orange Bowl Festival

Miami Beach Gay Pride, Inc. – Miami Beach Gay Pride Festival

Miami-Broward One Carnival Host Committee, Inc. – Miami Carnival

Miami Dade College – Miami Book Fair

Miami Dade College – Miami Film Festival

Miami Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, Inc. – Outshine Film Festival

Miami Hispanic Ballet Corp. – International Ballet Festival of Miami

O Miami, Inc. – O Miami

The Panel's recommendation to fund the following organization, for which there is the above-mentioned conflict of interest and abstention from voting, was voted on and passed unanimously as follows: (Motion by Ms. Sugrañes; seconded by Mr. Trieger)

Florida International University Board of Trustees, for the benefit of the School of Hospitality – South Beach Wine and Food Festival

FY 2020-2021 Hannibal Cox, Jr. (HCJ) Grants Program Panel Recommendations

Mr. Spring reported that the FY 2021-2022 Hannibal Cox, Jr. (HCJ) Program Panel, chaired by Councilor Monty Trainer, convened on April 27, 2021, to review 23 applications requesting \$690,000 in cultural funding. The Panel recommended funding all 23 applications based on the grant formula. The program is designed to provide funding and technical assistance to mid-sized semi-professional and professional organizations with a year-round season of cultural activities. (Motion by Mr. Trieger; seconded by Ms. Rees)

Arca Images, Inc.

Artists in Residence in Everglades, Inc.

Bas Fisher Invitational, Inc.

Community Arts and Culture, Inc.

Creation Art Center Corporation

Diaspora Vibe Cultural Arts Incubator, Inc.

Dimensions Dance Theater of Miami, Inc.

Edge Zones, Inc.

Friends of Chamber Music of Miami, Inc.

IlluminArts, Inc.

Juggerknot Theatre Company, Inc.

Karen Peterson Dancers, Inc.

Main Street Players, Inc. d/b/a Main Street Players

Miami Dade College – Department of Arts & Philosophy

Miami Lyric Opera, Inc.

Miami Short Film Festival, Inc.

PAXy, Inc.

Pioneer Winter Collective, Inc.

Peter London Global Dance Company, Inc.

Saint Martha Concerts and Cultural Affairs, Inc.

Siempre Flamenco, Inc.

Siudy Flamenco Dance Theater, Inc.

The Opera Atelier, Inc.

Director's Report

- Mr. Spring reported that the City of Miami filed a brief appealing the Coconut Grove Playhouse Project case.
- The Westchester Cultural Arts Center is close to completion. Mayor Levine Cava and Commissioner Souto will announce plans for the "East Park" outdoor amphitheater adjacent to the project. The amphitheater is expected to be finalized by fall of 2022.
- Roxy Theatre Group has been matched to manage the Westchester Cultural Arts Center. Miami-Dade Parks will manage the outdoor park.
- The County is currently working to authorize the use of \$10 million in GOB funds for the expansion of The Wolfsonian-FIU. The museum must work to develop the plans and raise additional funding needed for the project.

Councilor Reports

- Ms. Sigars-Malina reported that the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden has a family-friendly Jurassic Garden dinosaur exhibit open through the summer.
- Mr. Henriques noted that the cultural community is seeking guidance on how to reopen post-COVID-19 pandemic and is pleased to see the Department is taking an active role.
- Mr. Bierman recognized the passing of Terrence Riley, who was the director of the Miami Art Museum, now known as the Pérez Art Museum Miami, at a critical moment.
- Mr. Plasencia reported that he attended the Arsht Center's 15th year gala. He also added that a portion of SW 8th Street has been named after Rosa Maria Plasencia, his cousin and founder of the non-profit Amigos for Kids.
- Mr. Trieger noted that the Make Music Miami event will take place on June 21, 2021.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:31 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Marialaura Leslie