

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

May 18, 2022

A meeting of the Miami-Dade County Cultural Affairs Council was held at the Miami-Dade County Public Library System's Main Library and online via Zoom.

<p><u>Members Present</u> Mitchell Bierman Mireille Chancy-Gonzalez, Second Vice Chair Sandra Curbelo Cheryl Rees Rosa Sugrañes Justin Trieger</p>	<p><u>Members Not Present</u> Alejandro Aguirre Adolfo Henriques, Immediate Past Chair Brian May, Chairman Jorge Plasencia Janá Sigars-Malina, First Vice Chair Monty Trainer</p>
<p><u>Staff</u> Michael Spring, Director Carolina Alfonso Kelly Allocco Francine Andersen Patricia Arbelaez Roxana Barba Stefania Barigelli Dorixis Batista Dorianny Campbell Tania Centeno Kimberly Chuck Marshall Davis Marie Denis Eric Fliss Bianca Gonzalez Olga Gonzalez Teddy Harrell</p>	<p><u>Staff (continued)</u> Liliana Hernandez-Constenla Regla Lee Ana Meza Gilda Mooney Steven Padilla Alex Peraza Adriana Perez Dana Pezoldt Katherine Revell Pablo Rincon Alexia Robotham Patricia Romeo Amanda Sanfilippo Long Javier Siut Christina Tassy-Beauvoir Loretta Thompson Geraldine Toussaint Pamela Valles Graham Winick</p>

Director Michael Spring welcomed the Council and announced he would manage the meeting on Chairman May's behalf. Mr. Spring called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM. He announced that at 10:30 A.M. he will be joining a meeting with Miami-Dade County Mayor and staff.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Requests for Excused Absences for May 18, 2022

Requests for excused absences were submitted by Councilors Alejandro Aguirre, Adolfo Henriques, Brian May, Janá Sigars-Malina, Jorge Plasencia and Monty Trainer. (Motion by Ms. Chancy-Gonzalez; seconded by Mr. Bierman)

Approval of April 20, 2022 Minutes

The minutes of the April 20, 2022, Council meeting were approved unanimously. (Motion by Mr. Bierman; seconded by Mr. Trieger)

FY 2021-2022 Community Grants (CG) Program Fourth Quarter Panel Recommendations

Mr. Spring reported that the FY 2021-2022 Community Grants program panel, co-chaired by Councilors Sandra Curbelo and Janá Sigars-Malina, convened on May 4, 2022 to review 23 applications requesting \$172,395.00 for the Fourth Quarter of the program. The Panel recommended funding 22 applicants for a total of \$151,395.00. The panel did not recommend funding the application received from National Art Exhibitions of the Mentally Ill, Inc. This organization is a longtime applicant that has consistently received funding from the program. Based on the track record of this project and the availability of grant funds, the staff recommendation is to include funding for this organization at \$5,944, the amount of their last most recent Community Grant. Staff will work with the organization to address Panel concerns regarding the project in the grant agreement when they provide updated project description and budget. With the additional recommendation the revised total recommended funding for the program is \$157,339.00.

A motion was made to fund all the of the panel's recommendations as revised. They were approved unanimously. (Motion by Ms. Chancy-Gonzalez; seconded by Mr. Trieger)

Across Missions	7,500
Artefactus Cultural Project, Inc. a/f/a La Casa Del Teatro, Inc.	7,500
Creative Media Group, Inc.	7,500
Culture and Community Association, Inc.	7,500
Fire Haus Projects, Inc.	5,000
Fresh Start of Miami-Dade, Inc.	7,500
HAVFAMA, Inc.	6,000
IFE ILE, Inc.	6,000
Instituto De Cultura Peruana, Inc.	1,000
Jazz Education Community Coalition	7,500
La Zarzuela, Inc.	7,500

Lost Girls Theatre, Inc.	7,500
Love The Everglades Movement, Inc.	7,500
Miami Factory Theater, Inc.	7,500
Miami Girls Rock Camp, Inc.	6,000
Name Publications, Inc.	7,500
National Art Exhibitions of the Mentally Ill, Inc.	5,944
North Bay Village	7,395
South Florida Chamber Ensemble, Inc.	7,500
The Miami Oratorio Society, Inc.	7,500
Troop of Actors, Inc.	7,500
Urgent, Inc.	7,500
Yiddishkayt Initiative, Inc.	7,500

FY 2022-2023 Grant Program Guidelines

Mr. Spring reported there are no substantive changes to the Community Grants (CG) grants program guidelines for the 2022-2023 funding year. The program is working well and transition from Graham Winick to Geraldine Toussaint as grant program administrator was successful. The guidelines were approved unanimously. (Motion by Mr. Bierman; seconded by Ms. Rees)

FY 2022-2023 Grant Program Panels

Mr. Spring presented the grant panels for the FY 2022-2023 Capital Development (CAP), Dance Miami Choreographers (DMC) and Major Cultural Institutions (MCI) grants programs. They were approved unanimously. (Motion by Ms. Rees; seconded by Ms. Chancy-Gonzalez)

FY 2022-2023 Festivals and Special Events (FEST) Grant Program Panel Recommendations

Mr. Spring reported that the Festivals and Special Events Grants Program Panel, chaired by Councilor Rosa Sugrañes, convened on May 6, 2022 to review 15 applications requesting a total of \$1,235,000. The Panel recommended funding all 15 applications. The Festivals and Special Events Grants Program is designed to support festivals and special events taking place in FY 2022-2023 which are coordinated and presented by legally incorporated 501(c)(3) notfor-profit Florida corporations and/or units of local government. Adriana Perez is the administrator of the grant program.

The following Councilors declared conflicts of interest and abstained from voting on the associated organizations:

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

Justin Triegeer - Miami Dade College - Miami Book Fair; Miami Dade College - Miami Film 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 Councilors with the above-mentioned conflicts of interest abstained from the voting. They were approved unanimously. (Motion by Ms. Rees; seconded by Ms. Sugrañes)

Ground Up Music Foundation, Inc. - GroundUp Music Festival
Miami Hispanic Ballet Corp. - International Ballet Festival of Miami
Inffinito Art & Cultural Foundation, Inc. - Brazilian Film Festival
Miami Gay and Lesbian Film Festival
O Miami, Inc. - O Miami
Coconut Grove Arts and Historical Association - Coconut Grove Arts Festival
4-ward Miami, Inc. - Gay8 Festival
Bayfront Park Management Trust - New Year's Eve Celebration
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
German American Social Club, Inc. – Oktoberfest

The Panel's recommendations to fund the following organizations, for which there are the above-mentioned conflicts of interest and abstentions from voting, were voted on and passed unanimously as follows:

Florida International University Board of Trustees, for the benefit of the School of Hospitality - South Beach Wine and Food Festival
(Motion by Ms. Rees; seconded by Ms. Chancy-Gonzalez)

Miami Dade College - Miami Book Fair
Miami Dade College - Miami Film Festival
(Motion by Ms. Rees; seconded by Ms. Chancy-Gonzalez)

FY 2022-2023 Hannibal Cox, Jr. (HCJ) Grant Program Panel Recommendations

Mr. Spring reported that the Hannibal Cox Jr. Cultural Grants Program Panel convened on April 19, 2022 to review 27 applications requesting a total of \$810,000. The panel recommended funding all 27 applications. The Hannibal Cox, Jr. Cultural Grants Program provides funding and technical assistance support to mid-sized semi-professional and professional arts, scientific and historical organizations with a full-time presence in Miami-Dade County of presenting, performing or exhibiting a year-round season of cultural activities. Grants are awarded to not-for-profit, tax-exempt organizations with annual operating budgets of \$100,000 or more. Gilda Mooney, Chief of the Grants division chaired the panel on behalf of Councilor Trainer. Staff member Roxana Barba is the administrator of the grant program.

A motion was made to fund all the of the panel's recommendations. They were approved unanimously. (Ms. Rees; seconded by Ms. Chancy-Gonzalez)

Arca Images, Inc.

Artefactus Cultural Project
Artists in Residence in Everglades, Inc.
Bas Fisher Invitational, Inc.
Bookleggers Library, Inc.
CaFA-Third Horizon, Inc.
Community Arts and Culture, Inc.
Creation Art Center Corporation
Dimensions Dance Theater of Miami, Inc.
Edge Zones, Inc.
Friends of Chamber Music of Miami, Inc.
IlluminArts, Inc.
Juggerknot Theatre Company
Karen Peterson and Dancers, Inc.
Main Street Players, Inc. d/b/a Main Street Players
Miami Dade College - Arts & Philosophy
Miami Lyric Opera, Inc.
Miami Short Film Festival, Inc.
PAXy, Inc.
Pioneer Winter Collective, Inc.
Rise Kern Cultural Productions, Inc.
Peter London Global Dance Company, Inc.
Saint Martha Concerts and Cultural Affairs, Inc.
Siempre Flamenco, Inc.
Siudy Flamenco Dance Theater
The Opera Atelier, Inc.
University of Miami - Frost School of Music

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Update on the FY 2022-2023 County Arts Budget

Mr. Spring reported that Department staff met internally with Miami-Dade County Budget Office to review the Department's and Cultural Affairs Council's request for additional funding for next year. The initial feedback regarding the budget enhancements was positive. It is still very early in the budget process and the requests will need to be balanced with other pressures on the County budget. The Mayor will release her priorities for funding in June and the Miami-Dade County Commission will adopt preliminary millage rates in July.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- On May 5, 2022, the Third District Court of Appeal ruled on the Coconut Grove Playhouse case, denying the City of Miami's appeal of the Court's earlier favorable ruling for Miami-Dade County. This ruling upholds the City of Miami Commission's support of the County's Coconut Grove Playhouse application to the City's Historic and Environmental Preservation Board for a Certificate of Appropriateness. The City of Miami has until this week to file subsequent legal action. The City

Commission met and chose not to continue with legal action. The team has begun internal work to reactivate the project and move it to construction phase.

- Mr. Spring reminded Council members to complete the source of income statement for financial disclosure. The deadline is July 1st.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Liliana Hernandez-Constenla".

Liliana Hernandez-Constenla