

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

**March 21, 2018**

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  
Mireille Chancy-Gonzalez  
Sandra Curbelo  
Janá Sigars-Malina  
Rosa Sugrañes  
Monty Trainer

**Members Not Present**

Mitchell Bierman  
Xavier Cortada  
Denise Gerson  
Susana Ibargüen  
Phyllis Simpkins

**Others Present**

Laura Bruney, CEO, Arts and Business Council of Miami

**Staff**

Michael Spring, Director  
Carolina Alfonso  
Kelly Allocco  
Francine Andersen  
Patricia Arbelaez  
Roxana Barba  
Christina Beauvoir  
Mary Margaret Dale  
Marshall Davis  
Eric Fliss  
Olga Gonzalez  
Liliana Hernandez-Constenla  
Regla Lee  
Marialaura Leslie  
Gilda Mooney

**Staff (continued)**

Alex Peraza  
Adriana Perez  
Dana Pezoldt  
Amanda Sanfilippo  
Javier Siut  
Lisa Thompson  
Pamela Valles

The meeting was chaired by Chairman Adolfo Henriques. Mr. Henriques called the meeting to order at 12:12 p.m.

## ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

### Requests for Excused Absences for March 21, 2018

Requests for excused absences for Mitchell Bierman, Xavier Cortada, Denise Gerson and Susana Ibargüen were approved unanimously. (Motion by Ms. Sugrañes; seconded by Ms. Chancy-Gonzalez)

### Approval of February 28, 2018 Minutes

The minutes of the February 28, 2018 Council meeting were approved unanimously. (Motion by Ms. Chancy-Gonzalez; seconded by Mr. Aguirre)

### FY 2017-2018 Community Grants (CG) Grants Program – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Recommendations

The FY 2017-2018 Community Grants program panel, chaired by Councilor Janá Sigars-Malina, convened on March 14, 2018 to review 27 applications requesting \$222,000.00 for the Third Quarter of the program. 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. Ms. Barba reported that the Panel recommended funding 26 applicants for a total of \$155,000.00.

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

Mr. Trainer - University of Miami, Frost School of Music

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

Area Performance Gallery, Inc. d/b/a Area Stage Company a/f/a for Shakespeare Troupe	\$6,039
Artefactus Cultural Project, Inc.	\$6,039
Atma Yoga Dance Company, Inc.	\$6,039
Brazilian Voices, Inc.	\$4,831
CACEC, Inc.	\$6,039
Centro Cultural Boliviano Masis, CORP.	\$6,844
Collaborative Development Corporation	\$4,026
Exchange for Change, Inc.	\$6,039
FUNDarte, Inc. a/f/a for Siren Arts	\$6,039
I Want to be a Dancer Foundation, Inc.	\$6,039
IlluminArts, Inc.	\$6,039

Little Revolt, Inc.	\$4,429
Miami Beach Gay Pride, Inc.	\$12,077
Miami Chamber Music Society, Inc.	\$6,039
Miami International Jazz Fest, Inc.	\$6,039
Miami River Fund, Inc.	\$8,052
Mundo Art, Inc.	\$6,039
National Art Exhibitions of the Mentally Ill, Inc.	\$4,026
NWD Projects, Inc.	\$6,039
Sosyete Koukouy of Miami, Inc.	\$4,026
The Girls' Club Foundation, Inc. a/f/a for Wild Beast Collective	\$6,039
The Miami Foundation a/f/a for PageSlayers	\$6,039
The Miami Oratorio Society, Inc.	\$6,039
TL Tango Lovers Organization, Inc. d/b/a Global Arts Organization	\$4,026
Waving Hands, Inc.	\$4,026

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

University of Miami, Frost School of Music	\$8,052
(Motion by Mr. Aguirre; seconded by Ms. Sugrañes)	

### **FY 2017-2018 Summer Arts and Science (SAS-C) Grants Program Recommendations**

The FY 2017-2018 Summer Arts and Science Camps for Kids (SAS-C) Grants Panel, chaired by Councilor Monty Trainer, convened on Tuesday, March 14, 2018 to review 35 applications requesting a total of \$1,331,063.00 The SAS-C Grants Program was created as a joint initiative of the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and The Children's Trust. The objective of the SAS-C Grants Program is to grant funding to non-profit organizations that will provide underserved children in Miami-Dade County with opportunities to attend high quality cultural arts or science summer camp programs at little or no cost. The Panel recommended funding all 35 applications for a total of \$675,000.00.

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

- Mr. Aguirre – Barry University
- Mr. Henriques - Florida International University, Miami Children's Museum
- Ms. Sigars-Malina – Miami Theater Center
- Mr. Trainer - University of Miami, Frost School of Music

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

Area Performance Gallery, Inc. d/b/a Area Stage Company	\$16,951.00
Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida, Inc	\$11,386.00
ArtSouth, A Not-For-Profit Corporation	\$24,773.00
Breakthrough Miami Inc.	\$11,514.00
Diva Arts & Entertainment, Inc.	\$11,941.00
enFAMILIA, INC.	\$20,641.00
Fantasy Theatre Factory, Inc.	\$21,092.00
Florida Film Institute, Inc.	\$4,730.00
Friends of the Bass Museum, Inc.	\$23,487.00
Greater Miami Youth Symphony of Dade County, Florida, Inc.	\$12,972.00
Guitars Over Guns Organization, Inc.	\$14,823.00
Mahogany Youth Corporation	\$26,964.00
Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center, Inc.	\$45,000.00
Miami City Ballet, Inc.	\$23,487.00
Miami Dance Project, Inc.	\$23,968.00
Miami Music Project, Inc.	\$45,000.00
Miami Stage Company/Miami Children's Theater Inc.	\$20,641.00
Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department	\$9,492.00
Museum of Contemporary Art, Inc.	\$22,238.00
Musical, Inc.	\$19,549.00
PATH: Preserving, Archiving & Teaching Hiphop, Inc.	\$19,285.00
Performing Arts Center Trust, Inc. dba	
Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County	\$45,000.00
SBC Community Development Corporation of Richmond Heights, Inc.	\$20,418.00
Seminole Cultural Arts Theatre, Inc.	\$4,794.00
The Dave and Mary Alper Jewish Community Center, Inc.	\$18,047.00
The Opera Atelier, Inc.	\$12,571.00
The Thomas Armour Youth Ballet, Inc.	\$45,000.00
THEODORE ROOSEVELT GIBSON MEMORIAL FUND, INCORPORATED	\$7,943.00
Urgent, Inc.	\$16,041.00

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:

Barry University, Inc. (Motion by Ms. Sugrañes; seconded by Ms. Sigars-Malina)	\$6,357.00
Florida International University Board of Trustees for the benefit of the College of Engineering (Motion by Ms. Sugrañes; seconded by Ms. Sigars-Malina)	\$10,697.00

Florida International University Board of Trustees, for the benefit the Department of Theatre (Motion by Ms. Sugrañes; seconded by Ms. Sigars-Malina)	\$5,000.00
Miami Theater Center Inc. (Motion by Ms. Chancy-Gonzalez; seconded by Ms. Sugrañes)	\$11,426.00
The Miami Children's Museum, Inc. (Motion by Ms. Sugrañes; seconded by Mr. Aguirre)	\$17,521.00
University of Miami, Frost School of Music (Motion by Ms. Sugrañes; seconded by Ms. Sigars-Malina)	\$24,251.00

### **FY 2018-2019 Developing Arts in Neighborhoods (DAN) Grants Program Guidelines**

The program guidelines for FY 2018-2019 Developing Arts in Neighborhoods (DAN) Grants Program were approved unanimously. (Motion by Ms. Sugrañes; seconded by Ms. Sigars-Malina)

## **REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Update on FY 2018-2019 County Budget**

Mr. Spring noted that the Cultural Affairs Council held their annual Planning and Budget Retreat on February 28, 2018. Mr. Spring also noted that the Department of Cultural Affairs has submitted its FY 2018-2019 budget to the County's Office of Management and Budget, and it includes a gap of nearly \$1 million. The Council reiterated their intention to meet with their appointing Commissioners and the Mayor to request an additional \$3.5 million - the \$1 million to cover the gap plus an additional \$2.5 million to restore the budget to pre-recession levels and address the significant, growing needs of the cultural community and Department's cultural facilities. Ms. Bruney offered to help coordinate meetings with elected officials. Mr. Spring noted that some County departments that rely on earned income are reporting deficits which may have an impact on the available resources for FY 2018-2019. He reported that the Department has an internal budget hearing with the Office of Management and Budget at the end of April.

### **Update on FY 2018-2019 State Arts Budget**

Mr. Spring noted that the State Legislative session ended in March with the FY 2018-2019 state arts budget for Florida Division of Cultural Affairs being drastically reduced from approximately \$28 million this year to only \$2.6 million for next year. Mr. Spring reported that this budget cut negatively affects 152 Miami-Dade arts organizations whose grants funding has been severely reduced. Mr. Trainer noted that state funding for the New World School of the Arts was eliminated for this year. Ms. Sugrañes noted that the Council should meet with State Legislators from Miami-Dade who will be in leadership positions for the coming year to discuss the FY 2019-2020 state arts budget.

## **Culture Shock Miami - Discount Tickets for Youth Program**

Ms. Beauvoir reported that 1,221 tickets were sold in February 2018 and that 1,787 tickets have been sold to date in March 2018. Ms. Beauvoir highlighted performances at the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center, including BalletBoyz on February 10, 2018; Shadowland by Pilobolus on February 18, 2018; Disaster! The Musical from March 2-4, 2018; and Dance Theatre of Harlem on March 10 and 11, 2018. She noted that digital marketing has been successful, reaching 13,271 newsletter subscribers.

## **Department Facilities Updates**

### **South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center**

Mr. Fliss reported that the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center (SMDCAC) successfully hosted 177 events and welcomed 35,263 guests to date during their 2017-2018 season. Mr. Fliss noted that highlights include BalletBoyz performance and a class with SMDCAC dance students on February 10, 2018; globalFEST The New Golden Age of Latin Music featuring Las Cafeteras and Orkesta Mendoza and a master class with Guitars Over Guns students on February 24, 2018; and Dance Theatre of Harlem residency from March 9 – March 10, 2018, including “Dancing in the Streets” FREE Party with community and master dance classes at Thomas Armour Youth Ballet and New World School of the Arts, funded by the Knight Foundation’s Knight Arts Challenge.

### **Coconut Grove Playhouse**

Mr. Spring noted that the funded County, FIU and State approved plan for returning great theater to Coconut Grove is well underway, now at the final design phase. The Coconut Grove Playhouse project is approximately 50% through construction documents with the goal of going out with a construction bid package by the end of this year. The project continues to go through the regulatory review process with the City of Miami and just completed review by the Urban Design Review Board which unanimously supported the project.

### **Art in Public Places**

Ms. Sanfilippo reported that the Department is working on the \$5 million Jackson Health Systems Art in Public Places project that spans 4 buildings. Ms. Sanfilippo presented the short list of twenty-five artists that will be presenting their concepts to the Professional Advisory Committee of the Art in Public Places Trust. Mr. Spring noted that the Jackson team has been very involved in the project and pre-meetings were held with Jackson team to provide an orientation to the short-listed artists to help inform their proposals.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

- Mr. Spring noted that the Department continues to restructure with Ms. Lee being promoted to Chief of Finance and Budget.
- Mr. Spring made special presentations to longtime employees: Adriana Perez for 10 years of service and Christina Beauvoir for 20 years of service.
- Mr. Spring reported that John Richard, President and CEO of the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County will be retiring at the end of the year and Mr. Spring is serving on the selection committee for the new CEO.

- Mr. Spring reported that the Department will be hosting several national and international conferences over the next few years including the 2018 Creative Time Summit and the 2019 National Arts Marketing Project Conference. Mr. Spring also noted that the National Assemblies of State Arts Agencies (NASAA) and the Theater Communications Group (TCG) are interested in bringing their conventions to Miami.

## COUNCILOR REPORTS

- Ms. Sigars-Malina reported that The Miami-Dade Beacon Council will be awarding the 2018 Jay Malina Award to Chairman Henriques on Saturday, April 28, 2018.
- Mr. Aguirre and Ms. Sagrañes congratulated Adolfo Henriques on receiving the Jay Malina Award.
- Mr. Trainer noted that the New World School gala will be held at the Gusman Center on March 22, 2018.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Marialaura Leslie