

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

September 14, 2018

A meeting of the Miami-Dade County Cultural Affairs Council was held at the 6th Floor Conference Room, Stephen P. Clark Government Center, and 111 N.W. 1st Street, Miami, Florida.

Members Present

Adolfo Henriques, Chairman
Mitchell Bierman
Xavier Cortada
Sandra Curbelo
Susana Ibarguen
Janá Sigars-Malina
Rosa Sugrañes
Monty Trainer
Justin Trieger

Members Not Present

Alejandro Aguirre
Mireille Chancy-Gonzalez
Denise Gerson
Phyllis Simpkins

Others Present

Laura Bruney
George Neary
Susan Schein

Staff

Michael Spring, Director
Marialaura Leslie, Deputy Director
Kelly Allocco
Francine Andersen
Patricia Arbelaez
Roxana Barba
Christina Beauvoir
Nikenna Benjamin
Sue Camp
Tania Centeno
Mary Margaret Dale
Marshall Davis
Olga Gonzalez
Teddy Harrell
Liliana Hernandez-Constenla

Staff (continued)

Gilda Mooney
Steven Padilla
Alex Peraza
Adriana Perez
Dana Pezoldt
Katherine Revell
Amanda Sanfilippo
Javier Siut
Lisa Thompson
Pamela Valles
Graham Winick

The meeting was chaired by Chairman Adolfo Henriques. Mr. Henriques called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

PRESENTATION

Chairman Henriques introduced George Neary, Vice President, Cultural Tourism, Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau (GMCVB) and Laura Bruney, Director of the Arts and Business Council of Miami. Ms. Bruney recognized Mr. Neary for his 20 years of service at the GMCVB upon his retirement. She presented him the “Cultural Tourism Champion” award on behalf of the Arts and Business Council of Miami, the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and the Cultural Affairs Council.

ELECTION OF FY 2018-2019 OFFICERS – CULTURAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL

The Cultural Affairs Council Nominating Committee, comprised of Past Chairpersons Alejandro Aguirre and Rosa Sugrañes, met on August 16, 2018 to develop a slate of officers for the Miami-Dade County Cultural Affairs Council for FY 2018-2019.

The Committee endorsed and recommended the following proposed slate of officers to the Cultural Affairs Council for consideration:

Xavier Cortada, Chair
Adolfo Henriques, Immediate Past Chair
Janá Sigars-Malina, First Vice Chair
Mireille Chancy-Gonzalez, Second Vice Chair

The slate of officers was approved unanimously. (Motion by Mr. Trainer; seconded by Ms. Sugrañes)

ITEMS FOR RATIFICATION

Approval of June 20, 2018 Minutes

The minutes of the June 20, 2018 Council meeting were approved unanimously. (Motion by Mr. Cortada; seconded by Ms. Sigars-Malina)

FY 2018-2019 Grants Program Recommendations

Mr. Spring presented proposed grants program recommendations for FY 2018-2019. He reported Mayor Gimenez proposed the addition of approximately \$2 million to the grants budget in the coming fiscal year. He explained the list presented was submitted to the Miami-Dade County Commission as part of the budget approval process and the recommended grant allocations were developed to invest the additional funding in a balanced manner across all grant programs. Grants program allocations follow recommendations previously presented and approved by the Council and restore grant awards to 2007 pre-recession levels. The final Miami-Dade County budget hearing will take place Thursday, September 20, 2018 where the final grant allocation numbers will be approved by County Commission. Mr. Spring noted at the annual budget retreat the Council decided to strategically advocate for a recurring increase to the grants budget. The Council accepted the recommendations presented.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Requests for Excused Absences for September 14, 2018

Requests for excused absences for Alejandro Aguirre, Denise Gerson and Phyllis Simpkins were approved unanimously. (Motion by Ms. Sugrañes; seconded by Mr. Trainer)

FY 2018-2019 Community Grants Program – First Quarter Recommendations

Mr. Graham Winick reported that the FY 2018-2019 Community Grants program panel chaired by Councilor Janá Sigars-Malina convened on August 30, 2018 to review 35 grant applications requesting \$268,492 for the First Quarter of the program. The Panel recommended funding 35 applicants for a total of \$180,000.

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

Mr. Bierman – The Miami Foundation, Inc. a/f/a for Kunya Rowley

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

Algo Nuevo, Inc.	\$4,710
Art Creates US, Inc. d/b/a ProjectArt	\$5,435
Arts Connection Foundation, Inc.	\$5,435
Center Street Projects, Inc.	\$5,435
Community Performing Arts Association, Inc.	\$7,245
Cuatrogatos Foundation, Inc.	\$5,435
Fire Haus Projects, Inc.	\$3,623
Florida Dance Education Organization, Inc.	\$5,435
Friends of South Florida Music, Inc.	\$5,435
Funcionarte Corp.	\$4,348
Girasol Foundation, Inc.	\$5,072
Greater South Dade/South Miami/Kendall Chamber of Commerce d/b/a Chamber South	\$10,869
Hispanic Heritage Literature Organization Corp.	\$5,435
Illuminarts, Inc. a/f/a Juraj Kojis	\$5,435
Italian Film Festival, Inc.	\$3,623
Kuyayky Foundation, Inc.	\$5,435

Lemon City Cemetery Community Corp.	\$5,435
Love The Everglades Movement, Inc.	\$5,435
Macaya Foundation, Inc.	\$2,100
MAIACA, Inc.	\$5,435
Merrick Festival, Inc.	\$7,245
Miami Center for Architecture & Design, Inc.	\$3,986
Music in Miami, Inc.	\$3,623
Polish Film Festival Miami	\$3,623
Pridelines Youth Services, Inc.	\$3,624
Prizm Projects, Inc.	\$5,435
Push To Open, Inc.	\$5,435
Richmond Heights Community Association, Inc.	\$5,435
Sundari Foundation, Inc. d/b/a Lotus House	\$5,435
Sunflower Society, Inc.	\$5,435
The German School of South Florida, Inc.	\$4,348
The Miami Foundation, Inc. a/f/a for Kunya Rowley	\$4,348
Urban Oasis Project, Inc.	\$5,435
What if Works, Inc.	\$4,348
Zunzun Arts & Education, Inc.	\$5,435

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

The Miami Foundation, Inc. a/f/a for Kunya Rowley (Motion by Ms. Sigars-Malina; seconded by Ms. Sugrañes)	\$4,348
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FY 2018-2019 Artist Access (ART) Grants Program Guidelines

The FY 2018-2019 Artist Access (ART) grants program reflects Fundarte, Inc. as the new fiscal agent for the grant program.

FY 2018-2019 Audience Access (AUD) Grants Program Guidelines

The FY 2018-2019 Audience Access (AUD) grants program guidelines have no changes.

FY 2018-2019 Summer Arts and Science Camps for Kids (SAS-C) Grants Program Guidelines

The FY 2018-2019 Summer Arts and Science Camps for Kids (SAS-C) program guidelines reflect changes to the scoring criteria to align scoring to The Children's Trust scoring criteria. The Children's Trust is the full funder of the SAS-C grant program.

The guidelines for all three programs were approved unanimously. (Motion by Ms. Sigars-Malina; seconded by Mr. Trainer)

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Update on FY 2018-2019 County Budget

Ms. Spring reported that there were no comments regarding the arts budget at the first Miami-Dade County budget hearing on September 6, 2018. There is support for the Department's budget increase, which will be finalized at the second and final budget hearing on September 20, 2018.

Culture Shock Miami - Discount Tickets for Youth Program

Ms. Beauvoir reported that the program's summer season 2018 ticket sales did well, and 358 tickets have been sold to date for September 2018. Staff is preparing to launch the upcoming FY 2018-19 Culture Shock Presents season on September 18, 2018 and is working closely with agencies Matrix2 Advertising and Beber Silverstein Group to develop comprehensive public relations and marketing campaigns to support the program. The Culture Shock Miami presents season will open with "Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom" at the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center in October, "Mayumana's Currents" at the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center in February and "In to America" in May at Miami-Dade County Auditorium.

Department Facilities Updates

Miami-Dade County Auditorium

Mr. Javier Siut reported that Miami-Dade County Auditorium has hosted 130 events in the last quarter, with over 105,000 patrons. The Auditorium presented popular international and local acts including the Florida Chamber Orchestra with "Music in the Movies." The Orchestra will open the Auditorium's upcoming season with the presentation of "The Magic of Six Strings." In May the Auditorium also presented singer Albita, Alexis Valdes, FlamenGo and the 305 Improv Fest as well as the award-winning *Hot Theater Summer Series* which included works from Mexico, Argentina and Spain.

Westchester Cultural Arts Center

Mr. Spring reported the project went out for construction bid and is currently under the Miami-Dade County Cone of Silence. He noted that the Center, which will be located at the Bird Road entrance to Tropical Park, has received several bids which are under review.

Coconut Grove Playhouse

Ms. Spring reported the funded County, FIU and State-approved plan to bring theater back to Coconut Grove continues to move forward. The project was scheduled to appear before City of Miami's Planning, Zoning and Appeals Board (PZAB) which is step three of the four-step regulatory approval process required by the City of Miami. At the September 5, 2018 PZAB meeting, the PZAB voted 5 to 3 to support the County's technical zoning requests for the Playhouse. After the vote, all parties were informed that a "super majority" vote is required, or 6 to 2, for the item to pass. City staff recommended the approval of all the County's zoning requests. The County is working with the City on the next steps to accomplish these zoning approvals.

Mr. Spring reported that Miami-Dade County has filed a court appeal of the City of Miami's Commission actions, which overturned its own City of Miami Historic and Environmental Preservation Board (HEPB), which voted to support the project. The appeal is scheduled to be heard on October 25, 2018. Mr. Spring also noted Miami-Dade County strongly disagrees with the State's letter and contention that the Coconut Grove Playhouse project is in violation of its lease regarding the timetable for the project. The project will be completed before the lease's deadline of 2022, which is the only date required by the lease.

Art in Public Places

Ms. Amanda Sanfilippo reported that the Department of Cultural Affairs' Art in Public Places program applied for and was chosen as one of 14 finalists for the Bloomberg Public Art Challenge, which is a nationally competitive grant program for \$1 million to address a civic issue. The proposal "Climate Sync Miami" includes 10 temporary public art interventions dealing with the themes of sea level rise and climate change throughout greater Miami. Committed artists include Allora & Calzadilla, Mark Dion, Morel Doucet, Adler Guerrier, Jillian Mayer, Liam Gillick, Domingo Castillo, A.S.T. and Philip Estlund. The Art in Public Places program also issued an local artist call for the Caribbean Village, a housing development in south Miami-Dade County. Short listed artists include: Magnus Sodamin, Jessy Nite, Deon Rubi, Anastasia Samoylova, Karen Rifas, Adler Guerrier, Elaine Defibaugh and Christina Pettersson. Ms. Sanfilippo also reported that the Department is co-hosting the Creative Time Summit at the Arsht Center and PAMM on November 1-3, 2018. The Department was awarded a Knight Foundation grant to co-present the conference.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

- Mr. Spring announced the restructuring of the Department's business unit has been completed. He introduced Steven Padilla, Accountant 3 who was formerly with the County's Finance Department. The business team is led by Regla Lee; Olga Gonzalez, promoted to Financial Services Manager; Tania Centeno, Accountant 2; and William Campbell.
- The funding from The Children's Trust, a grant over \$1.25 million, has been renewed for this budget year.
- Two major conventions are coming to Miami-Dade County in 2019. The Theater Communications Group national conference will be held here June 5-7, 2019. Adriana Perez on staff is the point person representing the Department. The National Arts Marketing Project Conference is coming in November 2019. Marialaura Leslie, Graham Winick and Liliana Hernandez-Constenla are on the host committee. John Copeland, the

new Director of Cultural Tourism at the GMCVB will join the team in Seattle at the NAMP 2018 conference to promote next year's event.

COUNCILOR REPORTS

- Ms. Ibargüen announced PAMM is hosting its Corporate Luncheon on September 24, 2018.
- Ms. Sigars-Malina reported that Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden held the Mango Festival July 15-17, 2018. In October the Garden will celebrate the Ghoulish Garden Halloween Bash.
- Ms. Sandra Curbelo reported she had a rewarding and positive experience as a grant panelist.
- Mr. Xavier Cortada thanked Chairman Adolfo Henriques for his leadership in advocating for the grants budget this year.
- Mr. Monty Trainer reported the art gallery celebrated the opening of show featuring artist Michael Graves. He announced Xavier Cortada will have a one-man show.
- Mr. Trieger reported he attended the Adrienne Arsht Center's *Arts Launch* event. He was exposed to many grass roots arts organizations for the first time.
- Ms. Rosa Sugrañes thanked and congratulated Chairman Henriques for his service and leadership to the Cultural Affairs Council.
- Chairman Henriques thanked the Council and staff for their work in advancing the arts. He found the Chairman position to be personally rewarding and appreciated the Council's ability to collaborate and to be so responsive to the needs of the arts community.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Liliana Hernandez-Constenla