

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

January 18, 2023

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> Alejandro Aguirre Mitchell Bierman Kareem Brantley Mireille Chancy-Gonzalez, Second Vice Chair Adolfo Henriques, Immediate Past Chair Councilwoman Linda Julien Brian May, Chairman Jorge Plasencia Cheryl Rees Janá Sigars-Malina, First Vice Chair Rosa Sugrañes Monty Trainer</p>	<p><u>Members Not Present</u> Al Dotson, Jr.</p>
<p><u>Staff</u> Michael Spring, Director Marialaura Leslie, Deputy Director Carolina Alfonso Kelly Allocco Francine Andersen Patricia Arbelaez Roxana Barba Stefania Barigelli Nikenna Benjamin Tania Centeno Kimberly Chuck Mary-Margaret Dale Marie Denis Ivette Dominguez Eric Fliss Bianca Gonzalez Olga Gonzalez Teddy Harrell</p>	<p><u>Staff (continued)</u> Liliana Hernandez-Constenla Regla Lee David Martinez-Delgado Gilda Mooney Steven Padilla Alex Peraza Adriana Perez Dana Pezoldt Katherine Revell Pablo Rincon Gisella Rivas-Diaz Amanda Sanfilippo Javier Siut Christina Tassy Geraldine Toussaint Pamela Valles Eduardo Vivas Graham Winick</p>

Cultural Affairs Council Chairman Brian May called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. and welcomed the Cultural Affairs Council and staff.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Approval of November 16, 2022 Minutes

The minutes of the November 16, 2022 Council meeting were approved. (Motion by Mr. Henriques; seconded by Ms. Sigars-Malina)

Requests for Excused Absences for January 18, 2023

A request for an excused absence was submitted by Councilor Al Dotson.

(Motion by Mr. Henriques; seconded by Ms. Rees)

FY 2022-2023 Summer Arts & Science Camps for Kids (SAS-C) Grants Program Panel

Mr. Spring presented the grant panel for the FY 2022-2023 Summer Arts & Science Camp for Kids (SAS-C) grants program. The program is chaired by Councilor Trainer. Councilor Kareem Brantley will serve on the panel. It was approved unanimously. (Motion by Ms. Chancy-Gonzalez; seconded by Ms. Sigars-Malina)

FY 2023-2024 Grants Programs Guidelines

Mr. Spring reported there are no substantive changes to the grant program guidelines for the Audience Access (AUD), Capital Development (CAP), Dance Miami Choreographers' (DMC), International Cultural Partnerships (ICP), Major Cultural Institutions (MCI), Playwright Development (PDP), and Youth Arts Enrichment (YEP) grant programs. Due to the increase to the Department's budget, the grant guidelines funding levels were adjusted to reflect an increase in maximum awards for several grant programs. The Cultural Advancement (ADV) grant program funding cap increased from \$125,000 to \$160,000. The Cultural Development (CDG) grant program funding cap increased from \$60,000 to \$75,000. The Developing Arts in Neighborhoods (DAN) grant program funding cap increased from \$15,000 to \$20,000. The Festivals and Special Events (FEST) grant program in the Cultural Festivals category A, increased from \$125,000 to \$145,000; category B or midsize increased from \$85,000 to \$105,000; and the category C or smaller festivals, increased from \$65,000 to \$80,000. The Festivals and Special Events (FEST) grant program in the Community Festivals category A increased from \$100,000 to \$125,000; category B or midsize increased from \$80,000 to \$95,000; and the smaller category C increased from \$60,000 to \$70,000. Mr. Spring added that the Hannibal Cox, Jr. (HCJ) grants program funding cap increased from \$30,000 to \$40,000. The Youth Arts Miami (YAM) grants program funding cap increased for its category A from \$125,000 to \$160,000; category B or midsize increased \$50,000 to \$65,000; and category C or smallest-sized groups, increased from \$25,000 to \$35,000. The Youth Arts Miami grants program funds organizations that by mission serve children. Mr. Spring noted that investment is calibrated based on organizational budget size. The Department prioritizes support for smaller and mid-sized cultural organizations and is more heavily invested in them. The grant program guidelines were approved unanimously. (Motion by Mr. Henriques; seconded by Mr. Trainer)

Council member Kareem Brantley arrived at 10:20 a.m.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Art in Public Places Update

Ms. Amanda Sanfilippo Long, Curator and Artists Manager, presented new artwork commissions at Grove Central, a dynamic mixed-use development including housing and retail on the footprint of Coconut Grove Metrorail Station. The team is working with a client team that includes The Underline, and they were part of the process. The commissioned artists include Nicolas Lobo, Octavia Yearwood and Amani Lewis, Juan Ledesma and Asser St Val. Ms. Sanfilippo noted that Miami-Dade County's Art in Public Places program allocates 1.5% of capital costs of public projects to the commissioning of public art. The Art in Public Places team works closely with developers, the County partner and design team to identify opportunities for public art before issuing an artist call. The entire team along with the Professional Advisory Committee reviews artists qualifications. The Professional Advisory Committee are the voting members that narrow down the list to request full proposals from interested artists. Once an artwork has been commissioned, the public art team works closely with artists and developers to implement the project. Councilor Brantley noted that working closely with developers early in the process can make integration of art into a project easier to achieve.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Mr. Spring thanked the Miami-Dade County Auditorium staff for hosting former Miami-Dade County Clerk Harvey Ruvin's memorial service with short notice. The memorial was the beautiful and dignified celebration Clerk Ruvin deserved.
- Deputy Director Marialaura Leslie was recognized by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation as a Knight Arts Champion this year. Ms. Leslie designated the accompanying \$10,000 award to the Florida Cultural Alliance, the state-wide advocacy organization in support of the arts.
- Mr. Spring noted the County Commission agenda item for the Community Grants 2nd Quarter grant panel recommendations previously approved by the Cultural Affairs Council has been pulled by Commissioner Oliver Gilbert, Chair of the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners. Staff is working to answer his questions regarding the item.
- Deputy Director Leslie led staff team to launch a new online Cultural Resource Directory. The directory, which is now in the intake phase, is an online searchable directory which will list cultural organizations. To date over 200 organizations have submitted information to be included.
- Mayor Levine Cava is hosting the State of the County Address on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at Equestrian Center in Tropical Park.
- Congress approved the 2023 15% budget increase for the National Endowment for the Arts and National Endowment for the Humanities. Americans for the Arts was instrumental in supporting and advocating for the budget increases.

COUNCILOR REPORTS

- Councilor Monty Trainer reported that Coconut Grove is experiencing revitalization of cultural activity. This year the Coconut Grove Arts Festival will be held February 18 – February 20, 2023. Dade Days will be held in Tallahassee on March 28, 2023.
- Councilor Rees wished all present a healthy and happy new year.
- Councilor Aguirre thanked Deputy Director for designating the \$10,000 Knight Arts Champion Award for the Florida Cultural Alliance. The organizations does fantastic work in support of the arts.
- Councilor Brantley is looking forward to serving on the Summer Arts and Science Camps for Kids (SAS-C) grant program panel.
- Councilor Plasencia wished all a happy new year.
- Councilor Sigars-Malina is concerned about recent negative media coverage regarding Miami International Airport and as a way to balance perceptions about the airport, would like the outstanding public art there at to be recognized. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens is hosting Valentine's event in February.
- Councilor Henriques is delighted to see the revitalization of Coconut Grove. He is eagerly awaiting the day the Coconut Grove Playhouse is reopened.
- Councilwoman Linda Julien noted that the City of Miami Gardens will promote the use of the Golden Ticket Arts Guide to seniors on social media and the public access channel. City staff will begin to schedule activities around cultural programs listed in the guide.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Liliana Hernandez-Constenla