

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

April 18, 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
Xavier Cortada
Sandra Curbelo
Denise Gerson
Janá Sigars-Malina
Phyllis Simpkins
Rosa Sugrañes
Monty Trainer

Members Not Present

Mitchell Bierman
Susana Ibarguen

Others Present

Myrtha Desolme

Staff

Michael Spring, Director
Kelly Allocco
Roxana Barba
Christina Beauvoir
Nikenna Benjamin
Sue Camp
William Campbell
Tania Centeno
Mary Margaret Dale
Marshall Davis
Eric Fliss
Olga Gonzalez
Hanny Guedes
Teddy Harrell
Marialaura Leslie
David Martinez-Delgado

Staff (continued)

Gilda Mooney
Adriana Perez
Lisa Thompson
Pamela Valles

The meeting was chaired by Chairman Adolfo Henriques. Mr. Henriques called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Requests for Excused Absences for April 18, 2018

Requests for excused absences for Mitchell Bierman and Susana Ibarguen were approved unanimously. (Motion by Ms. Sagrañes; seconded by Ms. Trainer)

Approval of March 21, 2018 Minutes

The minutes of the March 21, 2018 Council meeting were approved unanimously. (Motion by Ms. Chancy-Gonzalez; seconded by Mr. Aguirre)

FY 2018-2019 Grants Program Panels

The below program panels for FY 2018-2019 were approved unanimously. (Motion by Ms. Sagrañes; seconded by Ms. Sigars-Malina)

1. Cultural Advancement (ADV) Grants Program Panel
2. Cultural Development (CDG) Grants Program Panel
3. Hannibal Cox, Jr. (HCJ) Grants Program Panel
4. International Cultural Exchange (ICE) Grants Program Panel

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Update on FY 2018-2019 County Budget

Mr. Spring reported that the Department of Cultural Affairs has submitted its FY 2018-2019 budget to the County's Office of Management and Budget and was in the process of working with the Budget Office. The Council reiterated their intention to meet with their appointing Commissioners and the Mayor to request 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. He noted that the Department's internal budget hearing with the Office of Management and Budget was scheduled for the end of April.

Culture Shock Miami - Discount Tickets for Youth Program

Ms. Beauvoir reported that 2,004 tickets were sold in March 2018 and that 743 tickets have been sold to date for April 2018. Ms. Beauvoir highlighted performances at the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center, including The Other Mozart, a one-woman play recounting the forgotten story of Maria Anna (Nannerl) Mozart, sister of Wolfgang Amadeus

Mozart from April 13-15, 2018 and TAO – Drum Heart in March, which included a Pre-Show Hang Out hosted by Culture Shock Miami Student Council. She noted that digital marketing has been successful, reaching 14,484 newsletter subscribers.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

- Mr. Spring reported that the African Heritage Cultural Arts Center received a grant award from the National Endowment for the Arts in the amount of \$70,000 for their arts education programs for youth.
- Mr. Spring reported that the Miami-Dade County Auditorium received a grant award from the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs in the amount of approximately \$10,000 for their OnStage BlackBox presenting series.
- Mr. Spring reported that the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs received a Local Arts Agency grant award from the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs in the amount of approximately \$10,000.
- Mr. Spring noted 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 recognized staff member William Campbell for 15 years of distinguished service to Miami-Dade County.
- Mr. Spring introduced a new staff member, Tania Centeno, who joined the Department's Finance and Budget team as an Accountant 2.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Marialaura Leslie