

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

May 15, 2019

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.

<p><u>Members Present</u> Xavier Cortada, Chairman Alejandro Aguirre Mitchell Bierman Mireille Chancy-Gonzalez Sandra Curbelo Denise Gerson Susana Ibarguen Brian May Cheryl Rees Janá Sigars-Malina Rosa Sugrañes Monty Trainer Justin Trieger</p>	<p><u>Members Not Present</u> Adolfo Henriques Phyllis Simpkins</p> <p><u>Others Present:</u> Shawn Wilborne</p>
<p><u>Staff</u> Michael Spring, Director Marialaura Leslie, Deputy Director Kelly Allocco Francine Andersen Roxana Barba Stefania Barigelli Christina Beauvoir Sue Camp Tania Centeno Mary-Margaret Dale Marshall Davis Eric Fliss</p>	<p><u>Staff (continued)</u> Olga Gonzalez Liliana Hernandez-Constenla Jazmin Jones Regla Lee Amanda Sanfilippo Long David Martinez-Delgado Alex Peraza Katherine Revell Patricia Romeu Pamela Vales Graham Winick</p>

Chairman Xavier Cortada called the meeting to order at 12:12 p.m.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Requests for Excused Absences for May 15, 2019

A request for an excused absence for Adolfo Henriques was approved unanimously. (Motion by Ms. Sigars-Malina; seconded by Ms. Chancy-Gonzalez)

Approval of April 17, 2019 Minutes

The minutes of the April 17, 2019 Council meeting were approved unanimously. (Motion by Ms. Sigars-Malina; seconded by Ms. Sugrañes)

FY 2018-2019 Community Grants (CG) Program Panel Recommendations – Fourth Quarter

Mr. Graham Winick reported that the FY 2018-2019 Community Grants program panel chaired by Janá Sigars-Malina convened on April 25, 2019 to review 19 applications requesting \$144,500.00 for the Fourth Quarter of the program. The Panel recommended funding 18 applicants for a total of \$129,500.00. 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.

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

Mitchell Bierman – The Miami Foundation, Inc. a/f/a Laura Randall

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

Bascomb Memorial Broadcasting Foundation, Inc. a/f/a Jazz Education Community Coalition	\$7,500.00
Conecta: Miami Arts, Inc.	\$7,500.00
Culture and Community Association, Inc.	\$7,500.00
Dimensions Dance Theater of Miami, Inc.	\$7,500.00
Facundo Rivero Performing Arts, Inc.	\$7,000.00
Fresh Start of Miami-Dade, Inc.	\$7,500.00
Little Revolt, Inc.	\$7,500.00
Miami Light Project, Inc. a/f/a Flipside Kings	\$7,500.00
Miami Light Project, Inc. a/f/a/ Greedy Pumpkin Head Projects	\$7,500.00
Ruta Teatral, Inc.	\$7,500.00
Seminole Cultural Arts Theatre, Inc. d/b/a Friends of the Historic Seminole Theatre	\$7,500.00
South Florida Chamber Ensemble, Inc.	\$7,500.00
Town of Cutler Bay	\$5,000.00
Troop of Actors, Inc.	\$7,500.00
Urgent, Inc.	\$7,500.00
Village of Palmetto Bay	\$5,000.00
Voices of Miami, Inc.	\$7,500.00

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 Laura Randall (Motion by Mr. May; seconded by Ms. Sugrañes)	\$7,500.00
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FY 2019-2020 Festivals and Special Events (FEST) Grant Program

Ms. Gilda Mooney reported on behalf of Adriana Perez who is the grant program administrator for the program. She reported that the Festivals and Special Events Grants Program Panel, chaired by Councilor Alejandro Aguirre with Councilor Cheryl Rees serving on the panel, convened on May 8, 2019 to review 13 applications requesting a total of

\$1,000,000. The Panel recommended funding all 13 applications. The Festivals and Special Events Grants Program is designed to support festivals and special events taking place in FY 2019-2020.

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

Mitchell Bierman – Florida International University Board of Trustees, for the benefit of the School of Hospitality

Xavier Cortada – Florida International University Board of Trustees, for the benefit of the School of Hospitality; Miami Dade College – Miami Bookfair; Miami Dade College – Miami Film Festival

Cheryl Rees - Florida International University Board of Trustees, for the benefit of the School of Hospitality; Miami Dade College – Miami Bookfair; Miami Dade College – Miami Film Festival

Monty Trainer - Bayfront Park Management Trust; Coconut Grove Arts and Historical Association

Justin Triegeer - Miami Dade College – Miami Bookfair; Miami Dade College – Miami Film Festival

The Panel's recommendations to fund the remaining organizations were approved unanimously, as listed below. (Motion by Mr. May; seconded by Ms. Chancy-Gonzalez)

It was noted that grant amounts will be determined based upon final FEST program allocation.

Bayfront Park Management Trust - Trainer
Borscht Corp.
Coconut Grove Arts and Historical Association – Trainer
German American Social Club, Inc.
Inffinito Art & Cultural Foundation, Inc.
Junior Orange Bowl Committee, Inc.
Miami Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, Inc.
Miami Hispanic Ballet Corp.
Miami-Broward One Carnival Host Committee, Inc.
University of Wynwood, Inc.

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

Miami Dade College – Miami Bookfair (Aguirre was not present for the vote)
Miami Dade College – Miami Film Festival (Aguirre was not present for the vote)
(Motion by Mr. May; seconded by Ms. Sagrañes)

Coconut Grove Arts and Historical Association
(Motion by Mr. May; seconded by Ms. Sagrañes)

Florida International University Board of Trustees, for the benefit of the School of Hospitality
(Motion by Mr. May; seconded by Ms. Sagrañes)

Bayfront Park Management Trust
(Motion by Ms. Sagrañes; seconded by Ms. Chancy-Gonzalez)

FY 2019-2020 Hannibal Cox, Jr. (HCJ) Cultural Grant Program

Ms. Roxana Barba reported that the Hannibal Cox Jr. Cultural Grants Program Panel, chaired by Council member Monty Trainer, convened on May 9, 2019 to review 26 applications requesting a total of \$780,000. The Panel recommended funding all 26 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 presenting, performing or exhibiting a year-round season of cultural activities.

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

Alejandro Aguirre – Miami Dade College – Teatro Prometeo; Miami Dade College – Department of Arts and Philosophy

Xavier Cortada – Miami Dade College – Teatro Prometeo; Miami Dade College – Department of Arts and Philosophy; University of Miami - Frost School of Music

Denise Gerson – University of Miami - Frost School of Music

Cheryl Rees – Miami Dade College – Teatro Prometeo; Miami Dade College – Department of Arts and Philosophy

Monty Trainer – Miami Dade College – Teatro Prometeo; Miami Dade College – Department of Arts and Philosophy; Miami Short Film Festival; University of Miami - Frost School of Music

Justin Trieger - Miami Dade College – Teatro Prometeo; Miami Dade College – Department of Arts and Philosophy

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

It was noted that grant amounts will be determined based upon final HCJ program allocation.

Arca Images, Inc.

Artists in Residence in Everglades, Inc. (AIRIE)

Bas Fisher Invitational, Inc.

Community Arts and Culture, Inc.

Creation Art Center Corporation

Cuban Classical Ballet of Miami, Inc.

Dade Heritage Trust, Inc.

Diaspora Vibe Cultural Arts Incubator, Inc.

Dimensions Dance Theater of Miami, Inc.

Edge Zones, Inc.

Friends of Chamber Music of Miami, Inc.

Historic Hampton House Community Trust, Inc.

Karen Peterson and Dancers Inc

Main Street Players, Inc. d/b/a Main Street Players

Miami Beach Film Society, Inc.

Miami Lyric Opera, Inc.

Paxy, Inc.

Peter London Global Dance Company, Inc.

Saint Martha Concerts and Cultural Affairs, Inc.

Siempre Flamenco, Inc.

South Florida Composers' Alliance, Inc.

The Opera Atelier, Inc.

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

Miami Dade College - Department of Arts and Philosophy
Miami Dade College - Teatro Prometeo
(Motion by Ms. Sugrañes; seconded by Mr. May)

Miami Short Film Festival
(Motion by Ms. Sigars-Malina; seconded by Ms. Sugrañes)

University of Miami - Frost School of Music
(Motion by Ms. Sigars-Malina; seconded by Mr. May)

FY 2019-2020 Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grant Program

Ms. Francine Andersen reported that The FY 2019-2020 Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grants Panel, chaired by Cultural Affairs Council member Mitchell Bierman, convened on Friday, May 10, 2019 to review 30 applications requesting a total of \$1,775,000. The Panel recommended funding all 30 applications. The objective of the Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grants Program is to provide operational funding support to non-profit youth arts organizations having a year-round presence in Miami-Dade County whose primary mission is to create, present or exhibit cultural programs for children and/or with children. Applicants to this program must have at least a 3-year track record of providing a year-round season of youth arts activities for children and youth.

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

Brian May – Area Performance Gallery, Inc. d/b/a Area Stage Company

Justin Trieger - The Thomas Armour Youth Ballet, Inc.

The Panel's recommendations to fund the remaining organizations were approved unanimously, as listed below.
(Motion by Ms. Sugrañes; seconded by Mr. Trieger)

It was noted that grant amounts will be determined based upon final YAM program allocation.

All Florida Youth Orchestra, Inc. dba Florida Youth Orchestra
Alliance for Musical Arts Productions, Inc.
American Children's Orchestras for Peace, Inc.
Ballet Etudes of South Florida, Inc.
Diva Arts & Entertainment, Inc.
enFAMILIA, INC.
Fantasy Theatre Factory, Inc.
Florida Film Institute, Inc.
Greater Miami Youth Symphony of Dade County, Florida, Inc.
Guitars Over Guns Organization, Inc.
Kinad, Inc.
Miami Children's Chorus, Inc.
Miami Dance Project, Inc
Miami Momentum Dance Company, Inc.
Miami Music Project, Inc
Miami Stage Company/Miami Children's Theater Inc.

Miami Theater Center Inc.
Miami Youth Ballet Inc.
Miami Youth for Chamber Music, Inc.
Musical, Inc.
National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts, Inc.
PATH: Preserving, Archiving & Teaching Hiphop, Inc.
South Florida Center for Percussive Arts, Inc.
South Florida Youth Symphony, Inc.
The Children's Voice Chorus, Inc.
The Motivational Edge, Inc.
The Roxy Theatre Group, Inc.
Young Musicians Unite, Inc.

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

Area Performance Gallery, Inc. d/b/a Area Stage Company (Motion by Mr. Bierman; seconded by Ms. Chancy-Gonzalez)

The Thomas Armour Youth Ballet, Inc. (Motion by Mr. Bierman; seconded by Ms. Ibarguen)

FY 2019-2020 Grant Program Panels

The program panels for the Capital Development (CAP) Grant Program, Developing Arts in Neighborhood (DAN) Grant Program, and Major Cultural Institutions (MCI) Grant Program were approved unanimously. (Motion by Mr. Bierman; seconded by Ms. Sigars-Malina)

FY 2019-2020 Community Grants Program Guidelines

The Community Grants (CG) Guidelines have no substantive changes for FY2019-2020. The guidelines were approved unanimously. (Motion by Ms. Sagrañes; seconded by Mr. May)

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Update on the FY 2019-2020 County Arts Budget

Mr. Spring reported that there has been internal activity regarding the Department's budget. The Mayor will set budget recommendations for the County which will be released in July 2019. The outstanding issue for the Department budget is the Council's request of an increase for cultural grants, which are being carried at status quo level in the draft budget.

Update on the FY 2019-2020 State Arts Budget

Mr. Spring reported the Florida Governor has yet to review and approve the State budget. The State of Florida Division of Cultural Affairs was recommended for \$21.2 million. The Florida Cultural Alliance has been actively working on an increase to the state arts budget. The Culture and Museum Grants program has an allocation of \$12.3 million, Culture Builds Florida Grants, which funds projects, is fully-funded with an almost \$3 million allocation, and the Cultural Facilities Grants Program is funded at almost \$6 million. The State arts budget impacts 143 cultural organizations in Miami-Dade County.

Culture Shock Miami - Discount Tickets for Youth Program

Ms. Christina Beauvoir reported that, *Culture Shock Miami* partnered with Miami-Dade County Auditorium (MDCA) to present the final show of the season, *In To America* on May 10, 2019. The presentation included a free school performance for students from Ferguson Senior High School, Miami Edison Senior High School, Miami Norland Senior High School, and Miami Senior High School. In addition to the school performance, a public performance was presented for the Culture Shock Miami audience (ages 13-22) and the general public. To date, 2,274 tickets were sold for the *Culture Shock Miami Presents* season, representing 83% of available tickets. Staff is in the process of recruiting a part-time Program Coordinator to assist with social media content creation, development of email marketing communications, event set-up on TicketWeb and website, and customer service inquiries.

Department Facilities Updates

South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center

Mr. Eric Fliss reported the South Miami Dade Cultural Arts Center just finished its eighth season. Ballet Hispanico wrapped up its residency at the Center, and the Center held its first Latin Night Social on the plaza, largely due to the partnership with South Arts. The *Dance Talks* program continues with journalist Jordan Levin. One of the season highlights was presenting *RENT*, which sold out and broke sales records. *One Night of Queen* was also a sellout show and it was very timely with the movie generating a lot of interest in the band. The Center partnered with the Town of Cutler Bay for the show. This season attendance at the Center increased by 20% and revenue at the Center increased by 29%. Mr. Fliss reported the Center was recognized with a National Association of Counties (NACo) award for Dance Theater of Harlem's presentation of *The Black Ballerina*.

Coconut Grove Playhouse

Mr. Spring reported that after a 12-hour public hearing on May 8, 2019, the City of Miami Commission voted 3-2 to support the County's appeal of the City of Miami's Historic and Environmental Board vote to deny the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness. Miami-Dade County Mayor Gimenez led the team and presented at the Commission hearing on behalf of the County-FIU Coconut Grove Playhouse project. City of Miami Mayor Suarez has ten days to veto the City Commission's decision. Mayor Gimenez has offered to meet with him to review project details and facts. The Coconut Grove Village Council, Dade Heritage Trust and the Coconut Grove Business Improvement District have all endorsed the project. If the City Commission vote stands the Department is ready to submit plans to the City's building Department for permitting. It is important to note that the Knight Foundation's \$2 million gift is specifically for the County's project.

Art in Public Places Update

Ms. Amanda Sanfilippo Long presented project updates and images of a pergola by Edouard Duval-Carrie at the Father Gerard Jean-Juste Community Center at Oak Grove Park. Art in Public Places also worked with Town of Medley to commission a Town Hall Monument by artist Carlos Enrique Prado. For the Hialeah Gardens Library, part of the Miami-Dade County Public Library System, artist Johnathan Gonzalez was selected to develop the artworks to be featured in the plaza, and artist Amanda Keely for interior artwork. Ms. Sanfilippo reported that staff attended the Florida Association of Public Art Professionals (FAPAP) Conference held in Fort Lauderdale, May 8-10, 2019.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

- Mr. Spring announced that there is a new cultural grant program, the Pérez CreARTE Grants Program from the Jorge M. Pérez Family Foundation which focuses on artist fellowships and residencies, arts education

and access, and spaces for the creation of art. The fund at the Miami Foundation will allocate \$1 million a year via a competitive grant program. Mr. Pérez is a former chair of the Cultural Affairs Council.

- Mr. Spring reported that the Council's Green Task Force met before the Council meeting on May 15, 2019. The Task Force reviewed ideas to launch the initiative. The Department will meet with a group of cultural leaders to gain feedback regarding the implementation of the Green Initiative ideas. A full report will be provided at the June Cultural Affairs Council meeting.
- Mr. Spring reported the Department of Cultural Affairs received two National Association of Counties (NACo) awards, including Miami-Dade County Auditorium's family programming and South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center for the Dance Theater of Harlem's presentation of *The Black Ballerina*.
- The National Endowment for the Arts has awarded the Department \$20,000 for a New Dance New Ground: Miami series. It will provide choreographers that are awarded funding through the Department's Choreographers' Fellowship program an opportunity to develop and perform new work in Department facilities.
- The Theater Communications Group conference is being held in Miami in June 5-7, 2019.

COUNCILOR REPORTS

- Chairman Cortada recognized Director Spring for his leadership working on the Coconut Grove Playhouse project.
- Ms. Chancy-Gonzalez was delighted to attend many events in New York where the Miami art scene was a top point of discussion.
- Ms. Gerson commended Mr. Trainer for a great job leading the Hannibal Cox, Jr. grant panel.
- Ms. Rees reported she was pleased to participate as a grant panelist and be part of the Festivals and Special Events grant panel.
- Mr. Trieger reported that the Make Music Miami project will be held on June 21, 2019, when various public and private spaces are turned into music venues.
- Mr. Trainer reported that Coconut Grove Arts Festival gave out 20 scholarships to deserving students.
- Ms. Sigars-Malina reported she was happy to see so many ideas already thoughtfully developed for the Green Task Force to recommend and begin to implement. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden will host the Mango Festival.
- Mr. Aguirre thanked Cultural Affairs staff and Ms. Rees for their hard work and participation in the Festivals and Special Events grant panel. He also commended the Mayor's leadership at the City of Miami's Commission meeting on the Coconut Grove Playhouse.
- Chairman Cortada introduced Shawn Wilborne, student from the University of Miami's School of Law. Mr. Wilborne is working with the Chairman to lead efforts to establish the "Trash Talk" project with the Miami-Dade County Department of Solid Waste.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Liliana Hernandez-Constenla