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**Arts, Culture & Entertainment Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

200 S. Biscayne Blvd., Suite 2929 Miami, FL 33131  
Thursday, November 3rd, 2016 | 10:30 A.M  
DDA Conference Room

**Board Members Present:**

**Kim Stone, Chair**  
**Al West**

**DDA Staff /Public Attendees:**

**Alyce Robertson**  
**Christina Crespi**  
**Lauren Bourgoyne**  
**Yami Roa**  
**Caldwell Jackson**  
**Karry Maravilla**  
**Karina Mestre**  
**Tim Schmand**

**Eric Quinoz**  
**Eric Riel**  
**Prisca Tomasi**  
**Heike Dempster**  
**Brian Harris**  
**Raquel Colon**  
**Juan Garaizabal**

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1. Welcome & Introductions

The Committee Chair Kim Stone welcomed all the guests and asked them to introduce themselves.

2. Presentations

a. Havana's Balcony | An Art Installation in Museum Park (presentation on file)

Guest: Juan Garaizabal, Artist

Mr. Garaizabal presented his proposal called Havana's Balcony that consists of a monumental sculpture which captures the lines of a very symbolic balcony of Havana - that city which evokes such nostalgia in so many living in Miami. This monument constructed in inox steel and led light is intended to be placed facing the direction of the Cuban capital. This installation would be placed at Museum Park. This sculpture is coming in pieces through the Port of Miami, week of November 13<sup>th</sup> to be put in place, inauguration will follow on November 23rd before Thanksgiving and Art Basel.

Committee Member Kim Stone asked how the DDA staff could help him. Mr. Garaizabal requested assistance in promoting the installation through social media, PR, etc. Lauren Bourgoyne added that DDA staff has offered support for this project and encouraged Mr. Garaizabal to apply for a Competitive Grant.

Committee Member Al West requested that a list of places where Mr. Garaizabal's works have been displayed be sent to him.

b. Olympia Theater

Guest: Robert Geitner, Executive Director (presentation on file)

Robert Geitner, Executive Director of the Olympia Theater provided a presentation with information about the Downtown Programming of his venue, including demographics, and goals of the venue. Alyce Robertson said that funding for the sponsorship grant for the Olympia Theater has been allocated in the FY 16-17 budget and recommended this item for DDA's Board approval.

Committee member Al West requested that information about the economic impact of the Olympia Theater events on the Downtown community be sent out to him. Nicholas Martinez to work with Robert Geitner to compile this information.

3. Discussions

a. Committee Goals & Achievements for FY 2016 -2017

Lauren Bourgoyne provided an overview of the elements in the budget of her department that included projects such as Art in Downtown, Community events and Grants.

Committee members stated that the priorities of this committee should include community events that create a sense of Downtown community. In regards to the Art Days project, committee members feel that this event should be reconfigured, to do so, it was suggested that DDA staff convene the local venues and engage them, so they can work together in the programming of events. In regards to Legacy Grants, Lauren Bourgoyne mentioned that DDA staff had a conversation with the Downtown Alliance and Florida Grand Opera to find out what type of events would appeal to the residents who may want to see something different. Committee member, Kim Stone asked that staff send additional suggestions for the committee goals via email to the Committee members.

4. Project Updates

- a. DDA Website Update & Demo  
*Update provided in printed form*
- b. Art Days 2016 Recap  
*Update provided in printed form*
- c. Downtown Fright Night Recap  
*Update provided in printed form*

Meeting Adjourned at 12:11PM.