

**MIAMI-DADE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES  
PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, August 24, 2023**  
**10:00 AM – 4:15 PM EST**

**PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC) MEMBERS**

Dejha Carrington, Co-Founder, Commissioner  
Omar Lopez Chahoud, YES Contemporary, UNTITLED ART  
Wanda Texon, New World School of the Arts

**PROJECT SITES, AUTHORITY, PHASE**

- DORAL BRANCH LIBRARY, MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM (MDPLS); ARTIST PRESENTATIONS
- JAY ORE AND CARLOS JORGE, MDPLS; DONATIONS

**LOCATION**

Zoom Online Meeting

**ATTENDEES**

Ray Baker	MDPLS
Stefania Barigelli	APP
Ralph Costa	MDPLS
Oscar Fuentes	MDPLS
Alex Goldstein	Ferguson Glasgow Schuster Soto Architects
Bianca Gonzalez LoCicero	APP
Morgan Graboski	Ferguson Glasgow Schuster Soto Architects
Pablo Rincon	APP
Patricia Romeu	APP
Amanda Sanfilippo Long	APP
Michael Spring	Department of Cultural Affairs
Lisa Thompson	MDPLS

Michael Spring, Director, Department of Cultural Affairs called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM on Thursday, August 24, 2023.

**DORAL BRANCH LIBRARY**

Following a welcome, Amanda Sanfilippo Long, APP Curator and Artist Manager, invited self-introductions by the Professional Advisory Committee (PAC), APP team members and representatives of the client and design teams. Alex Goldstein representing Ferguson Glasgow Schuster Soto Architects and Lisa Thompson representing MDPLS provided an overview of the project.

The Doral Branch Library is a 3-story building with a semi-covered terrace on the third floor facing Downtown Doral Park. The ground floor includes a welcoming lobby with a double-height atrium space, grand staircase and multipurpose room. The second floor houses the children and young adult areas. The third floor houses the adult area and

library staff spaces. This building takes advantage of an open floor plan, modern design and materials, and quality views. Opportunities for public art included but are not limited to applications to the north exterior wall stair tower, a suspended artist designed sculpture and lighting element or application to interior atrium and stairwell wall, and / or durable application beneath the exterior roof terrace canopy.

Subsequently, the following eight (8) artists, invited to create proposals at a June 15, 2023 meeting of the PAC, presented their proposals:

1. Regina Jestrow
2. Kevin Arrow
3. Charo Oquet
4. Michelle Lisa Polissaint
5. Evelyn Politzer
6. Florencio Gelabert
7. Yolanda Sanchez
8. Alex Nuñez

After careful deliberation and feedback from the client team, the PAC recommended commissioning Alex Nuñez for the entire commission budget of \$105,000. Influenced by family ties to both Cuba and New Orleans, Nuñez's painting practice reflects a sumptuous tropical aesthetic incorporating a wide range of colors and textures, as well as glitter and metallic media. It was recommended by the PAC for the artist to pursue a combination of her proposals for an interior suspended artwork made out of CNC milled iridescent and mirror Plexiglass and imagery printed on metal Dibond, and an exterior glass mosaic tile mural featuring a range of opalescent and iridescent glass tiles on the underside of the third floor canopy. Both concepts are based on a body of work entitled "Beneath the Palms," evoking the experience of looking up through and reading beneath palm leaves and fronds. The non-repeating palm forms are rendered exuberantly in a range of organic shapes and vibrant colors.

### **Donations: Jay Ore, Carlos Jorge, MDPLS**

Following a welcome, Amanda Sanfilippo Long, APP Curator and Artist Manager, invited self-introductions by the PAC, APP team members, and colleagues. Oscar Fuentes representing MDPLS provided background, noting that the MDPLS retains its own collection of artworks separately from Art in Public Places, and that to accession artworks into the collection, Miami-Dade County Administrative Order 1-3 requires the works to be brought to the APP Trust and lastly to the Mayor's office for approval. Mr. Fuentes provided an overview including images, artist credentials, and Art in Public Places Donation Questionnaire for the artworks that MDPLS would like to accession via donation, including:

Donor: Jay Oré (Artist)

1. *In Love with the Universe*, Oil on canvas, 46 x 35"
2. *Supernovae*, Polaroid photograph Collage, 31 x 33"
3. *Two Worlds*, Oil on canvas "46 X 35"
4. *Omni Watch*, Spray paint on glass, 40 x 48"

Donor: Carlos Jorge (Artist)

1. *The Engagement*, Oil on canvas, 59 X 51”

After careful discussion, the PAC recommended that MDPLS move ahead with the accessions into the MDPLS public art collection.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Sanfilippo Long  
APP Curator and Artist Manager