

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA  
2023-2024 BUDGET**

**HISTORIC RESOURCES & CULTURAL ARTS**

**FISCAL YEAR 2023 MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION**

- ✓ Processed 23 Special Certificates of Appropriateness and 59 Standard Certificates of Appropriateness.
- ✓ Processed 1 Ad Valorem tax abatement applications.
- ✓ Processed 6 Transfer of Development Right applications.
- ✓ Processed 9 Local Historic Landmark Designations.
- ✓ Performed 252 inspections on historic properties.
- ✓ Issued 93 Historical Significance Determinations.
- ✓ Assisted with the rehabilitation and restoration of the Fink Studio project.
- ✓ Assisted with the restoration and replication of the White Way Lights.
- ✓ Completed construction coral rock wall in front of Merrick House and repaired the west coral rock wall.
- ✓ Implemented the “100 Voices” oral history series at Merrick House.
- ✓ Planned and hosted the “A Proper Garden Tea” event.
- ✓ Planned and hosted “Sundays on the Porch with George” events.
- ✓ Completed large-scale scanning projects for the Raul E. Valdés-Fauli Coral Gables Archives including three oversized map books and one 1936 Plat Map book.
- ✓ Collaborated with Coral Gables Museum on multiple exhibits.

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**FISCAL YEAR 2023 MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS – (Continued)**

**CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION**

- ✓ Reviewed, processed, and administered Cultural Grants to 42 (forty-two) non-profit organizations.
- ✓ Facilitated ongoing professional development opportunities through the Arts & Business Council for Cultural Grantees.
- ✓ Ongoing refinement of Cultural Grant application process and continued implementation of early application and review to align with City's budget process and cultural arts season.
- ✓ Celebrated the artwork "Mean Average" by Tony Cragg and received Art Basel recognition, including facilitation of a pre-recorded studio walk-through by the Artist and hosting of an Art Basel VIP event.
- ✓ Awarded a Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, Specific Cultural Project Grant for a public art exhibition which received a ranking in the top 5 of applications submitted to the category.
- ✓ Administered completion of Art in Public Places City project: "Concepto I" by artist Zilia Sanchez for the 427 Biltmore Way municipal building.
- ✓ Administered completion of Art in Public Places City project: "Eternal Vigilance" by artists Shane Allbritton and Norman Lee.
- ✓ Administered fabrication completion of Art in Public Places City project: "Mars" by artist Julio Larraz; installation scheduled in FY23.
- ✓ Administered completion of Art in Public Places in Private Development project donation through MG Developer at Balboa Plaza: "Coral Carpet" by R & R Studios.
- ✓ Administered completion of Art in Public Places in Private Development projects at The Plaza: "Mean Average" by Tony Cragg; monumental bench with ritual ring and lanterns by Michele Oka Doner; and "Coral Fountains" by Jean Michel Othoniel.
- ✓ Administered completion of Art in Public Places in Private Development projects at Villa Valencia: "Lady" by Thomas Houseago.
- ✓ Administered and processed approval of Art in Public Places City project: "Whispering Through a Stone" (working title) by Janine Antoni.
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- ✓ Administered and processed approval of public art on private property: “Rey del Tequila” by Leonora Carrington at The Plaza.
- ✓ Administered and processed proposal request of Art in Public Places in Private Development project: “Coral Light Way” by R & R Studios for The Village.
- ✓ Completed restoration of over fifteen public artworks throughout the City.
- ✓ Administered process of ADA signage for fifteen artworks in the City’s public art collection.
- ✓ Conducted public art tour for Bike Walk Coral Gables.
- ✓ Conducted Urban Sketch Crawl for Coral Gables Museum.
- ✓ Interviewed for prominent international art journal “Oronsko” featuring Coral Gables Art in Public Places program.
- ✓ Interviewed for Coral Gables Magazine featuring Coral Gables Art in Public Places program.

