



**MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
PUBLIC ART & PLACEMAKING ADVISORY BOARD  
TOWER 101, SUITE 1100**

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE 101 NE 3<sup>RD</sup> AVENUE, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301  
JUNE 16, 2025 – 1:00 P.M.**

<u><b>MEMBERS</b></u>		<b>January-December 2025</b>	
		<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Martha Steinkamp, Chair	P	4	0
Phoenix Marks, Vice Chair	P	4	0
Lori Franke	P	4	0
Edison Lozada (arr. 1:16)	P	2	2
Erica Mohan	P	3	1
Jodi Tanner	A	3	1
Elisabeth Wennberg	P	4	0

As of this date, there are 7 appointed members to the Board, which means 4 would constitute a quorum.

**Staff Present**

Joshua Carden, Cultural Affairs Officer, Staff Liaison  
K. Cruitt, Recording Clerk, Prototype, Inc.

**Communication to the City Commission**

None.

**Roll Call**

Chair Steinkamp called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m. Roll was called and it was noted a quorum was present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Minutes – 4/21/2025**

Chair Steinkamp requested the following changes to the April 21, 2025 minutes:

- P. 3, paragraph 3: clarify the cultural significance of the Sankofa bird
- P. 4, paragraph 8: include the statement that the Chair has spoken with a representative of the Laird Trust, who indicated that publicity for Marc Quinn’s *Broken Sublime* sculpture would be done by the Trust

Vice Chair Marks requested that the marketing strategies proposed by the Board members be reflected under Agenda Item 9 as well.

**Motion** made by Vice Chair Marks, seconded by Ms. Franke, to defer the minutes until next meeting. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

Mr. Lozada arrived at 1:16 p.m.

### **1. Welcome & Introductions**

### **2. July Meeting Discussion**

Mr. Carden noted that most advisory bodies in Fort Lauderdale observe a summer recess similar to that taken by the City Commission, which typically includes cancelling July meetings.

**Motion** made by Ms. Mohan, seconded by Mr. Lozada, to cancel the July meeting. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

### **3. 13<sup>th</sup> Street Roundabout Call to Artist Extension**

Mr. Carden stated that the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Roundabout Call to Artists is currently set to expire on June 30, 2025. As there is neither a Board meeting nor a Commission meeting scheduled before that date, no action would be taken on the call to artists before August 2025. Thus far, there have only been two responses to the call. He recommended extending the deadline until August 1, 2025.

**Motion** made by Vice Chair Marks, seconded by Ms. Mohan, to extend the call to August 1.

Mr. Carden advised that applications in response to the call would be sent to the Board during the first week of August for review. At the August 18, 2025 Board meeting, the members will select a shortlist of three artists who will be invited to present their full proposal. Members of the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and the Middle River Terrace Neighborhood Association will be invited to attend the August 18 meeting and provide their feedback as well.

Mr. Carden clarified that the Middle River Terrace Neighborhood Association is aware that the ultimate recommendation on the work will be made by the Board. The responses to the call for artists will be a matter of public record.

Mr. Carden explained that the artists selected for the shortlist will receive a stipend to create renderings of their proposed works and will be asked to include information about their estimated budgets and maintenance costs in their presentations.

In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

#### **4. Manolo Valdes at Huizenga Park Update**

Mr. Carden stated that he recently visited LogicArt Miami with the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) as well as members of the team that will be involved in the installation of the Manolo Valdes sculpture at Huizenga Park. The DDA would like the work to be installed by November or December 2025 in order to coincide with the completion of the Park.

The general contractor for the Huizenga Park project has agreed to allow the City to pull a sub-permit for the installation of the sculpture. The City's art installation team will work with that contractor on details, including insurance. The Laird Estate is paying for the work and its installation. Discussions of the work's base as well as additional engineering details are ongoing.

#### **5. Lifeguard Towers – Timothy Smith Updates**

Mr. Carden reported that artist Timothy Smith has completed work on Tower 11 and is now working on other lifeguard towers on the beach. Ocean Rescue and the Beach Business Improvement District (BID) have been very helpful throughout this process. Because Tower 9 is scheduled for replacement in September 2025, it is likely that a different lifeguard tower will be moved to Tower 9's current location. Eight of the 16 towers will be painted.

#### **6. New Business / Board Comments**

Mr. Carden stated that the Muta Vision mural will be unveiled on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 10 a.m. The Board members, City officials, and County officials will be invited to this event. Additional details are still being coordinated with the Fort Lauderdale Police Department.

Vice Chair Marks recalled that Mr. Carden had planned to make a presentation at a City Commission Conference Agenda meeting in May. Mr. Carden advised that this presentation has been rescheduled for August.

#### **7. Communications to the Commission**

None.

#### **8. Adjournment**

The next Board meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 18, 2025.

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There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Any written public comments made 48 hours prior to the meeting regarding items discussed during the proceedings have been attached hereto.

[Minutes prepared by K. McGuire, Prototype, Inc.]