

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA
2024-2025 BUDGET**

HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION

FISCAL YEAR 2024 MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✓ Processed 22 Special Certificates of Appropriateness and 136 Standard Certificates of Appropriateness.
- ✓ Processed 10 Local Historic Landmark Designations.
- ✓ Performed 150 inspections on historic properties.
- ✓ Issued 73 Historical Significance Determinations.
- ✓ Assisted with the ongoing restoration and replication of the White Way Lights.
- ✓ Merrick House on the Villagers Holiday House Tour, bringing 760+ visitors to the house.
- ✓ Planned and hosted the “A Proper Garden Tea” event.
- ✓ Welcomed over 1,500 visitors to the Coral Gables Merrick House.
- ✓ Continued the “100 Voices” oral history series at Merrick House.
- ✓ Hosted 2 Pinewood Cemetery Clean-Up events in collaboration with Keep Coral Gables Beautiful.
- ✓ Completed a site and tree survey of the Pinewood Cemetery.
- ✓ 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 including The Vote that Saved the Biltmore - The Edifying Legacy of Dorothy Thomson, Phineas Paist, and The Early Architecture of Coral Gables.
- ✓ Collaborated with Phillip Church for the “Place maker-Poet,” a play inspired by the biography “George E. Merrick: Son of the Southwind” by Arva Moore Parks.
- ✓ Processed 9 cubic feet of archival material
- ✓ Ongoing processing of archival materials including the estate and research papers of a local historian, Arva Moore Parks.

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CULTURAL ARTS DIVISION

FISCAL YEAR 2024 MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✓ Reviewed, processed, and administered Cultural Grants to 41 (forty-one) non-profit organizations.
- ✓ Facilitated ongoing professional development opportunities through the Arts & Business Council for Cultural Grantees.
- ✓ Ongoing refinement of Cultural Grant application process and implementation of application and review to align with City's budget process and cultural arts season.
- ✓ Celebrated the artwork "Concepto I" by artist Zilia Sanchez at 427 Biltmore Way municipal building and received Art Basel recognition, including presentation of a pre-recorded documentary of the Artist and hosting of an Art Basel VIP event.
- ✓ Received a Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, Specific Cultural Project Grant for public art exhibition.
- ✓ Submitted a Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, Specific Cultural Project Grant for virtual and digital access to the city's public art collection; application received high ranking.
- ✓ Included in Miami-Dade County Public Art exhibition at Pinecrest Gardens.
- ✓ Conducted public art trolley tour in partnership with the University of Miami, Lowe Art Museum, Coral Gables.
- ✓ Conducted public art walking tour in partnership with the city's sustainability and economic development departments.
- ✓ Administered completion of Art in Public Places City project: "Eternal Vigilance" by RE:site, artists Shane Allbritton and Norman Lee.
- ✓ Administered and completed the temporary public art activation "Where's the Burger" in partnership with the University of Miami, Lowe Art Museum.
- ✓ Administered and completed the temporary public art installation "The Water Below Us" in partnership with the non-profit organization Blue Missions and the city's sustainability and economic development departments.
- ✓ Administered and completed the temporary public art and poetry project "Dear Human," in partnership with O, Miami and the University of Miami, Lowe Art Museum.
- ✓ Administered development of virtual activation related to the public art and poetry project "Dear Human," in partnership with the city's IT department.

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FISCAL YEAR 2024 MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS – (Continued)

- ✓ Administered and processed approval of Art in Public Places City project: “Secrets That the Wind Carries Away” (working title) by artist Morel Doucet.
- ✓ Administered and processed approval of Art in Public Places proposed donation through the Coral Gables Garden Club: “Planting Pollinators” (working title) by artist Xavier Cortada.
- ✓ Administered and processed approval of public art on private property: “Suple Tree” by the artist team gt2P Studios at Alta Development, Merrick 250, 4101 Salzedo Street.

