

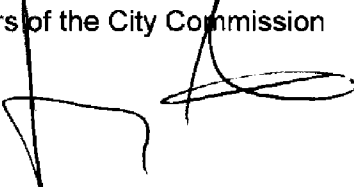


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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager 

DATE: December 11, 2013

SUBJECT: **REFERRAL TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE A DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ANDREE JULIETTE BRUN BUST AND CHUCK HALL BUST FORMERLY ON DISPLAY AT THE JACKIE GLEASON THEATER.**

BACKGROUND

Andree Juliette Brun was an accomplished pianist who was born in Paris, France, and lived in Los Angeles, Miami, Buenos Aires and New York City over the course of her life. She was appointed President of the Miami Beach Community Concert Association, which was a resident company at the Jackie Gleason Theater for numerous years. Ms. Brun passed away in 1989. To memorialize her accomplishments, five bronze busts of Ms. Brun were commissioned to sculptor Frank Colson of Sarasota, Florida.

Chuck Hall was the first Mayor of Metropolitan Dade County from 1964-1970 and subsequently, Mayor of Miami Beach from 1971-1974. He also made an unsuccessful attempt to run for Governor of Florida, but passed away of a sudden heart attack in August 1974. As mayor of Miami Beach he hosted the Democratic and Republican National Conventions in 1972.

Busts were placed inside the Jackie Gleason Theater in honor of Mayor Hall and Ms. Brun. In 2007 Live Nation was awarded a management agreement for the Jackie Gleason Theater and immediately began a \$3.5 million renovation of the theater before rebranding the theater as the Fillmore Miami Beach at the Jackie Gleason Theater. At that time, the busts were removed and stored at the Miami Beach Convention Center.

Mr. Jim Anderson, widower of the late Ms. Brun, recently contacted the City requesting the busts be placed back at the Jackie Gleason Theater. City staff began researching the history of both busts and was unable to find a resolution or any formal action from the then City Commission approving and authorizing the placement of these busts in honor of Mayor Hall and Mr. Brun.

CONCLUSION

The Administration recommends referral of this item to the Neighborhoods/Community Affairs Committee to discuss this further and determine a location for future placement of the two busts.

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