

Memorandum



Date: December 10, 2024

To: Chair and Members
Art in Public Places Trust

From: Marialaura Leslie, Director
Department of Cultural Affairs

Subject: Trust Resolution No. APPT 24-67 / Joyce Billet Studio LLC - Village of Casa Familia-Phase I / Addendum I

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RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDENDUM I TO THE PROFESSIONAL ARTIST SERVICES AGREEMENT IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED WITH JOYCE BILLET STUDIO LLC (LEAD ARTIST JOYCE BILLET) IN THE FIXED FEE AMOUNT OF \$146,250.00 FOR PHASE II – FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION OF THE ARTWORK PROJECT FOR VILLAGE OF CASA FAMILIA-PHASE I DEVELOPMENT (FROM MIAMI-DADE COMMUNITY ACTION AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND ATLANTIC PACIFIC COMMUNITIES PUBLIC ART FUNDS).

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Art in Public Places Trust approve Addendum I to the Professional Artist Services Agreement in substantially the form attached with Joyce Billet Studio LLC (lead artist Joyce Billet) in the fixed fee amount of \$146,250.00 for Phase II – Fabrication and Installation of the artwork project for Village of Casa Familia-Phase I development.

Background

A meeting of the Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) was held on February 15, 2024 to review design proposals from a group of eight (8) artists invited to propose for the first phase of the new Village of Casa Familia, a multiphase development planned by the non-profit Casa Familia, Inc. (CFI) on a county-owned site. This first phase comprises 50 housing units in two 3-story buildings and an 11,000 square foot community center with amenities such as a basketball court, pool, community rooms, as well as outdoor recreation areas. The development will serve individuals who qualify for the voluntary services offered, including those individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities that affect social and cognitive abilities such as language, communication, learning, self-care, mobility, interpretation of social cues, among others. Opportunities for public art were focused on an exterior garden of the facility, which could include an artist-designed sensory garden, kinetic sculpture, participatory installation, water feature, seating elements and or landscape-based artworks.

On March 19, 2024, through approval of Trust resolution APPT 24-09, the Trust authorized a Professional Artist Services agreement for Phase I-Design in the amount of \$ 48,750.00 with Miami-based artist Joyce Billet to pursue her proposal concept *Forces of Nature*. The concept, unanimously recommended by the PAC, incorporated various approaches to activate the sensory garden including shade structures, stand-alone sculptures, seating elements, and a water feature, all derived from her ongoing body of work engaging forms found in nature.

Through the design development phase, the artist has refined the concept to include a cluster of sculptural shade and seating elements with a built-in water feature that serve as a meeting point for members of the community to socialize, rest, and enjoy the sights and sounds of the garden around them. In close coordination with the development and client team, the artist is currently working with various pool consultants to feasibly incorporate a passive waterfall concept into the sculptural elements that collects and reuses rain water as its main water source. Though pricing is still pending, the development and APP teams are confident that the water feature can be realized by combining funds from the artwork and construction budgets.

To initiate the fabrication phase of the fully design elements, APP staff recommends releasing the balance from the original artwork budget allocation of \$195,000.00 by approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 24-62 authorizing Addendum I to the Professional Artist Services Agreement with Joyce Billet Studio, LLC (lead artist Joyce Billet) for Phase II - Fabrication and Installation in the fixed fee amount of \$146,250.00 for the artwork project at the new Village of Casa Familia – Phase I Development.