

Memorandum



Date: June 11, 2024

To: Chair and Members
Art in Public Places Trust

From: Marialaura Leslie, Director
Department of Cultural Affairs

Subject: Trust Resolution No. APPT 24-33 / Vickie Pierre – Gallery at West Brickell /
Addendum II

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RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDENDUM II TO THE PROFESSIONAL ARTIST SERVICES AGREEMENT IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED WITH SEVEN SISTERS CREATIVE ARTS LLC (LEAD ARTIST VICKIE PIERRE) IN THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$125,000.00 FOR THE DESIGN, FABRICATION, AND INSTALLATION OF THE ARTWORK PROJECT FOR THE GALLERY AT WEST BRICKELL RESIDENTIAL TOWER FAÇADE (FROM MIAMI-DADE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED URBAN PUBLIC ART FUNDS).

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Art in Public Places Trust approve a Professional Artist Services Agreement in substantially the form attached with Seven Sisters Creative Arts LLC (lead artist Vickie Pierre) in the not to exceed amount of \$125,000.00 for the design, fabrication, and installation of the artwork project for the Gallery at West Brickell Residential Tower façade.

Background

A meeting of the Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) was held on May 30, 2024 to review design concepts from a group of eight (8) artists invited to propose from a National Call to Artist for interior and exterior works for the housing development known as Gallery at West Brickell, a public-private partnership between Related Urban and the Miami-Dade Department of the Public Housing and Community Development located in the Brickell neighborhood at 201 SW 10th Street, Miami FL 33130. In conjunction with these artists' presentations, the PAC reviewed the proposal by South Florida-based artist Vickie Pierre for the residential tower's façade.

The artist, who's already in contract with the Trust for implementation of an artwork design for the screening system of the adjoining building garage, was invited by the client and APP teams to explore the opportunity of enhancing the entrance experience at the residential tower by creating a related work of art that helps to visually unify the two separate building structures. The façade area is comprised of two large vertical stucco walls each 5 foot wide by 60 feet tall that prominently flank the building's corner.

The PAC recommended Ms. Pierre' proposal to work with a local glass mosaic fabricator to help her realize a durable variation of the "Spark, Splash" design motif found in the garage screen. The mosaic version aims to visually connect all the building surfaces with three bursts on each side growing larger as they ascend over a pearlescent white background. The motif is generated from her painting practice "Siren of the Sea", celebrating the mystery, beauty and spiritual qualities of the Caribbean Sea and its mythological history.

Though the artist's contract for the garage scope has \$40,000.00 of unused funds, APP staff recommends increasing the budget by \$125,000.00 for the complete production and installation of this exterior and separate scope of work for a total not to exceed \$165,000. These additional funds are derived from the overall public art allocation for the residential tower.

APP staff recommends the approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 24-33 authorizing Addendum II to the Professional Artist Services Agreement with Seven Sisters Creative Arts LLC (lead artist Vickie Pierre) in the not to exceed amount of \$125,000.00 for design, fabrication, and installation of the façade artwork for the Gallery at Brickell West residential tower.