

# Memorandum



**Date:** May 14, 2024

**To:** Chair and Members  
Art in Public Places Trust

**From:** Marialaura Leslie, Director  
Department of Cultural Affairs

**Subject:** Trust Resolution No. APPT 24-22 / 3RD CONGRUENCE LLC / Lincoln Gardens Phase 1 / Addendum I

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## **Trust Resolution No. APPT 24-23**

RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDENDUM I TO THE PROFESSIONAL ARTIST SERVICES AGREEMENT IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED WITH 3RD CONGRUENCE LLC. (LEAD ARTIST RHEA LEONARD) IN THE FIXED FEE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 FOR PHASE II - FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION OF THE ARTWORK PROJECT FOR THE NEW CIVIL AND PROBATE COURTHOUSE MAIN LOBBY (FROM MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – RELATED URBAN 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 3RD CONGRUENCE LLC (lead artist Rhea Leonard) in the fixed fee amount of \$50,000.00 for Phase II - Fabrication and Installation of the artwork concept project for a total amount of \$100,000.00 for the Lincoln Gardens Phase 1.

### **Background**

A meeting of the Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) was held on May 16, 2022, to review design presentations from five (5) artists invited to create proposals for various outdoor and interior opportunities throughout the first phase of the housing project known as Lincoln Gardens. The project is a redevelopment of a nine (9) acres site located in Miami's Brownsville neighborhood (4771 NW 24 Ct Miami FL 33142). The new facilities will provide public housing residents and low-income households with a variety of high-quality housing options and new community service facilities and amenities, including a community center. The project will include the construction of 4 garden-style walk-up buildings consisting of 126 units, an additional building consisting of 8 attached rental townhome units, 8 homeownership townhome units and 77 elderly units.

After careful deliberation with input from the client teams, and APP staff, the PAC unanimously recommended Miami-based artist Rhea Leonard to create a glass mosaic tile mural based on her original drawings of dancers of the African diaspora and to refine her proposal for a series of three-dimensional wall-based artworks incorporating layers of laser cut metal and hand painting. The PAC further recommended that APP staff and the client team work collaboratively with the artist to finalize the direction for her design development and the select locations most suitable for siting of her works.

On June 14, 2022, through approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 22-22, the Trust authorized a total budget of \$50,000.00 for Rhea Leonard's recommended artwork commission. Once her design concept was refined the artwork naturally expanded to incorporate both the exterior and interior pavilion frieze with mosaic tiles. This additional area unifies her vision of "The Dancers" and the idea of movement to tie the two mosaics together. To date, the artist has completed the rendered drawings that will serve as the basis for the mosaic tile installation and will start producing a scaled mockup for assessment of the artwork's detail, texture, and proposed color scheme. All artwork materials and documentation developed to date have been reviewed and approved by APP staff and a virtual meeting with the project team including Miami-Dade County Department of Public Housing and Community Development will be scheduled for them to review and approve the final design.

Given the substantial completion of the artwork's design development and its expanded scope of work, APP staff recommends the approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 24-23 authorizing Addendum I to the Professional Artist Services Agreement with 3RD CONGRUENCE LLC. (lead artist Rhea Leonard) for an additional fixed fee amount of \$50,000.00 for Phase II - Fabrication and Installation of the artwork concept project for a total amount of \$100,000.00 for the Lincoln Gardens Phase 1.