

Memorandum

Date: November 12, 2024

To: Chair and Members
Art in Public Places Trust

From: Marialaura Leslie, Director
Department of Cultural Affairs

Subject: Trust Resolution No. APPT 24-65 / Sandra Ramos Art Projects LLC – Paseo del Rio / Addendum I

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RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDENDUM I TO THE PROFESSIONAL ARTIST SERVICES AGREEMENT IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED WITH SANDRA RAMOS ART PROJECTS, LLC (LEAD ARTIST SANDRA RAMOS) IN THE FIXED-FEE AMOUNT OF \$9,500.00 FOR ADDITIONAL PHASE II - FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION SERVICES FOR THE OUTDOOR ARTWORK AT PASEO DEL RIO HOUSING PROJECT AT THE RIVER PARC CAMPUS (FROM MIAMI-DADE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – RELATED URBAN 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 Sandra Ramos Art Projects, LLC (lead artist Sandra Ramos) in the fixed-fee amount of \$9,500.00 for additional Phase II - Fabrication and Installation Services for the outdoor artwork at Paseo del Rio housing project at the River Parc Campus.

Background

A meeting of the Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) was held on May 24 and 25, 2023 to review design proposals from a group of nine (9) artists invited to propose for Paseo del Rio, a new mixed-income housing development at the River Parc Campus featuring various new elderly and workforce housing facilities, garage, and amenities such as parks and promenades. The campus is adjacent to the Miami River and within proximity to the Marlins Ballpark. Each of the projects on this campus has generated APP funds which have contributed to the implementation of a diverse public art collection that has expanded in tandem with completed construction phases. For Paseo del Rio, the newest housing facility, all artists were invited to propose works that would create a welcoming environment in the facility's main lobby and in the publicly accessible open-air courtyard.

After careful deliberation and input from the client teams, the PAC unanimously recommended Miami-based artist Sandra Ramos to fully develop her sculptural concept for the building's interior-open courtyard featuring imagery of a dragonfly interlaced with a human face. This work continues a body of work in which Ramos creates allegories with animal and nature forms in her exploration of the formation of identity and the immigrant experience as a native of Cuba. Through approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 23-39, the Trust authorized a Professional Artist Services with artist in the amount of \$80,000.00 for the design, fabrication, and installation of her sculptural proposal concept for the Paseo del Rio new housing project at the River Parc Campus.

The final artwork design called for a sculpture in the resemblance of a dragonfly rising 13 feet above

the finished floor with the body and wings fixed to the main structural column with an overall 7-foot span. The sculpture, made of marine quality steel clad in aluminum, was originally designed and engineered for placement within the open courtyard at Paseo Del Rio. However, in preparation of the artwork installation, the artist conducted a field verification and noted that the actual open volume of the original site identified for the work was quite limited and out of proportion with the artwork's scale. In consultation with the client team, the artist and APP staff found an alternate siting for the work in a more public and prominent location within the River Parc campus where all residents and visitors can experience the artwork at any time.

This new location required changes to the artwork's structural engineering, a larger foundation, the addition of dedicated lighting, and an enhanced landscape plan to complement the artwork installation. These changes in the amount of \$9,500.00 were additional to the firm price already negotiated between the artist and her installation team. Given the importance of the proposed site change and the fact that the artist had already committed her contingency to making the work larger, APP staff offered to supplement the artist budget to cover this additional expense with unencumbered internal contingency funds from the Paseo del Rio APP allocation.

APP staff recommends the approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 24-65 authorizing Addendum I to the Professional Artist Services agreement with Sandra Ramos Art Projects, LLC (lead artist Sandra Ramos) in the not-to-exceed amount of \$9,500.00 for additional Phase II - Fabrication and Installation Services for the outdoor artwork at Paseo del Rio housing project at the River Parc Campus.