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**MINUTES OF THE
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ART IN PUBLIC PLACES (APP) TRUST**

Tuesday, July 15, 2025
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Location

Art in Public Places Offices, 111 NW 1st Street, Miami, FL 33128
Zoom online meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT

Carol Damian, Chair
Maggie Hernandez, Vice Chair
Trixie Belo-Osagie
David Fernandez
Maggie Hernandez
Mercedes Lopez Cisneros
Asael “Ace” Marrero
David Sexton

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Sandy Dorsainvil
Julio Grabiell
Zammy Migdal
Kathryn Mikesell
Bernadette Pierre

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Alexandra Azout
Kate Bonansinga

STAFF

Ashlee K. Thomas, Deputy Director
Graham Winick, Assistant Director
Stefania Barigelli
Eddy Calero
Bianca Gonzalez LoCicero
Yusimy Lara
Ana Meza
Alex Peraza
Patricia Romeu
Pablo Rincon
Amanda Sanfilippo Long

Dr. Carol Damian, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:35 PM.

The Art in Public Places Trust welcomed David Sexton, the newest member appointed by Commissioner Micky Steinberg of District 4.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Requests for Excused Absences for July 15, 2025, Trust Meeting

Requests for excused absences were submitted by Sandy Dorsainvil, Julio Grabiell, Zammy Migdal, Kathryn Mikesell, and Bernadette Pierre (Motion by Ms. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Fernandez).

Approval of June 10, 2025, APP Trust Meeting Minutes

The minutes of June 10, 2025, APP Trust meeting minutes were approved unanimously (Motion by Ms. Hernandez, seconded by Mrs. Lopez Cisneros).

Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-36, Mikyoung Kim Studio, LLC – Zoo Miami Entrance and Ripple Garden / Conservation Contract

Trust Resolution APPT No. 25-36 authorizes a Professional Artist Services agreement with Mikyoung Kim Studio, LLC (lead artist Mikyoung Kim) in the not-to-exceed amount of \$30,000.00 for assessment and conservation services of the APP Collection artworks *Ripple Gardens at Jackson South* and *Zoo Miami Entrance at Zoo Miami*.

The motion to adopt Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-36 was approved unanimously (Motion by Mr. Marrero, seconded by Ms. Hernandez).

Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-37, James Brazil at Joseph Caleb Auditorium / Addendum 2

Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-37 authorizes an Addendum II to the Professional Artist Services Agreement in substantially the form attached with James Peter Leong Brazil (lead artist, James Brazil) in the not-to-exceed amount of \$235,000.00 for the fabrication and installation of the Joseph Caleb Auditorium Canopy project.

The motion to adopt Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-37 was approved unanimously (Motion by Ms. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Fernandez).

Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-38, FY 2024-2025 South Florida Cultural Consortium (SFCC) Art Acquisitions

Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-38 authorizes Professional Artist Services agreements in substantially the form attached with each of the following (9) Miami-Dade-based winners of the South Florida Cultural Consortium for FY 2024-2025, in the contract amount of \$6,600.00 each:

#	FY 24-25 SFCC ARTISTS	Acquisition Amount
1	Brian Mark Delmont (Mark Delmont)	\$ 6,600.00
2	LBV FILMS, LLC (Rachelle Salnave)	\$ 6,600.00
3	Lauren Shapiro, LLC (Lauren Shapiro)	\$ 6,600.00
4	Elliot & Erik, LLC (Elliot and Erik Jiminez)	\$ 6,600.00
5	Onajide Shabaka Art, LLC (Onajide Shabaka)	\$ 6,600.00
6	Nina Surel, LLC (Nina Surel)	\$ 6,600.00

7	Diana Larrea Studio, LLC (Diana Larrea)	\$ 6,600.00
8	Amanda Linares, LLC (Amanda Linares)	\$ 6,600.00
9	Lisu Vega	\$ 6,600.00
Total Recommended Acquisition Amount:		\$ 59,400.⁰⁰

The motion to adopt Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-38 was approved unanimously (Motion by Ms. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Fernandez).

Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-39, Carolina Sardi, PortMiami, Conservation Contract

Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-39 authorizes a Professional Artist Services Agreement with Carolina Sardi, Inc. (lead artist Carolina Sardi) in the not-to-exceed amount of \$48,000.00 for conservation services of APP Collection Artwork, *the Journey: Suitcase Project, and Water Project*.

The motion to adopt Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-39 was approved unanimously (Motion by Mr. Sexton, seconded by Mr. Fernandez)

APP Trust Members commented on the professionalism of the program and the outstanding work achieved by the staff.

Reports and Discussion Items

Program Updates

2025 Sunset Review of County Boards – Art in Public Places Trust (January 2023 – December 2024)

Amanda Sanfilippo Long, APP Curator and Artist Manager, reported that the Sunset Review of County Boards is an assessment and a requirement for the continued existence of the County boards. This biennial report of the activities and accomplishments of the Art in Public Place Trust is submitted to the Board of County Commissioners as a recommendation to continue or to sunset the Council. The recommendation to approve the Sunset Review report of the Art in Public Places Trust recommending the continuation of the board was approved unanimously. (Motion by Ms. Hernandez, seconded by Ms. Belo-Osagie)

Project Updates

Grove Central at Coconut Grove Metrorail Station

Ana Meza, APP Projects Manager, shared an update on the recently completed project at Grove Central by Miami-Dade-based artist Asser Saint Val. The artist created a sculptural bronze planter inspired by the early Bahamian settlers in Coconut Grove and the fashion of the early 20th century. Situated prominently within the main roundabout of the bus station, the

large-scale bronze bust features landscaped berms, a yellow elder tree sprouting from the figure's head, and an irrigation system to supply water to the plant. The sculpture is visible to bus riders, pedestrians, visitors to The Underline, and Metrorail riders using the Coconut Grove Metrorail station.

Director's Report

Ashlee K. Thomas, Deputy Director, announced that Mayor Danielle Levine Cava has presented a proposed budget for FY 2025-2026 that includes the merger of the Department of Cultural Affairs into the Miami-Dade Public Library System. The new department will be rebranded as " Arts, Culture, and Library Services Department." In addition to the merger, the proposed budget eliminates the position of the Department of Cultural Affairs director position, keeps all currently filled Cultural Affairs positions with classification and compensation, and significantly decreases funding for cultural grants to nonprofits and capital funding for cultural projects. Two budget hearings are scheduled to finalize the County budget, the first will take place on September 4th, and the second on September 18, 2025.

Trust Member Reports

Dr. Damian inquired about the schedule for the Executive Trust meeting. APP staff will coordinate directly with the Trust to establish a meeting date and time for the month of August.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Sanfilippo Long
APP Curator and Artist Manager

Bianca Gonzalez LoCicero
Projects Administrator