Memorandum

Date: December 9, 2025

To: Chair and Members
Art in Public Places Trust

From: Ashlee K. Thomas, Interim Director
Department of Cultural Affairs

Subject: Trust Resolution No. APPT 25 - 65 / Appointment to the Professional Advisory Committee of Mrs. Claudia Busch

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Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-65

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF CLAUDIA BUSCH TO THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC).

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Art in Public Places Trust approve the appointment of Claudia Busch to the Art in Public Places Professional Advisory Committee (PAC.)

Background

On November 12, 2025, a meeting of the Art in Public Places Trust Executive Committee Members comprised of Carol Damian, Chair, Maggie Hernandez, Vice Chair, and Executive Committee Member At Large, Mercedes Lopez Cisneros, convened to review a pool of candidates to the Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) due to the anticipated need for membership replacement given the lack of availability by PAC Member Raymond Fort.

It was noted that PAC Nominations are received from standing PAC members, Trust members, and APP staff. All potential candidates are vetted in advance by APP staff to assess their interest in public art and availability to serve. Pursuant to Section 2-11.15 of the County Code, each PAC member shall serve a two (2) year term and may be reappointed for a total of three (3) consecutive terms.

Upon careful review and discussion of the pool of candidates, the APP Trust Executive Committee unanimously recommended appointing Claudia Busch to replace PAC member Raymond Fort.

The Art in Public Places Trust Executive Committee and APP staff recommends the approval of Trust Resolution APPT No. 25- 65 appointing Claudia Busch to the Art in Public Places Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) and amending the current roster of this 11- member committee as follows:

1. Claudia Busch
2. Dejha Carrington
3. Maggy Cuesta
4. Melissa Hunter Davis
5. Leslie Goldberg
6. Jennifer Inacio
7. Gean Moreno
8. Chana Sheldon
9. Dainy Tapia
10. Wanda Texon
11. Marie Vickles

Enclosure: Credentials

Claudia Busch was raised in Germany and received her professional Architecture Degree from the F.H. Hamburg and a Master in Advanced Architectural Design from Columbia University, New York. She has designed for significant and major architects, such as Zaha Hadid in London, Richard Meier and Bernard Tschumi in New York. Her architecture and master-planning projects have been exhibited in Italy, Spain, Austria, Chile and Germany. Claudia Busch co-founded in Miami the architecture practice Berenblum Busch Architecture (BBA). The firm is involved in projects worldwide that foster team approach in developing sophisticated designs addressing context, human experiences and environmental issues.

At the School of Architecture (SOA) FIU, she has taught undergraduate and graduate architecture design courses for the last 20 years with an interdisciplinary approach that combines design and technology with the natural environment. She coordinated interdisciplinary foundation design courses for architecture, interior design and landscape architecture. She also developed a series of collborate studios involving the community.