

# Memorandum



**Date:** February 11, 2025

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

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

**Subject:** Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-08 / Jessy Nite, LLC – Southridge Park Aquatic Center / Addendum I

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## **Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-08**

RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDENDUM I TO THE PROFESSIONAL ARTIST SERVICES AGREEMENT IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED WITH JESSY NITE, LLC (LEAD ARTIST JESSY NITE) IN THE FIXED FEE AMOUNT OF \$80,000.00 FOR ADDITIONAL PHASE II – FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION SERVICES FOR THE SOUTHRIDGE PARK AQUATIC CENTER PROJECT (FROM MIAMI-DADE PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES DEPARTMENT 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 Jessy Nite, LLC in the fixed fee amount of \$80,000.00 for additional Phase II – Fabrication and Installation Services for the Southridge Park Aquatic Center project.

### **Background**

A meeting of the Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) was held on July 8 and 9, 2020 to review design proposals from (13) South Florida-based artists for the new Southridge Park Aquatic Center project. This new facility from the Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces Department (PROS) features a community center, a competitions pool, splash pad area and service building. The community center includes a multipurpose room, exercise room, kids' playroom and support spaces. The building celebrates tropical architecture with the incorporation of Florida vernacular elements such as deep overhangs, shading devices, and natural finish materials. At this meeting, the PAC recommended Miami-based artist Jessy Nite to fully develop her proposal based on her Sun Text installation concept for various exterior walls of the new center.

On August 18, 2020, the APP Trust approved Trust Resolution No. APPT 20-26 authorizing a Professional Artist Services Agreement with Jessy Nite, LLC in the fixed fee amount of \$80,000.00 for design, fabrication, and installation of her artwork concept for two walls of the pool service buildings at the new aquatic center. Since then, the artist has worked closely with PROS and APP to expanded her text-based concept to include a three-dimensional wall treatment using a prism pattern, a signature element in her body of work. This feature, originally proposed in large-scale ceramic tiles, was intended to complement the text installation and create visual cohesion between the two pool service buildings. After multiple design review meetings, the client team

and APP staff approved the phrase for the Sun Text portion of the artwork: *ALL AS ONE UNDER THE SUN.*

However, due to budgetary limitations for the artist to pursue the expanded scope of work, APP put on hold the artist's design development until APP could identify additional PROS funding. A two-year delay in PROS' construction bidding for this new facility resulted in a much higher construction award that is generating additional funds to APP allowing for an increase in the artist's budget to fully realize the complete artwork design. The expanded scope includes the text-based components, the tile cladding, and the lighting elements to activate the work during evening activities at the aquatic center. The complete design includes a pastel-colored mosaic mural featuring shades of pink, yellow, and light blue and Sun Text letters using a non-transparent material to maintain the shadow effect originally intended in the work.

APP staff recommends the approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-08 authorizing Addendum I to the Professional Artist Services Agreement in substantially the form attached with Jessy Nite, LLC in the not-to-exceed amount of \$80,000.00 for additional Phase II – Fabrication and Installation Services for the Southridge Park Aquatic Center project for a not-to-exceed total commission amount of \$160,000.00.