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

Tuesday, August 12, 2025
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

Location

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sandy Dorsainvil
Maggie Hernandez, Vice Chair
Mercedes Lopez Cisneros
Kathryn Mikesell
Asael “Ace” Marrero
Bernadette Pierre
David Sexton

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Carol Damian, Chair
David Fernandez
Julio Grabiell
Zammy Migdal
Trixie Belo-Osagie (online)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Jill Chaplin

STAFF

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

Maggie Hernandez, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:45 PM.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Requests for Excused Absences for August 12, 2025, Trust Meeting

Requests for excused absences were submitted by Dr. Carol Damian, Chair, David Fernandez, Julio Grabiell, Zammy Migdal, and Trixie Belo-Osagie (Motion by Mr. Sexton, seconded by Mrs. Mikesell).

Approval of July 15, 2025, APP Trust Meeting Minutes

The minutes of July 15, 2025, APP Trust meeting minutes were approved unanimously (Motion by Mr. Sexton, seconded by Ms. Mikesell).

Approval of July 24, 2025, Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting Minutes (Perrine II Housing Development – Artist Presentations)

The minutes of July 24, 2025, PAC Meeting minutes were approved unanimously (Motion by Mr. Marrero, seconded by Mrs. Mikesell).

Approval of July 31, 2025, PAC Meeting Minutes (Integrated Command Center – Interior Opportunities Artists Shortlist)

The minutes of July 31, 2025, PAC Meeting minutes were approved unanimously (Motion by Mr. Sexton, seconded by Mrs. Mikesell).

Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-40, Amanda Linares, Perrine Village II, PASA

Trust Resolution APPT No. 25-40 authorizes a Professional Artist Services agreement in substantially the form attached with Amanda Linares in the fixed amount of \$78,000.00 for Phase I-Design and Phase II- Fabrication and Installation of the artwork project for the first phase of the Perrine Village II housing development project.

The motion to adopt Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-40 was approved unanimously (Motion by Mrs. Mikesell, seconded by Mrs. Lopez Cisneros).

Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-41, Integrated Control and Command Center Bridge and Interiors / Artist Proposal Contracts

Artists Shortlist

	Recommended Artist	Proposal Fee
1	Monika Bravo	\$ 1,500.00
2	Consuelo Ines Castaneda	\$ 1,500.00
3	Margaux Elisabeth Marie de Penfentenyo de Kervereguen (lead artist Marie Penfen)	\$ 1,500.00
4	Isabel Cristina Cardoso de Gouveia (lead artist Isabel Gouveia)	\$ 1,500.00
5	Philip Lique	\$ 1,500.00
6	Pop Art Studios Inc. (Lead artist Francesco Lo Castro)	\$ 1,500.00
7	Deborah Mitchell	\$ 1,500.00
8	Julia Zurilla Jimenez (lead artist Julia Zurilla)	\$ 1,500.00
	Combined Total Expenditure:	\$ 12,000.00

Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-41 authorizes a Proposal Contracts in substantially the form attached with the above eight (8) artists in the fixed fee amount of \$1,500.00 each for

proposal development services for the new Miami-Dade Integrated Command and Control Center interiors and bridge projects.

A discussion among Trust members ensued regarding the feasibility of allocating funds for interior opportunities given the building's limited public access. The Trust majority supported including artwork within the facility to enhance the daily experience by County employees and occasional visitors and suggested adjusting the allocation to interior works based on the potential need for the exterior cladding to require additional funds.

The motion to adopt Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-41 was approved by a 6-1 vote (Motion by Mrs. Lopez Cisneros, seconded by Mrs. Mikesell / dissenting vote Mr. Marrero).

Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-42 / Artists Shortlist, Caribbean Isles Garage, *Proposal Contracts*

Regional-based Shortlist

	Recommended Artist	Proposal Fee
1	Ignacio Font	\$ 1,200.00
2	Francisco Maso	\$ 1,200.00
3	Deborah Mitchell	\$ 1,200.00
4	Isabel Olivia	\$ 1,200.00
5	Aramis O'Reilly	\$ 1,200.00
6	Allette Simmons Jimenez	\$ 1,200.00
7	Jacoub Reyes	\$ 1,200.00
8	Ana Uvina	\$ 1,200.00
	Combined Total Expenditure:	\$ 9,600.00

Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-42 authorizes a Professional Artist Services Agreement in substantially the form attached with each of the eight (8) artists in the fixed fee amount of \$1,200.00 each for proposal development services for the garage of the Caribbean Isles Housing Development.

The motion to adopt Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-42 was approved unanimously (Motion by Mr. Sexton, seconded by Mr. Marrero).

Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-43, Ivan Toth Depena, ARC at Aventura Library, Addendum I

Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-43 authorizes an Addendum I to the Professional Artist Service Agreement with Airboat, Inc. (lead artist Ivan Toth Depeña) in the fixed fee amount of \$85,000.00 for Phase II–Restoration Services for the APP Collection artwork ARC at the Northeast Regional Library in Aventura.

The motion to adopt Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-43 was approved unanimously (Motion by Mrs. Lopez Cisneros, seconded by Mr. Marrero)

Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-44, Deaccession of Twenty-Two (22) APP Collection Artworks

	<u>Artist</u>	<u>Title</u>
1	Karel Appel	Large Head, Circa 1970
2	Graciela Boulander	Melee, 1973
3	Graciela Boulander	Polo, 1973
4	Alexander Calder	Unfinished Revolution I, 1975
5	Alexander Calder	Unfinished Revolution II, 1976
6	Ramon Carulla	Star Wars Series, 1979
	Jorge Castano	
7	Perez	Untitled (elephant), 1977
	Jorge Castano	
8	Perez	Untitled (kite), 1977
	Elizabeth	Laurel, 1975
9	Friedmann	
	Elizabeth	Tulip Center, 1975
10	Friedmann	
12	Jacob Lawrence	The Builders, 1974
13	Jacob Lawrence	The Carpenters, Circa 1970
14	Rodolfo Nieto	Toro
15	Rodolfo Nieto	Obra No. 2
16	Joseph Raffael	Autumn Fish
17	Omar Rayo	Cogomus P.P.
18	Jesus Rafael Soto	Araya
	Hildegarge Van	
19	Rojien	Catch
	Hildegarge Van	
20	Rojien	The Magic Maker
		Aquascapes: Miami Seaport,
21	Karen Glaser	2002
22	Fran Williams	Family Games, 1979

Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-44 authorizes the deaccession of twenty-two (22) Art in Public Places collection artworks.

The motion to adopt Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-44 was approved unanimously (Motion by Mr. Sexton, seconded by Mrs. Lopez Cisneros)

A discussion followed regarding two separate requests: 1. the integration of GPS technology for tracking high-value artworks and 2. Developing criteria and establishing process for

updating the Miami-Dade Art in Public Places Collection appraisal. A motion was presented by Mr. Marrero and seconded by Mrs. Lopez Cisneros.

Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-45, *A Perfect Place* by Jose Bedia, APP Collection Accession

Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-45 authorizes the accessioning of Jose Bedia's *A Perfect Place*, 2001 in the Miami-Dade Art in Public Places Collection.

The motion to adopt Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-45 was approved unanimously (Motion by Mrs. Lopez Cisneros, seconded by Mr. Marrero)

Reports and Discussion Items

Program Updates

Patricia Romeu, APP Chief, provided updates on the Casa Familia project, which is a housing facility offering essential services to adults living with cognitive disabilities. This project is being developed in partnership with the Miami-Dade County Community Action and Human Services Department and developer Atlantic Pacific Communities. Miami-based artist Joyce Billet was commissioned for Phase 1 of the project. Our program is now starting the Artist Selection Process for Phases 2 and 3 of this facility.

Information was also shared on a new project at Zoo Miami, involving the design and construction of a new animal clinic where visitors can peek into the day-to-day veterinary functions and care of animals. The zoo aims to create an experiential exhibition, and APP program will commission an artist to develop an integrated work of art for this exhibition or identify opportunities in other areas of the zoo that could benefit from the APP involvement.

APP is partnering with the municipality of North Bay Village on the implementation of public art projects for their new city hall which will house new offices for all municipal services as well as a new Miami-Dade Fire Rescue facility. APP will collect 15% of the required project allocation to assist the city in the selection of artists and managing of the commissions,

APP is in the planning phase for Terminal G at PortMiami and Concourse K at the Miami International Airport.

Project Updates

- Lauren Shapiro, MSC Cruise Terminal AA-AAA
APP Project Manager Stefania Barigelli shared a video showcasing the completion of Miami-based artist Lauren Shapiro's artwork, *Collected Forms*, at the new MSC Cruise Terminal.
- Morel Doucet, Civil and Probate Courthouse

APP Project Manager, Stefania Barigelli shared a video showcasing the completion of Miami-based artist Morel Doucet's artwork, *Sunset Serenade: Notes on a Vanishing Landscape* at the new Civil and Probate Courthouse

- Rhea Leonard, Lincoln Gardens Apartment
APP Project Manager, Stefania Barigelli shared photographs showcasing the completion of Miami-based artist Rhea Leonard's artwork, *Cyphers (of Past and Present Dancers)* at the Lincoln Gardens Apartments
- Marvin Weeks, Lincoln Gardens Apartment
APP Project Manager, Eddy Calero shared photographs showcasing the completion of Miami-based artist Morel Doucet's artwork, *Neighborhood Lore* at the Lincoln Gardens Apartments
- Danielle Roney *Maris* at MSC Terminal AA-AAA
APP Curator and Artist Manager Amanda Sanfilippo Long, shared that New York-based artist Danielle Roney, recently won a CODA award for her 2024 video-based artwork at MSC Terminal.

Director's Report

Ashlee K. Thomas, Department of Cultural Affairs Deputy Director, reported that the proposed budget for 2025-2026 remains unchanged at this time. Ms. Thomas highlighted that Mayor Daniella Levine Cava will engage with the cultural community at a scheduled virtual town hall meeting on August 19th to discuss arts and culture, the proposed budget, and the proposed department merger. She mentioned that this week, the chair of the County Commission issued a memo advocating for the restoration of \$6.25 million of the funds cut from cultural programs. Overall, the budget entails a 52% reduction in county financial support for arts organizations. Additionally, Ms. Thomas noted that a budget planning meeting for the Cultural Affairs Council is scheduled for August 14.

Trust Member Reports

APP Trust members praised the professionalism and commitment of the program, highlighting the outstanding work by staff. Trust members also inquired about the vacancies in the department and what, if any, savings would be resulting from this.

Respectfully submitted,

Bianca Gonzalez LoCicero
Projects Administrator