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To: Chair and Members
Art in Public Places Trust

From: Ashlee K. Thomas, Interim Director
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Subject: Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-21 / Miami LIVE! Additional Proposal Contracts /
Loan Depot Ballpark

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RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSAL CONTRACTS IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED WITH ALEXANDER ARRECHEA AND TROY SIMMONS EACH IN THE FIXED FEE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.00 FOR PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES FOR THE MIAMI LIVE! PROJECT AT THE MARLINS – LOAN DEPOT BALLPARK (FROM MIAMI BALLPARK DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY PUBLIC ART FUNDS).

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Art in Public Places Trust approve Proposal Contracts in substantially the form attached with Alexander Arrechea and Troy Simmons each in the fixed fee amount of \$1,000.00 for proposal development services for the Miami Live! at Marlins-Loan Depot Ballpark project.

Background

In November 2025, Art in Public Places was notified of a new project development known as *Miami Live!* a new program of amenities at the grounds of the Marlins / Loan Depot Ballpark at 503 NW 16 AVE, Miami, FL. This fast-tracked project is a public-private partnership between the Miami Ballpark District Holding Company LLC, the Miami Marlins, and the Cordish Companies and is anticipated for completion by the Fall of 2026.

Miami Live! will transform LoanDepot park into a year-round dining and entertainment destination by elevating the ballpark experience and creating a dynamic community gathering space. The privately financed project will feature indoor-outdoor venues, curated activations for all ages, and sustainable, inclusive design elements, reinforcing the Marlins' commitment to the South Florida community and the surrounding neighborhood. *Miami Live!* represents a significant investment that will create new jobs, bring new energy to the West Plaza, and establish a dynamic hub for residents and visitors to connect, socialize, and enjoy entertainment beyond game days. The development will generate approximately \$293,000.00 of APP funds which allows for a public art commissioning budget of \$180,000.00.

Public art opportunities for the new development include a painted mural or a wall-based three-dimensional application using durable materials such as painted metal, tile, or mosaic for installation on a prominent wall of the new facility. The client team envisions that the artwork thematic approach combines text related to baseball, civic pride, Miami, and the Marlins. A second public art opportunity includes the creation of a large-scale sculptural element

incorporating the name of “Miami” to draw the attention of the patrons and potentially create a “selfie moment.”

Due to the fast-track nature of the project and the narrowness of the creative approach to implementing the artist’s work, a meeting of the PAC was held on February 26, 2026 to review an invitational list of ten (10) Miami-based artists with robust credentials and a diversified portfolio of past work that align well with the public art goals of this public-private partnership. On March 10, 2026 through approval of Trust Resolution APPT No. 20-08, the Trust approved the PAC recommendation and authorized proposal contracts to the following nine (9) artists for a fixed fee each of \$1,000.00.

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| 1. Gabriel Alcala | 5. Autumn Casey (<i>Declined</i>) |
| 2. Samara Ash | 6. Nathaniel Delinois (aka Nate Dee) |
| 3. Edwin Beauchamp (<i>Declined</i>) | 7. Gustavo Oviedo |
| 4. Brian Butler | 8. Typoe (<i>Declined</i>) |
| | 9. We are Nice N’ Easy |

Upon notifying these artists, three of the nine declined participation (as noted above), due to conflicts with current work commitments. To rebuild the shortlist, APP staff presented recommendations at the March 26, 2026 PAC meeting to add Alexander Arrechea and Troy Simmons to round off the competing group and widen the range of proposals for both the mural and the sculpture opportunity. With PAC concurrence, APP staff recommends approval of Trust Resolution APPT No. 26-21 authorizing Professional Artist Services agreements in substantially the form attached with Alexander Arrechea and Troy Simmons each in the amount of \$1,000.00 for proposal development services for the *Miami Live!* For the Marlins – LoanDepot Ballpark development project.