

Memorandum



Date: July 14, 2026

To: Chair and Members
Art in Public Places Trust

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

Subject: Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-47/ Tonya Vegas – Zelda Glazer Soundscape Park / Addendum I

Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-47

RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDENDUM I TO THE PROFESSIONAL ARTIST SERVICES AGREEMENT IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED WITH TONYA VEGAS IN THE NOT-TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00 FOR ADDITIONAL FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION SERVICES FOR THE ZELDA GLAZER SOUNDSCAPE PARK ARTWORK PROJECT (FROM MIAMI-DADE INTERNAL SERVICES 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 Tonya Vegas in the not-to-exceed amount of \$25,000.00 for additional Fabrication and Installation services for the Zelda Glazer Soundscape Park artwork project.

Background

On November 22, 2022 APP through approval of Trust Resolution APPT 22-51 the Trust authorized a Professional Artist Services Agreement with Miami-based artist Tonya Vegas in the amount of \$80,000.00 for the design, fabrication, and installation of a mosaic mural for the new Zelda Glazer Soundscape Park, a special capital project developed by the County's People and Internal Operations Department (PIOD) in partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools. This multi-purpose facility located on the same grounds of the Zelda Glazer High School and adjacent to the Miami Arts Studio 6-12 @ Zelda Glazer (15015 SW 24th Street, Miami, FL 33185) will be owned by Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS) and operated by Miami-Dade County for a minimum of 25 years through an interlocal lease agreement.

The capital project includes a building with restroom facilities, audio and visual equipment control room, an outdoor amphitheater screen, and ancillary open green space with landscaping. The multi-purpose facility will allow the hosting of public community events, including free movie nights, programmed activities by County departments, fitness activities, and "live-casting" of performances being held at the adjacent Zelda Glazer performing arts center.

After four years with multiple construction delays, the artist has achieved substantial completion of the glass mosaic tile featuring blues, browns, orange and grey tones resembling shade patterns cast by trees and foliage as shown in the artist's original watercolor proposal for the amphitheater screen wall. During a site visit to complete the artist's punch list, APP staff noted several construction deficiencies in the quality of the stucco finish and the finish of the rolling door adjacent

to the artwork that affect the finished look of the mosaic mural. In discussing these items with the project team, they confirmed that this project had ran into a series of unforeseen challenges including soil contamination and electrical and water connection problems that had exceed the capital allocation and contract terms with the construction team. Any work to correct these significant visual flaws would have to be covered by APP and performed by the artist's subcontractors. Considering the artist's diligence in managing a very tight commission budget over an extended project timetable, APP staff recommends increasing the project budget by \$25,000.00, bringing the total project budget to \$105,000.00.

The additional funds will cover expenses related to painting the screen's large rolling door which was supposed to have color matched with the adjacent artwork and speaker covers and the stucco refinishing of the entire wall surface to create a smooth transition between the stucco edge and that of the organic border of the mosaic mural. The funds will also compensate the artist for the significant expenses incurred in attending coordination meetings, site visits, and production cost overruns due to multiple installation delays over the past 4 years.

APP staff recommends the approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-47, authorizing Addendum I to the Professional Services Agreement, in substantially the form attached, with Tonya Vegas in the not-to-exceed amount of \$25,000.00 for additional fabrication and installation services for the Zelda Glazer Soundscape Park artwork project.