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

Tuesday, January 13, 2026  
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

**Location**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Carol Damian, Chair  
Sandy Dorsainvil  
Maggie Hernandez, Vice Chair  
Zammy Migdal  
Mercedes Lopez Cisneros  
Julio Grabiell  
Bernadette Pierre  
David Sexton

**STAFF**

Ashlee Thomas, Interim Director  
Patricia Romeu, Chief  
Stefania Barigelli  
Eddy Calero  
Bianca Gonzalez LoCicero  
Liliana Hernadez  
Maria Lam-Adeyefa  
Yusimy Lara  
Ana Meza  
Alex Peraza  
Pablo Rincon  
Amanda Sanfilippo Long  
Veronica Vera

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Trixie Belo-Osagie  
David Fernandez  
Asael "Ace" Marrero  
Kathryn Mikesell

**MEMBERS PRESENT ONLINE**

Chief Jimmy Morales

Dr. Carol Damian, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 12:40 PM. The Trust welcomed Chief Jimmy Morales, who attended the meeting. Mr. Morales announced that, as of October 1, 2025, the Cultural Affairs Department would be added to his portfolio. He expressed his enthusiasm for collaborating with the Department.

**ITEMS FOR APPROVAL**

**Requests for Excused Absences for January 13, 2026, Trust Meeting**

Requests for excused absences were submitted by David Fernandez, Asael “Ace” Marrero, Kathryn Mikesell, and Trixie Belo-Osagie (Motion by Maggie Hernandez, seconded by David Sexton)

**Approval of December 9, 2025, APP Trust Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of December 9, 2025, APP Trust meeting minutes were approved unanimously (Motion by Maggie Hernandez, seconded by David Sexton)

**Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-01, Jose Marti Villas: Garden and Mid-rise, Artist Shortlist Proposal Contracts.**

Trust Resolution APPT No. 26-01 authorizes a Professional Artist Services Agreement with each of the below seven (7) artists in the fixed fee amount of \$1,000.00 each for proposal development services for the Jose Marti Villas: Garden & Midrise Affordable Housing Projects:

**Regional-based Shortlist**

	<b>Recommended Artist</b>	<b>Proposal Fee</b>
1	Maritza Caneca	\$ 1,000.00
2	Nereida Garcia Ferraz	\$ 1,000.00
3	Francisco Lo Castro	\$ 1,000.00
4	Isabel Oliva	\$ 1,000.00
5	Marlon Portales	\$ 1,000.00
6	Jacub Reyes	\$ 1,000.00
7	Carolina Sardi	\$ 1,000.00
	<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>\$ 7,000.00</b>

The motion to adopt Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-01 was approved unanimously (Motion by Maggie Hernandez, seconded by David Sexton).

**Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-02, Homestead Garden: Artist Shortlist Proposal Contracts.**

Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-02 authorizes a Proposal Contract with each of the below five (5) artists and one (1) alternate (Antonia Wright) in the fixed fee amount of \$1,000.00 each for proposal development services for the Homestead Gardens Phase 1 development projects:

**Regional-based Shortlist**

	<b>Recommended Artist</b>	<b>Proposal Fee</b>
1	Corinne Bernard	\$ 1,000.00
2	Joel Gaitan	\$ 1,000.00
3	Philip Lique	\$ 1,000.00
4	Chire Regans	\$ 1,000.00
5	George Sanchez Calderon	\$ 1,000.00
	<i>Alternate</i>	
1	Antonia Wright	
	<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>

The motion to adopt Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-02 was approved unanimously (Motion by Mercedes Lopez Cisneros seconded by Maggie Hernandez).

**Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-03, Philip Stewart: Addendum I to Proposal Contract**

Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-03 authorizes Addendum I to the Professional Artist Services Agreement with Future Sculpture, LLC (lead consultant Philip Stewart, Kenneth Snelson’s Estate Designee) in the amount of \$4,500.00 for additional repair and restoration services of the Art in Public Places Collection Artwork *Double City Boots* by Kenneth Snelson located at Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus.

The motion to adopt Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-03 was approved unanimously (Motion by Mercedes Lopez Cisneros seconded by Maggie Hernandez).

**Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-04, Ean Eldred: Proposal Contract**

Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-04 authorizes a Proposal Contract with Ean Eldred (Dale Eldred Estate Designee) in the amount of \$5,000.00 for conservation services of the Art in Public Places Collection Artwork *Sun Stations* by Dale Eldred located at the Coconut Grove Metrorail Station.

The motion to adopt Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-04 was approved unanimously (Motion by Maggie Hernandez seconded by Bernedette Pierre).

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## **Reports and Discussion Items**

### **Program Updates:**

Patricia Romeu, APP Chief, introduced two new department staff members: Veronica Vera, APP Project Manager, and Maria Lam-Adeyefa, Capital Projects Construction Manager.

### **Project Updates:**

Ms. Romeu and Mrs. Sanfilippo Long shared the visual presentation provided to the CEO and key executives of the Royal Caribbean Group (RCG) on the final artwork designs of all commissioned artists for the new RCG Headquarter. Ms. Romeu confirmed that the client team approved the implementation of each commission as designed including their designated locations and the proposed materials and finishes for each. The client shared a few requests for minor adjustments to some of the designs which will be communicated to the artists for consideration in the next phase of their work. The presentation included site plants and artist proposal renderings by several artists, including Jeppe Hain, Paul Cocksedge, Cristina Lei-Rodriguez, Odili Donald Oditi, LaVaughn Belle, Paul Anthony Smith, Deborah Jack and Sheena Rose.

Project Manager, Eduardo Calero, shared metal work samples for the Doral Branch Library project currently in progress by artist Alex Nunez. He also presented images of the recently completed artwork by artist Mariele Plaisir at the new Atlantic Station building garage, in Overtown Miami.

### **Collection Updates:**

APP Collection Manager, Bianca González LoCicero, provided a brief overview of the recently completed conservation and reinstallation of Joe Walters *Animals of Asia* at the fully renovated Wings of Aviary building at Zoo Miami.

### **Director's Report:**

Ashlee K. Thomas, Interim Director of the Department of Cultural Affairs, mentioned that legislation sessions had started on January 13<sup>th</sup> and would run through March 15<sup>th</sup>, with potential bills and reforms coming up for discussion that could impact arts and culture at our local level. She also mentioned that the Chairman of the Cultural Affairs Council, Brian E. May, had acknowledged the great work of the Art in Public Places team and encouraged the Cultural Affairs staff to reach out and share information with the Commissioners regarding recently completed artworks within their respective districts. Adding the request to the department directives, the department's executive team, including the APP chief, will be conducting one-on-one briefings with each commissioner to share the program's accomplishments and activities at their respective districts.

**Trust Member Reports:**

Trust member Zammy Migdal, inquired about the protective measures for the light-based artwork *Reflect*, by artist Ivan de Pena, located in the lobby of the SPCC, and about the conservation of the *Dropped Bowl* artwork by artist Claes Oldenburg, located at the exterior plaza at the SPCC. Ms. Romeu reassured the Trust that the condition of both artworks is currently being addressed by the APP team. Zammy Migdal also requested information on the progress of the restoration of the Coconut Grove Playhouse and received an update from Ms. Thomas on the undergoing site development.

Trust Chairperson Carol Damian, complemented the recently completed sections of The Underline and the improved walkable areas along the linear park.

Respectfully submitted,

Yusimy Lara  
Art in Public Places  
Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs