

Memorandum



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To: Chair and Members
Art in Public Places Trust

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

Subject: Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-30 / Thom Faulders – MIA Garages Façades / Addendum I

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RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDENDUM I TO THE PROFESSIONAL ARTIST SERVICES AGREEMENT IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED WITH THOM FAULDERS IN THE FIXED FEE AMOUNT OF \$250,000.00 FOR ADDITIONAL PHASE I – DESIGN AND PHASE II- FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION SERVICES FOR THE MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT GARAGES FAÇADE PROJECT (FROM MIAMI-DADE AVIATION 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 Thom Faulders in the fixed fee amount of \$250,000.00 for additional Phase I - Design and Phase II – Fabrication and Installation Services for the Miami International Airport garages façade project.

Background

A meeting of the Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) was held on March 4th and 5th, 2026 to review design proposals from a group of nine (9) artists shortlisted from an International Call to Artist for the implementation of an artist-designed cladding and or façade treatment for all three garages at Miami International Airport. This major collaboration between the Miami-Dade Aviation Department and Art in Public Places is envisioned to transform the garages infrastructure into a monumental and iconic work of art. The call described opportunities that included, but were not limited to, custom-designed metal applications to façade and painted support metal, custom screens, three dimensional sculptural elements, applied light-based artwork and or video projection mapping, kinetic artwork, and or interactive media.

The current total of APP's funding commitment for the artist's design and oversight of the garage project implementation is \$750,000.00. As such, APP staff recommended releasing 40% of this amount for Phase I – Design Development and adding future APP funds based on project progress and demands for the artist's direct involvement in the fabrication and installation of the work. On March 10, 2026, the APP Trust approved Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-07 authorizing a Professional Artist Services agreement with Thom Faulders in the amount of \$300,000.00 to initiate design development of his proposal concept for the garages.

Through the APP contract, the commissioned artist would be responsible for the development of construction documents in conjunction with the selected Miami-Dade Aviation Department consulting team and for overseeing the fabrication and installation of the two separate scopes of work that make up the whole project. The artwork portion of the work has a target budget of \$25 million inclusive of the artwork treatment itself, design and consulting fees, samples, mockups, testing, structural support, electrical and or lighting elements, mesh work, screening components, etc. A separate budget, pending to be determined upon design completion, will cover modifications to the existing garage buildings including the reinforcement, if any, of the concrete structure,

stucco and or surface repairs, painting, lighting, electrical, and signage or anything else to maintain the safe operation of the garages.

In further meetings with the MDAD team, a new approach for quicker implementation of the artist's work has been identified. This accelerated approach requires the artist and his selected fabricator to interface at a much earlier timeframe than originally expected to complete the design, mockup, permitting, and installation of the artwork cladding in the Ibis Garage within the next 18 months. This technical assistance requires a significant upfront expense that is part of the overall \$25 million committed by MDAD for the cladding artwork. APP staff has confirmed MDAD's commitment to transfer \$250,000.00 to the APP Trust account to cover the initial anticipated artist's expenses for technical assistance.

APP staff recommends the approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-30 authorizing Addendum I to the Professional Artist Services Agreement in substantially the form attached with Thom Faulders in the not-to-exceed amount of \$250,000.00 for additional Phase – I Design Services for the Garages Façades Cladding artwork project at Miami International Airport.

Execution of this Addendum I is contingent on APP staff receiving written confirmation from MDAD's leadership of their funding commitment of this expanded scope of work and transfer to the MDAD-APP Trust account of said funds.