

Memorandum



Date: May 12, 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 26-36 / John Angee / Untitled (Blue, Yellow, Orange) by George Sugarman

Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-36

RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDENDUM I TO THE PROFESSIONAL ARTIST SERVICES AGREEMENT IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED WITH IMAGINATION STUDIO, INC. (LEAD ARTIST JOHN ANGEE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000.00 FOR REMOVAL AND RESTORATION SERVICES OF THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES COLLECTION ARTWORK *UNTITLED (BLUE, YELLOW, ORANGE)* BY GEORGE SUGARMAN LOCATED AT SATELLITE E CONCOURSE AT MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (FROM MIAMI-DADE AVIATION DEPARTMENT ART IN PUBLIC PLACES REPAIR AND RESTORATION 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 Imagination Studio, Inc (lead artist John Angee) in the amount of \$40,000.00 for removal and restoration services of the Art in Public Places Collection Artwork *Untitled (Blue, Yellow, Orange)* by George Sugarman located at Satellite E Concourse at the Miami International Airport.

Background

In 1977, the Art in Public Places (APP) program commissioned New York-based sculptor George Sugarman (1912-1999) to create a unique sculpture at a value of \$45,000.00 for the Miami International Airport Satellite E Building. The commissioned artwork, titled "*Untitled (Blue, Yellow, Orange)*," is an aluminum sculpture featuring the artist's celebrated style of vibrant colors found in many of Sugarman's large-scale sculptures prominently featured in renowned collections worldwide.

In the fall of 2025, our partners at the Miami-Dade Aviation Department (MDAD) contacted APP staff regarding the need to relocate the artwork due to the renovation of Concourse E which included the installation of new flooring and a passenger seating reconfiguration. APP staff conducted a site visit to assess the artwork's condition and noted that the colors were fading, and the protective barrier had collapsed. To address these issues, the Trust through approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-12 authorized an initial Artist's Artist service agreement in the amount of \$5,000.00 with Miami-based artist John Angee to facilitate the removal of the sculpture from its current location and its temporary storage while a suitable new installation site is identified within the airport grounds.

Through this effort, artist John Angee and APP staff contacted the artist's estate and gallery representative to gather detailed information about other public artworks created by the late artist that have been acquired or commissioned over the years. A comparable public artwork located in Tampa, Florida, was created during the same decade and is of similar size and quality to "*Untitled (Blue, Yellow, Orange)*." This comparable artwork has recently undergone complete restoration and has been

appraised at a value of \$200,000. This finding highlights the financial significance of the artist's works within the realm of public art and cultural investment. APP staff anticipates the cost of removing the work to be significant due to restricted access to the Satellite E Concourse and lack of suitable building openings to remove the work in one piece. The current plans calls for the artist to dismantle the work in smaller pieces and to hire a qualified contractor with MDAD security clearance to provide site access through the tarmac and facilitate any site preparations necessary to achieve the removal in coordination with concourse operations.

APP staff recommends the approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-36 authorizing Addendum I to the Professional Artist Services agreement in substantially the form attached with Imagination Studio, Inc (lead artist John Angee) in the amount of \$40,000.00 for removal, storage, and restoration services of the Art in Public Places Collection Artwork *Untitled (Blue, Yellow, Orange)* by George Sugarman located at the Miami International Airport, Concourse E.