Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

`Date: November 10, 2026

To: Chair and Members
Art in Public Places Trust

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

Subject: Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-88 / Miami Marlins Foundation, Inc. – MOU for Maintenance and Conservation of APP Collection Artworks at LoanDepot Park

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RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED BETWEEN THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES TRUST AND THE MIAMI MARLINS FOUNDATION, INC. FOR REGULAR MAINTENANCE AND CONSERVATION SERVICES OF ART IN PUBLIC PLACES COLLECTION ARTWORKS LOCATED AT LOANDEPOT PARK (FROM ART IN PUBLIC PLACES TRUST CONSERVATION FUND).

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Art in Public Places (APP) Trust approve a Memorandum of Understanding in substantially the form attached between the Miami-Dade Art in Public Places Trust and the Miami Marlins Foundation, Inc. for regular maintenance and conservation services of Art in Public Places Collection Artworks located at Loandepot Park.

Background

The Art in Public Places Collection includes three (3) major artworks commissioned as part of the construction of the Marlins Ballpark in 2011, now known as LoanDepot Park, home of the Miami Marlins. These works require ongoing specialized maintenance, periodic condition assessments, and conservation interventions to preserve their condition and integrity given their year-round exposure and engagement with users and visitors to this busy facility.

These collection artworks include *Homer* by Red Grooms, *A Memorial Bowing* by Daniel Arsham, and *Chromatic Induction in a Double Frequency* by Carlos Cruz-Diez. In addition to these artworks, APP and the Marlins are currently collaborating in the implementation of two (2) new public art commissions, one by the artists team of We're Nice 'n Easy and another by artist Gabriel Alcala. Once completed, these works will be added to APP's ongoing conservation efforts at the ballpark.

The maintenance and conservation of artworks located within an active professional sports facility require coordination with facility operations, compliance with security requirements, contractor access, and event schedules. Establishing a coordinated approach with the Miami Marlins would help expedite and simplify the timely implementation of maintenance and conservation activities while maintaining the County's oversight of its public art collection.

To achieve this, APP staff suggests that the Miami Marlins organization be authorized to coordinate and implement routine maintenance and approved conservation activities for the five

(5) identified artworks in coordination with and prior approval by APP staff and subject to applicable trust requirements.

Under this memorandum of understanding, the Miami Marlins organization would coordinate scheduling and site access, engage contractors approved by APP staff, and pay contractors directly for authorized maintenance and conservation work. The Marlins would submit invoices for APP approved services and support documentation for reimbursement from the Art in Public Places Trust Conservation Funds. APP shall retain responsibility for reviewing and approving contractors, proposed scopes of work, conservation treatments, and associated costs and invoices, as applicable.

Major repairs, significant conservation effort, and any other work requiring separate Trust approval would be presented to the Trust for consideration and approval before proceeding. All work would be performed in accordance with APP requirements and applicable conservation standards. Reimbursement would be limited to approved expenditures, with no fixed expenditure limit established at this time, as the scope and cost of future maintenance and conservation needs have not yet been determined. This designation would be effective immediately upon Trust approval and can be revoked by the Trust at any time given proper notice (30-days) to the Marlins organization. APP staff will monitor the effectiveness of this arrangement and will update the Trust of conservation activities and expenditures on an annual basis.

The proposed memorandum of understanding will streamline the coordination and implementation of regular maintenance and conservation activities at the Marlin’s LoanDepot Park while preserving Miami-Dade County's ownership of the artworks and APP's oversight for their care.

APP staff recommends approval of Trust Resolution No. 26-88 authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding in substantially the form attached between the Miami-Dade Art in Public Places Trust and the Miami Marlins for regular maintenance and conservation services of the APP collection artworks at Loandepot Park, subject to APP oversight, approval, and establishment of reimbursement policy for approved expenditures.