Memorandum

Date: October 13, 2026

To: Chair and Members
Art in Public Places Trust

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

Subject: Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-65 / Liberty Square, PH V, Artist Proposal Contracts

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RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSAL CONTRACTS IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED WITH THE FOLLOWING SEVEN (7) ARTISTS IN THE NOT-TO-EXCEED FEE AMOUNTS AS DESCRIBED BELOW FOR EACH ARTIST:

Regional-based Shortlist

	Recommended Artist	Proposal Fee
1	Germane Barnes	$ 1,200.00
2	Rosa Garmendia	$ 1,200.00
3	T. Elliot Mansa	$ 1,200.00
4	Shawna Meyer	$ 1,200.00
5	Shawna Moulton	$ 1,200.00
6	Troy Simmons	$ 1,200.00
7	Roscoe B. Thicke	$ 1,200.00
	Total Expenditure:	**$** 8,400.00

FOR A TOTAL EXPENDITURE AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $ 8,400.00 FOR THE LIBERTY SQUARE PHASE V DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (FROM MIAMI-DADE DEPARTMET OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED URBAN LIBERTY SQUARE PHASE 5 PUBLIC ART FUNDS).

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Art in Public Places Trust approve Proposal Contracts in substantially the form attached with the following seven (7) artists in the not-to-exceed fee amounts as described below for each artist:

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For a total expenditure amount not-to-exceed $ 8,400.00 for the Liberty Square Phase V Development Project.

Background

A meeting of the Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) convened on September 24, 2026 to review the credentials of artists to be considered as part of a roster for commissions at the Liberty Square Rising multi-phase housing development in Miami's Liberty City neighborhood developed by Miami-Dade Housing and Community Development (HCD) in partnership with the Related Urban Development Group. After careful deliberation and discussion, the PAC unanimously recommended a roster of regional and national artists to be grouped, as deemed appropriate, by APP staff for various projects within the Liberty Square development. Shortlist artists will be invited to develop proposals for one or more facilities in smaller groups. The schedule of proposal development and presentations, and selection of finalists will be defined according to the prioritization of projects according to construction timelines. Client team members from Miami-Dade County HCD, Related Urban, and their design teams will be invited to participate in specific artist orientation meetings and proposal presentation meetings with the PAC.

Liberty Square Phase 5 sits roughly 6 acres of land and will comprise two (2) 3-story garden style buildings and two (2) 7-story buildings, for a combined total of 408 residential units. The ground floor of one midrise will house offices of local business, and the other midrise will have retail space. The estimated completion for the Garden style buildings is November 2026, and the midrise buildings for July 2027.

It is envisioned that a portion of the funds generated from Phase V will be set aside to enhance public art projects addressing key areas offering campuswide benefits such as the planned community center, recreation building, and the central lawn with a playground area. These campuswide developments may not generate sufficient APP funds to commission significant work at each of these important community gathering and amenities areas.

Opportunities for public art at the Liberty Square Phase V development include two gateway features and overall design of planter areas including artist-designed seating, sculpture, and the creation of an overall environment at the north and south of the development along 62nd street and 63rd street, with the focus on the southern gate at 62nd Street. Artists may also be invited to propose artworks for interiors of the main lobbies of the housing facilities and other areas. A screening system may also be an option in the central area adjacent to the children's playground.

APP staff recommends approval of Trust Resolution APPT No. 26-65 authorizing a Professional Artist Services Agreement in substantially the form attached with each of the following seven (7) artists in the fixed fee amount of $1,200.00 each for proposal development services for the Liberty Square, Phase V opportunity:

1. Germane Barnes
2. Rosa Garmendia
3. T. Elliot Mansa
4. Shawna Meyer
5. Shawna Moulton
6. Troy Simmons
7. Roscoe B. Thicke