

Memorandum



Date: March 8, 2022

To: Chair and Members
Art in Public Places Trust

From: Michael Spring, Director
Department of Cultural Affairs

Subject: Trust Resolution No. APPT 22-07 / Jessica Gispert, LLC - Brisas Del Este / Addendum I

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RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDENDUM I TO THE PROFESSIONAL ARTIST SERVICES AGREEMENT IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED WITH JESSICA GISPERT, LLC (JESSICA GISPERT, LEAD ARTIST) IN THE NOT-TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$135,000.00 FOR PHASE II – FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION OF THE ARTWORK DESIGN FOR THE BRISAS DEL ESTE PHASE II HOUSING PROJECT (FROM MIAMI-DADE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - RELATED URBAN – BRISAS DEL ESTE PHASE 2 PUBLIC ART FUND)

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 Jessica Gispert, LLC (Jessica Gispert, lead artist) in the not-to-exceed amount of \$135,000.00 for Phase II – Fabrication and Installation of the artwork design for the Brisas Del Este Phase II project.

Background

A meeting of the Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) was held on October 21, 2021 to review design proposals from a group of South Florida-based artists for a combined series of public art opportunities at the Brisas Del Este Phase II project, a proposed 120-unit affordable housing development consisting of an 8-story residential building and new parking garage. Forty-five elderly residents of Three Round Tower B will relocate to Brisas Del Este. The new building will be situated on a Miami-Dade County Public Housing campus that includes architecturally significant facilities dating to the 1960's. Existing facilities house 263 elderly residents and will be renovated and receive overall site improvements. The Florida State Historic Preservation Office established that the Three Round Tower site is eligible for placement on the National Register of Historical Places.

After careful deliberation with input from the client teams, APP Trust members, and APP staff, the PAC recommended the commissioning of Miami-based artist Jessica Gispert to develop her proposal concepts featuring Royal Poinciana motifs throughout the entrance and main lobby of this new building with a not-to-exceed budget of \$180,000.00. The proposed concepts include a cast metal sculpture applied to the exterior entrance wall, a “fossilized” interior wall incorporating plaster cast tiles, and an installation of artist designed wallpaper based on the artist’s watercolor paintings in conjunction with a series of her framed photographs. Gispert’s homage to the Royal Poinciana furthers her interest in mythologies within ancient civilizations, Latin American shamanic practices, and narratives in Caribbean religions.

On November 9, 2021, the Trust through approval of Trust Resolution No. 21-65 authorized a Professional Artist Services Agreement with artist Jessica Gispert in the fixed fee amount of \$45,000.00 for full design development of the proposed concepts. Through several coordination meetings with the project team, and APP staff, the artist has selected three different locations within the facility to receive the various elements of her a site-specific design. The locations include both the main lobby and elevator lobby and an outdoor location for permanent placement of a sculpture. The artist's substantially complete design also includes various layout options and compositions to maximize the use of available wall space while maintaining visual harmony between the artwork and the lobbies' interior finishes.

APP staff recommends the approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 22-07 authorizing Addendum I to the Professional Artist Services Agreement in substantially the form attached with Jessica Gispert, LLC (Jessica Gispert, lead artist) in the fixed fee amount of \$135,000.00 for Phase II – Installation and Fabrication of the artwork design for the Brisas Del Este Phase II project.