

Memorandum



Date: June 14, 2022

To: Chair and Members
Art in Public Places Trust

From: Michael Spring, Director
Department of Cultural Affairs

Subject: Trust Resolution No. APPT 22-27 / A.S.T. (Alliance of the Southern Triangle) – at the River Parc Campus / Amendment I to Professional Artist Services Agreement

Trust Resolution No. APPT 22-27

RESOLUTION SUPERSEDING TRUST RESOLUTION APPT 20-38 AND APPROVING AMENDMENT I TO THE PROFESSIONAL ARTIST SERVICES AGREEMENT IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED WITH A.S.T. (ELITE KEDAN, LEAD ARTIST) TO INCREASE THE ARTIST'S FIXED FEE IN THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$135,000.00 (FOR A TOTAL OF \$285,000.00) FOR DESIGN, FABRICATION, AND INSTALLATION OF A REVISED ARTWORK CONCEPT FOR THE PASEO DEL RIO PROJECT AT THE RIVER PARC CAMPUS (FROM MIAMI-DADE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – RELATED URBAN PUBLIC ART FUNDS).

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Art in Public Places Trust approve this resolution superseding Trust Resolution APPT No. 20-38 and amending the Professional Artist Services Agreement with AST (lead artist Elite Kedan) to change the location of the commissioned artwork from Gallery at River Parc to Paseo del Rio at River Parc and to increase the Artist's Fee in the not-to-exceed amount of \$135,000.00 (for a total of \$285,000.00) for design, fabrication, and installation of a revised artwork concept for the new location. All other terms of Amendment I to the Professional Artist Services Agreement in substantially the form attached with AST (lead artist Elite Kedan) shall remain in effect.

Background

In October of 2020, through Trust Resolution APPT No. 20-38, the Art in Public Places Trust approved a Professional Artist Services Agreement with the artists collaborative known as A.S.T (Alliance of the Southern Triangle) in the amount of \$150,000.00 for the implementation of a large-scale 3D-metal based artwork for a prominent building façade of the Gallery at River Parc. The artists' final design concept highlighted themes of climate change, Atlantis, and re-imagined Miami's landscape in a future impacted by sea level rise. During the early phase of design development, the client team informed APP of several building-code related issues that complicated the seamless installation of the metal artwork and compromised APP's ability to perform future maintenance at the designated location. After a series of site visits to find alternate locations for the proposed artwork, APP staff in consultation with the artists and the client team determined best to suspend further work on this commission until a suitable location became available in future construction phases at the River Parc campus, centrally located in the vicinity of NW 7th Street and NW 27th Avenue and directly across from the Marlins Ballpark.

Developer Related Urban informed APP of their recent start of construction on Paseo del Rio, the newest and largest apartment building to date on the River Parc campus also including a

multi-level garage, with all work slated for completion in the late summer of 2023. APP staff has secured the developer's commitment to accommodate and expand A.S.T. working concept on one or more facades of this new garage and their concurrence on increasing the original commission budget to the amount of \$285,000.00 which combines \$150,000.00 from the Gallery at River Parc APP Allocation and adds \$135,000.00 from the Paseo del Rio APP allocation. The enhanced budget will allow the artists to redesign the proposed artwork to extend the visual impact of the artwork across multiple and larger surfaces in the new garage building.

APP staff recommends the approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 22-27 authorizing Amendment I to the Professional Artist Services Agreement in substantially the form attached with A.S.T. (Elite Kedan, lead artist) changing the location of the commissioned artwork to Paseo del Rio and increasing the artist's fixed fee in the amount of \$135,000.00 for a not-to-exceed aggregate amount of \$285,000.00 for the redesign, fabrication, and installation of the artwork for the new Paseo del Rio project at the River Parc Housing Campus.