

Memorandum



Date: September 13, 2022

To: Chair and Members
Art in Public Places Trust

From: Michael Spring, Director
Department of Cultural Affairs

Subject: Trust Resolution No. APPT 22-44 / Woodgate, LLC – River Parc Linear Park /
Professional Artist Services Agreement

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RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL ARTIST SERVICES AGREEMENT IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED WITH WOODGATE, LLC (LEAD ARTIST, AGUSTINA WOODGATE) IN THE FIXED FEE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 FOR PHASE I - DESIGN AND PHASE II - FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION OF AN OUTDOOR ARTWORK CONCEPT FOR THE NEW LINEAR PARK 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 a Professional Artist Services Agreement in substantially the form attached with Woodgate, LLC (lead artist, Agustina Woodgate) in the fixed fee amount of \$50,000.00 for Phase I – Design and Phase II – Fabrication and Installation of an outdoor artwork concept for the new linear park at the River Parc Campus (from Miami-Dade Department of Public Housing and Community Development – Related Urban Public Art Funds)

Background

On August 10-12, 2020, a Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting was convened to review design proposals from a shortlist of regional artists for River Parc, a Miami-Dade Department of Public Housing and Community Development (PHCD) campus that comprises several affordable housing facilities located by the Miami River in the historic Little Havana neighborhood. Various existing structures and new facilities are being unified as part of a masterplan that involves hardscape and site-work including the construction of a new linear park, green spaces, and river walk promenade as well as new points of access to the adjacent NW 7th Street corridor. APP and PHCD with partner developer Related Urban requested qualifications from professional artists and/or artist teams based in South Florida to create proposals for indoor and outdoor artworks including but not limited to artworks for the interior lobbies and entrance experience of new facilities, site-specific sculpture, seating, or shading elements, applied artworks for the exteriors of the buildings, and functional elements such as light poles, bicycle racks and benches. The selection of artists for the two buildings, then under construction, Gallery at River Parc and Brisas del Rio, were prioritized while deferring the commissioning of artists for the campus wide outdoor areas to a later time that would be better aligned with the timeline and funding of additional developments including the Linear Park and Riverwalk area.

For this later opportunity, the PAC recommended Miami-based artist Agustina Woodgate to pursue an installation of her *Concrete Poetry* concept which incorporates original letter stamping in concrete surfaces in collaboration with the local poetry-focused non-profit organization O, Miami.

Given the significant time that elapsed since the PAC's artist recommendation in the summer of 2020 and subsequent design changes to the River Parc site, on February 8, 2022, the Trust approved an enhanced proposal contract with Agustina Woodgate to allow the artist to engage with APP and the client team to define the scale and nature of the artwork concept that could be realized within a budget of \$50,000.00 and the time constraints of the new River Parc Linear Park.

In working closely with APP and the client's design and construction teams, Agustina Woodgate has confirmed her ability to implement a custom installation of *Concrete Poetry* along the entire area of pathways of the new linear park contingent on the construction project covering all costs related to building the new walkways. To date, the artist has secured the commitment of O, Miami to develop a series of short poems that allows for the installation of the text-based work in sections matching the sequence of the concrete work anticipated to start in late October 2022 and be completed by late January 2023.

APP staff recommends the approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 22-44 authorizing a Professional Artist Services Agreement in substantially the form attached with Woodgate, LLC (lead artist, Agustina Woodgate) in the fixed fee amount of \$50,000.00 for Phase I - Design and Phase II – Fabrication and Installation of her Concrete Poetry concept for the new Linear Park at the River Parc Campus.