

Memorandum



Date: October 11, 2022

To: Chair and Members
Art in Public Places Trust

From: Michael Spring, Director
Department of Cultural Affairs

Subject: Trust Resolution No. APPT 22-47 / Linda Chamorro and Felice Grodin / Amelia Earhart Park Community Center / Professional Artist Services Agreement

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RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL ARTIST SERVICES AGREEMENT IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED WITH THE ARTISTS TEAM OF LINDA CHAMORRO AND FELICE GRODIN IN THE FIXED FEE AMOUNT OF \$48,000.00 FOR PHASE I - DESIGN OF THE PROPOSAL CONCEPT FOR THE NEW COMMUNITY CENTER AT THE AMELIA EARHART PARK (FROM MIAMI-DADE PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACES DEPARTMENT 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 the artists team of Linda Chamorro and Felice Grodin in the fixed fee amount of \$48,000.00 for Phase I - Design of the proposal concept for the new community center at Amelia Earhart Park.

Background

A meeting of the Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) was held on September 22, 2022 to review design proposals from a group of 7 regional artists for several public art opportunities at a new community center proposed for the Amelia Earhart Park. The new facility includes a 17,000 square foot building featuring multi-purpose rooms, an exercise gym, a teaching pool and a water playground. Opportunities for public art included designs for interior flooring within the main lobby, enhancements to the overall entrance experience, an application or treatment to the exterior entrance walls, applications for a prominent exterior wall facing south in pool area, free standing artworks for the grounds and rotunda traffic circle, and a design for integrated glazing for the front entrance.

After careful deliberation and input from the client teams, APP Trust members, and APP staff, the PAC unanimously recommended the commissioning of the Miami-based artists team of Linda Chamorro and Felice Grodin to develop their terrazzo floor concept for the center's main lobby. The design proposal featured an abstracted map of the world and flight pattern of Amelia Earhart's last journey. The map is displayed as a dymaxion projection - a design approach invented by renowned artist and architect Buckminster Fuller. This configuration projects a world map onto an 8-sided shape (octahedron), then flattens it to two dimensions to create a surprising and unique view of the world. The concept highlighted cartographic elements including north and south poles and tropic zones of Cancer and Capricorn, as well as Earhart's multiple landing points and zone of disappearance. The terrazzo field color envisions the use of a gradient-like effect from white to turquoise and the use of bold colors including red and yellow

combined with zinc metal strips to create intricate lines referencing the patterns of Amelia's last flight. The PAC also recommended that the artists consult with the client's team on the aesthetic approach for designing the history wall and reception desk, elements which will be sharing the same visual space as the artists' design terrazzo floor. The intent is to create a harmonious experience for visitors arriving and / or gathering in the lobby space.

The \$160,000.00 artwork allocation budget for this project is currently based on estimated values for design and construction of this new facility. However, this amount is subject to change based on the final contract award for the construction project. APP staff proposes a project budget capped at this amount and the approval of an initial \$48,000.00 contract to facilitate the artists' design development services and inclusion of the terrazzo artwork in the project's permit documents.

APP staff recommends the approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 22-47 authorizing a Professional Artist Services Agreement in substantially the form attached with the artists team of Linda Chamorro and Felice Grodin in the fixed fee amount of \$48,000.00 for Phase I - Design of the proposal concept for the new community center project at the Amelia Earhart Park.