

Memorandum

Date: November 22, 2022

To: Chair and Members
Art in Public Places Trust

From: Michael Spring, Director
Department of Cultural Affairs

Subject: Trust Resolution No. APPT 22-60 / Aubry Art & Design, Inc. at Gallery on the River / Addendum I

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RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDENDUM I TO THE PROFESSIONAL ARTIST SERVICES AGREEMENT IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED WITH AUBREY ART & DESIGN, INC. (MOLLY AUBRY, LEAD ARTIST) IN THE NOT-TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00 FOR ADDITIONAL FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION SERVICES FOR THE GALLERY ON THE RIVER ARTWORK PROJECT (FROM MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - RELATED URBAN PUBLIC ART FUNDS).

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 Aubry Art & Design, Inc. (Molly Aubry, lead artist) in the not-to-exceed amount of \$5,000.00 for additional fabrication and installation services for the Gallery on the River artwork project.

Background

A meeting of the Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) was held on April 1, 2021 to review design proposals from a group of South Florida-based artists for a combined series of public art opportunities at the new housing project known as Gallery on the River. The project is being developed concurrently by Related Urban in partnership with Miami-Dade Public Housing and Community Development (PHCD) as a mixed-income facility on an existing PHCD campus near the Miami River and Downtown Miami. The Gallery on the River is a 12-story (112') mid-rise apartment building comprising a total mix of 160 new affordable and workforce housing units.

After careful deliberation with input from the client teams, APP Trust members, and APP staff, the PAC recommended the commissioning of Miami-based artist Molly Aubry to pursue her proposed concept which incorporates architectural niches built into the elevator lobby, painted accent wall, and controlled lighting to create an immersive installation. Each of the niches will be backlit, illuminating a translucent surface of original imagery developed by Aubry and relating to the natural bioluminescence of algae present in many coastal waterfronts. Subsequently, on April 13, 2022, the Trust through Trust Resolution No. APPT 21-23 authorized a Professional Artist Services Agreement in the fixed fee amount of \$35,000.00 for design, fabrication, and installation of her artwork concept for the Gallery on the River.

During design development, the artist, in consultation with APP and the client team, determined best to enlarge the diameter of the three proposed artworks, from three feet (3'-0") up to five feet (5'-0") to increase the work's visual impact on the significantly larger elevator lobby wall. The installation of the the larger artworks required additional framing, patching, and painting of

the wall and the fabrication of a custom metal piece to provide a clean finish edge between the lightboxes and the wall. APP also requested that the custom trim piece be designed to accommodate easy access to the lightbox for future maintenance and that the artist furnish additional LED fixtures as spare sets. These APP approved changes resulted in additional expenses above and beyond the artist's project budget contingency which APP offered to cover with available APP internal contingency funds for the Gallery on the River project.

APP staff recommends the approval of Trust Resolution No, APPT 22-60 authorizing Addendum I to the Professional Artist Services Agreement in substantially the form attached with Aubry Art & Design, Inc. (Molly Aubry, lead artist) in the not-to-exceed amount of \$5,000.00 for additional fabrication and installation services for the Gallery on the River artwork project.