

Memorandum



Date: March 14, 2023

To: Chair and Members
Art in Public Places Trust

From: Michael Spring, Director
Department of Cultural Affairs

Subject: Trust Resolution No. APPT 23-17 / James Michael Drain – PortMiami / Proposal Contract

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RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROPOSAL CONTRACT IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED WITH JAMES MICHAEL DRAIN IN THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00 FOR PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE BOLLARD PROJECT AT PORTMIAMI (FROM PORTMIAMI PUBLIC ART FUNDS).

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Art in Public Places Trust approve a Proposal Contract in substantially the form attached with James Michael Drain in the not-to-exceed amount of \$5,000.00 for proposal development services for the expansion of *The Bollard Project* at PortMiami.

Background

In 2014, artist Jim Drain (aka James Michael Drain) completed *The Bollard Project*, a port wide enhancement project at PortMiami that transformed approximately 800 rudimentary safety bollards into individual works of art inspired by the colors of maritime flags and the vibrancy of confetti used in the “bon voyage” cruise departing ritual. The project with a total budget of \$130,000.00 allowed the artist to design an original series of bollard sleeves that were custom-made in different quantities to cover all the bollards installed along the sidewalks and paths connecting all terminals and garages along the main port boulevard. Since the completion of this commission, PortMiami has experienced exponential growth in cruise passenger traffic resulting in the building and completion of four (4) new cruise terminals with connecting garages and the current construction of one of the world’s largest cruise facilities by MSC. Just like the older cruise terminals, these recently completed facilities are located along the port’s main boulevard, with many of them having safety bollards that are visually disconnected from this port wide celebratory artwork that over the years has served PortMiami as a unifying and iconic wayfinding element.

In a recent conversation with the Seaport, APP staff suggested reengaging artist Jim Drain to explore options of expanding his artwork *The Bollard Project* to the additional new cruise and garage facilities. This initial step will require close coordination between all parties to identify the number of new suitable locations and type of bollards across all new terminals that would benefit and/or complement the wayfinding function of the existing artwork. To develop an action plan, establish a potential project budget, and assess the feasibility of utilizing an existing inventory of approximately 180 spare bollard sleeves, APP staff recommends the approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 23-17 authorizing a Proposal Contract with James Michael Drain in the amount of \$5,000.00 for proposal development services for the potential expansion of *The Bollard Project* at PortMiami.