

# 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 23-18 / Ivan Toth Depeña – ARC at Aventura Library /  
Proposal Contract

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## **Trust Resolution No. APPT 23-18**

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROPOSAL CONTRACT IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED WITH AIRBOAT, INC. (LEAD ARTIST IVAN TOTH DEPEÑA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.00 FOR RESTORATION SERVICES OF THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES COLLECTION ARTWORK ARC AT THE NE REGIONAL LIBRARY IN AVENTURA (FROM ART IN PUBLIC PLACES REPAIR AND RESTORATION FUNDS).

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Art in Public Places Trust approve a Proposal Contract in substantially the form attached with Airboat, Inc. (lead artist Ivan Toth Depeña) in the amount of \$2,500.00 for restoration services of the Art in Public Places Collection artwork ARC at the NE Regional Library in Aventura.

### **Background**

In November of 2015, artist Ivan Toth Depeña completed *ARC*, a monumental sculpture commemorating the rebirth of a state-of-the-art Northeast Regional Library 10 years after its destruction by Hurricane Wilma in 2005. *ARC*'s abstract form was derived by plotting the data from actual wind pattern, speeds, and duration that destroyed this library facility. The sculptural form rising proud over the edge of a new retention pond was enhanced with a dynamic light-based component that reacted to the constant changes of wind pattern and speeds. Once completed, *ARC* became an everchanging beacon of light and color and a significant landmark to the newly built library in the City of Aventura.

Over the years, constant exposure to the elements and the library's proximity to a marine environment have damaged the technology-based components installed on the sculpture's foundation. A preliminary condition assessment performed by APP staff confirmed that none of the LED color fixtures are working and that the sculpture as well as its foundation are in urgent need of a deep cleaning. Library staff has also confirmed that during heavy rains water levels in the retention pond have been significantly higher than originally planned, resulting in the sculpture's foundation being several times under water. After an initial discussion, Ivan Toth Depeña proposes to perform a complete condition assessment and develop a conservation and repair plan including a proposed project budget and schedule that addresses the nonfunctioning components of the artwork and provides a new 2-year warranty and a minimum life cycle expectancy for the technology portions of the work of at least 10 years.

APP staff recommends the approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 23-18 authorizing a Proposal Contract with Airboat, Inc. (lead artist Ivan Toth Depeña) in the amount of \$2,500.00 for restoration services of the APP Collection artwork *ARC* at the NE Regional Library in Aventura.