

Memorandum



Date: May 9, 2023

To: Chair and Members
Art in Public Places Trust

From: Michael Spring, Director
Department of Cultural Affairs

Subject: Trust Resolution No. APPT 23-31 / Robert Thiele – International Flight Center / Professional Artist Services Agreement

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RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL ARTIST SERVICES AGREEMENT IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED WITH ROBERT THIELE IN THE FIXED FEE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF ARTWORK FOR THE NEW INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT CENTER AT THE MIAMI EXECUTIVE AIRPORT (FROM MIAMI-DADE AVIATION 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 Robert Thiele in the fixed fee amount of \$25,000.00 for the acquisition of artwork for the new International Flight Center at the Miami Executive Airport.

Background

A meeting of the Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) was held on April 26, 2023 to review design proposals from a group of six (6) artists invited to propose for the new International Flight Center, a fixed base operator facility (FBO) at the Miami Executive Airport. The facility's main purpose is to provide chartering and flight services for private business air travel. Opportunities for public art included a large-scale two-dimensional application to a prominent double height interior wall, as well as two-dimensional artworks for a smaller scale area within a conference room. It is envisioned that commissioned or acquired artworks would complement the overall facility's contemporary and mid-century modern interior design to create a warm and inviting experience for visitors.

After careful deliberation and input from the client teams, the PAC unanimously recommended the acquisition of artwork(s) from Miami-based artist Robert Thiele from among his sculptural wall-based works referred to as "wall constructions," featuring simple geometric forms created from mixed media, often using depth and layering of translucent materials to challenge viewers' perceptions. The PAC further recommended that APP staff work collaboratively with the artist and client team to select artwork(s) for acquisition that are suitable for the available interior spaces and are compatible with other potential artworks proposed for the facility. Of the total \$50,000.00 dedicated for commissioning of public art at this new facility, APP staff recommends the approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 23-31 authorizing a Professional Artist Services Agreement in substantially the form attached with Robert Thiele in the fixed fee amount of \$25,000.00 for the acquisition of artwork for the International Flight Center at the Miami Executive Airport.