

Memorandum



Date: June 13, 2023

To: Chair and Members
Art in Public Places Trust

From: Michael Spring, Director
Department of Cultural Affairs

Subject: Trust Resolution No. APPT 23-37 / Wade Tuiller – Brisas del Este I /
Professional Artist Services Agreement

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RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL ARTIST SERVICES AGREEMENT IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED WITH WADE TULLIER IN THE FIXED FEE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 FOR THE DESIGN, FABRICATION, AND INSTALLATION OF A SCULPTURAL ARTWORK CONCEPT FOR THE BRISAS DEL ESTE PHASE 1 PROJECT (FROM MIAMI-DADE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT- RELATED URBAN 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 Wade Tuiller in the fixed fee amount of \$50,000.00 for the design, fabrication, and installation of a sculptural artwork concept for the Brisas del Este Phase 1 project.

Background

A meeting of the Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) was held on May 24 and 25, 2023 to review design proposals from a group of nine (9) artists invited to propose for the second phase of construction of the Brisas del Este housing development at the campus of the Three Round Towers, an affordable housing community, being developed in partnership between the Miami-Dade Department of Public Housing and Community Development (PHCD) and Related Urban. This second phase will serve the entire campus by adding a new community center, multi-purpose room, and an open-air courtyard accessible to all elderly residents. All invited artists were asked to focus their design proposal on art opportunities throughout these public areas.

After careful deliberation and input from the client teams, the PAC unanimously recommended the commissioning of Louisiana-based artist Wade Tuiller for a free-standing sculpture for the facility's courtyard, featuring his signature imagery of rounded forms depicting familiar objects such as fruit, hands, drops of water, and every day objects. Through these simple, dreamlike forms, Tullier suggests characters that are both familiar and enigmatic, capable of assuming various roles and identities depending on the context. The artist proposal showcased the companionship and abundance existing between humans with food and for this project, he is particularly interested in creating a work crafted to convey a sense of giving and sharing.

APP staff recommends the approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 23-37 authorizing a Professional Artist Services Agreement in substantially the form attached with Wade Tuiller in the fixed fee amount of \$50,000.00 for the design, fabrication, and installation of a sculptural artwork concept for the Brisas del Este Phase 1 project.