

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 23-38 / Summer Wheat Studios, LLC – Paseo del Rio / Professional Artist Services Agreement

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RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL ARTIST SERVICES AGREEMENT IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED WITH SUMMER WHEAT STUDIOS, LLC (LEAD ARTIST SUMMER WHEAT) IN THE FIXED FEE AMOUNT OF \$40,000.00 FOR THE DESIGN, FABRICATION, AND INSTALLATION OF A TWO-DIMENSIONAL ARTWORK FOR THE PASEO DEL RIO 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 Summer Wheat Studios, LLC (lead artist Summer Wheat) in the fixed fee amount of \$40,000.00 for the design, fabrication, and installation of a two-dimensional artwork concept for the Paseo del Rio 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 Paseo del Rio, a new mixed-income housing development at the River Parc Campus featuring various new elderly and workforce housing facilities, garage, and amenities such as parks and promenades. The campus is adjacent to the Miami River and within close proximity to the Marlins Ballpark. Each of the projects on this campus has generated APP funds which have contributed to the implementation of a diverse public art collection that has expanded in tandem with completed construction phases. For Paseo del Rio, the newest housing facility, all artists were invited to propose works that would create a welcoming environment in the facility's main lobby and in the publicly accessible open-air courtyard. A total artwork budget of \$120,000.00 has been dedicated to the commissioning of artworks responsive to these opportunities.

After careful deliberation and input from the client teams, the PAC unanimously recommended Ridgewood, NY-based artist Summer Wheat to create a painting for the interior lobby in her figurative painting style achieved through use of metal mesh to produce unusual surface texture. Subject matter for the work would be inspired by the Little Havana neighborhood and resident experience at the facility.

APP staff recommends the approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 23-38 authorizing a Professional Artist Services Agreement in substantially the form attached with Summer Wheat Studios, LLC (lead artist Summer Wheat) in the fixed fee amount of \$40,000.00 for the design, fabrication, and installation of an artwork concept for the Brisas del Este Phase 1 project.