

# 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 23-39 / Sandra Ramos – Paseo del Rio /  
Professional Artist Services Agreement

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## **Trust Resolution No. APPT 23-39**

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL ARTIST SERVICES AGREEMENT IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED WITH SANDRA RAMOS ART PROJECTS LLC (LEAD ARTIST SANDRA RAMOS) IN THE FIXED FEE AMOUNT OF \$80,000.00 FOR THE DESIGN, FABRICATION, AND INSTALLATION OF A SCULPTURAL ARTWORK CONCEPT 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 Sandra Ramos Art Projects LLC (Lead Artist Sandra Ramos) in the fixed fee amount of \$80,000.00 for the design, fabrication, and installation of a sculptural 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 Miami-based artist Sandra Ramos to fully develop her sculptural concept for the building's interior-open courtyard featuring imagery of a dragonfly interlaced with a human face. This work continues a body of work in which Ramos creates allegories with animal and nature forms in her exploration of the formation of identity and the immigrant experience as a native of Cuba.

APP staff recommends the approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 23-39 authorizing a Professional Artist Services Agreement in substantially the form attached with Sandra Ramos Art Projects LLC (lead artist Sandra Ramos) in the fixed fee amount of \$80,000.00 for the design,

fabrication, and installation of a sculptural artwork concept for the Paseo del Rio project at the River Parc Campus.