


Memorandum



Date: October 10, 2023

To: Chair and Members
Art in Public Places Trust

From: Marialaura Leslie, Interim Director 
Department of Cultural Affairs

Subject: Trust Resolution No. APPT 23-64 / Breezy, LLC – Civil and Probate Courthouse / Addendum I

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RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDENDUM I TO THE PROFESSIONAL ARTIST SERVICES AGREEMENT IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED WITH BREEZY, LLC (LEAD ARTIST KELLY BREEZE) IN THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$112,500.00 FOR PHASE II - FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION OF THE ARTWORK PROJECT AT THE NEW CIVIL AND PROBATE COURTHOUSE (FROM MIAMI-DADE INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT PUBLIC ART FUNDS)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Art in Public Places Trust approve Addendum I to the Professional Artist Services Agreement in substantially the form attached with Breezy, LLC (lead artist Kelly Breeze) in the not-to-exceed amount of \$112,500.00 for Phase II – Fabrication and Installation of the artwork project at the new Civil and Probate Courthouse.

Background

A meeting of the Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) was held on January 25 - 27, 2022 to review design proposals from a group of seventeen (17) artists shortlisted from a national Call to Artists for a combined series of public art opportunities for the Civil and Probate Courthouse, located in Downtown Miami on NW 1st Ave between Flagler St and NW 1st Street. This public/private development will serve the Civil and Probate Divisions of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, the Clerk of Courts and other related court partners including administrative services, court-related programs, court support functions, and facility management services. A very special project with great community significance, the new courthouse will functionally replace the existing iconic Miami-Dade County Courthouse which has been in service since the 1920s. The project includes twenty-four (24) floors, forty-six (46) finished jury courtrooms and one (1) additional shell space for an additional four (4) jury courtrooms including fifty-nine (59) secure parking spaces. The courthouse is designed to be a significant landmark.

The PAC unanimously recommended the commissioning of Miami-based artist Kelly Breezy to pursue an integrated exterior concept of powder-coated metal fencing, railing, and applications for the ADA access ramp and FPL utility fence area. On February 14, 2023, through approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 23-11, the Trust authorized a total commission budget of \$150,000.00 for this work and a Professional Artist Services Agreement with Breezy, LLC (lead artist Kelly Breezy) in the initial amount of \$37,500.00 for design development of the recommended proposal for the courthouse exterior areas.

The artist's concepts for these two separate areas would create an exciting artistic intervention in an unexpected location welcoming visitors and public passers-by with her signature cartoony imagery containing references to various aspects of everyday Floridian life, such as fishing on a pier alongside seagulls, dancing the night away, putting in a hard day's work, and enjoying gardening outdoors among the region's unique flora and fauna. The artist's approved budget would only supplement the base building's contract for these metal elements.

In close collaboration with APP staff and the client's executive team, the artist is nearing design completion of the visual elements to be integrated at the building's ADA ramp and the FPL vault area. The various artwork components will be created in sections of waterjet cut metal to be adhered as a separate layer to the building's existing glazed ramp and the vault's standard screen doors. An alternative approach, currently under consideration, is replacing the ramp's glass guard with a structural screen featuring the artist's original metal work.

Given the building's accelerated construction schedule and the artist's advance stage of design development, APP staff recommends the approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 23-64 authorizing Addendum I to the Professional Artist Services Agreement with Breezy, LLC (lead artist Kelly Breeze) in the not-to-exceed amount of \$112,500.00 for fabrication and installation of the final and approved artwork design for the new the Civil and Probate Courthouse project. Execution of this addendum is contingent on the artist's successful completion and submittal of all deliverables required under the Phase I- Design Services contract.