

Memorandum



Date: November 14, 2023

To: Chair and Members
Art in Public Places Trust

From: Marialaura Leslie, Director 
Department of Cultural Affairs

Subject: Trust Resolution No. APPT 23-71 / ASK Studio, LLC – VOX II – Miami / Addendum II

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RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDENDUM II TO THE PROFESSIONAL ARTIST SERVICES AGREEMENT IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED WITH ASK STUDIO, LLC (LEAD ARTIST AMANDA KEELEY) IN THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$200,000.00 FOR ADDITIONAL FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION SERVICES FOR THE VOX MIAMI – PHASE 1 PROJECT AT THE GARAGE OF THE SOUTH MIAMI METRORAIL STATION (FROM DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS – VOX- MIAMI PUBLIC ART FUNDS).

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Art in Public Places Trust approve Addendum II to the Professional Artist Services Agreement in substantially the form attached with ASK Studio, LLC (lead artist Amanda Keeley) in the not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000.00 for additional fabrication and installation services for the VOX-Miami – Phase 1 artwork project at the garage South Miami Metrorail Station.

Background

A meeting of the Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) was held on November 17, 2020 to review design proposals for the Phase I of VOX-Miami, a transit-oriented development at South Miami Metrorail Station. The development consists of approximately 200,000 square feet of office space, 23,000 square feet of retail space, and a ninety-nine (99) unit student housing community to be developed above an existing five (5) story parking garage. With input from the client teams, APP Trust members, and APP staff, the PAC unanimously recommended Amanda Keeley for implementation of her proposal concept using an anamorphic text artwork printed on a metal mesh system to partially obscure the garage infrastructure. The proposed text-based artwork is intended to be seen from a specific vantage point revealing the words “Crossroads” and also the “number portion” of the building’s latitude and longitude coordinates depending on where the viewer stands. When not seen from the specific vantage point, the work becomes visible as a composition of abstract shapes. In January 2021, through approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 21-01, the Trust authorized an artist’s contract with an overall project budget of \$360,000.00 and an initial release in the amount of \$40,000.00 for artist’s design services from APP funds generated by the Phase 1 portion of this public-private development.

On September 14, 2021, the Trust, through approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 21-56, authorized Addendum 1 to the artist contract in the amount of \$320,000.00 for fabrication and installation of the final artist’s design with the understanding that the implementation of the artwork extending across the two separate sides of the building garage would require additional APP funds to be generated

by the future VOX – Phase II development. Delays in the construction of the VOX Phase II allowed the artist the extra time to further refine her project design and identify a local fabricator with production capacity and the know-how to implement the artwork in a durable manner within the budget and timeframe constraints of this phase of development. The VOX-Miami Phase 2 project has now begun, and the APP funding associated with this work has been transferred to the APP Trust account enabling APP to fully fund the artist's complete design for the garage and initiate the fabrication phase of the work.

APP staff recommends the approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 23-71 authorizing Addendum II to the Professional Artist Services Agreement with ASK Studio, LLC (lead artist Amanda Keeley) in the not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000.00 for additional fabrication and installation services of the artwork project at the VOX-Miami development at the South Miami Metrorail Station.