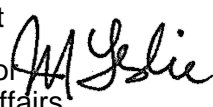


Memorandum



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 23-73 / Philip Stewart / Proposal Contract for Restoration Services

Trust Resolution No. APPT 23-73

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROPOSAL CONTRACT IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED WITH PINWHEEL CORP (LEAD ARTIST'S CONSULTANT PHILIP STEWART) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,500.00 FOR PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT OF RESTORATION SERVICES FOR THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES COLLECTION ARTWORK *DOUBLE CITY BOOTS* BY KENNETH SNELSON LOCATED AT THE MIAMI-DADE COLLEGE WOLFSON CAMPUS (FROM ART IN PUBLIC PLACES REPAIR AND RESTORATION FUNDS).

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Art in Public Places Trust approve a Proposal Contract in substantially the form attached with Pinwheel, Corp. (lead artist Philip Stewart) in the amount of \$3,500.00 for proposal development of restoration services for the Art in Public Places Collection Artwork *Double City Boots* by Kenneth Snelson located at the Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus in Downtown Miami.

Background

In 1986, the Art in Public Places Trust received a generous donation from the Lannan Foundation of (12) twelve 20th Century sculptures by prominent American artists. A few years later, in 1993, a loan agreement was approved between the Trust and the Board of Trustees for the Miami Dade Community College for the immediate siting of (8) eight of the sculptures in the grounds of the Miami Dade Community College Wolfson Campus. The agreement stated that the works on loan would remain property of Miami-Dade Art in Public Places and that costs associated with the initial placement, installation, transportation of the sculptures, and regular maintenance and cleaning, would be the college's responsibility. The agreement also stated that costs associated with the restoration, repair, and conservation of these sculptures would be the responsibility of the Miami-Dade Art in Public Places Trust.

In the Summer of 2023, APP Staff was contacted by Miami Dade College regarding one of the sculptures in the collection, *Double City Boots*, by American contemporary sculptor Kenneth Snelson. The sculpture is currently sited in a covered breezeway in Building 2 of the Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus. The sculpture has sustained visible corrosion damage that has compromised the structural integrity of the work posing a safety concern to the public traversing through this busy area in the building. APP staff performed an in-person assessment to verify the artwork's condition and found the work to be unstable due to a loss of tension, misalignment of tubes, and broken cable connections. While exercising our due diligence to inform the artist of the artwork's condition, APP staff learned of the passing of Mr. Snelson and the designation of fellow sculptor Philip Stewart of Pinwheel Corp., as the recognized technical authority for the maintenance, preservation, conservation, and restoration of

all Kenneth Snelson sculptures. After working 23 years directly under Mr. Snelson's guidance in the servicing of his sculptures, Mr. Stewart has extensive knowledge and hands-on expertise in dealing with the complex restoration needs of the artist's works.

Per standard conservation practices, APP needs to compare and evaluate the potential cost of fully restoring this work versus the current value of the work in the Miami-Dade Art in Public Places Collection. To facilitate this analysis, APP staff recommends engaging with Mr. Stewart to conduct a thorough in-person assessment of the damage and develop a firm proposal that addresses the complete artwork restoration with associated costs for removal and reinstallation of the work to pristine condition.

APP staff recommends the approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 23-73 authorizing a proposal contract with Pinwheel, Corp. (lead artist's consultant Philip Stewart) in the amount of \$3,500.00 for proposal development of restoration services for the APP Collection artwork *Double City Boots* by Kenneth Snelson located at the Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus in Downtown Miami.