

Memorandum



Date: March 18, 2022

To: Honorable Chairman Jose “Pepe” Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava *Daniella Levine Cava*
Mayor

Subject: Report on Wall of Heroes Memorial – Directive 182611

This report is being presented in response to Resolution No. R-73-19 sponsored by then Commissioner Jose “Pepe” Diaz and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners (Board) on January 23, 2019, directing the County Mayor or Mayor’s designee to design, commission, and install a Wall of Heroes in the atrium of the Stephen P. Clark Center (SPCC) if sufficient budgeted funding was legally available and to prepare a written report setting forth: (i) the proposed funding source for the Wall of Heroes; (ii) whether sufficient funding is available to design, commission, and install the Wall of Heroes as described in Section 2; (iii) if sufficient funding is not available, the source and amount of additional funding that is necessary to design, commission, and install the Wall of Heroes; and (iv) the proposed location of the Wall of Heroes within the atrium of the SPCC.

On August of 2021, the Internal Services Department (ISD) met with Chairman Jose “Pepe” Diaz regarding the status of this project and to identify a location within the SPCC for a war memorial. BEA Architects, Inc. (BEA) was identified to prepare and design the concept for the memorial free of charge. BEA indicated they will be providing pre-design coordination and review of existing conditions, design, permitting, bid and award support, construction administration support, and closeout services in order to witness the project become a reality for the residences of Miami-Dade County who lost their lives while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Through a donation by BEA, funding for the design services and construction administration have been identified which includes the delivery of County permittable design documents. The permitted plans will be used to hire a contractor through the Miscellaneous Construction Contracts program. Additionally, the County Attorney’s Office reviewed and approved the donation letter provided by BEA for legal sufficiency. The letter highlights and details the services being donated to the County.

I have accepted the donation pursuant to Administrative Order 1-3, Gifts to the County. A Memorandum of Understanding is being entered into between the County and BEA in order to provide the building plans needed to complete the design. ISD has identified a location in the SPCC lobby for placement of the memorial. Preliminary construction costs are estimated at \$550,000. Funding for the memorial will commence this fiscal year and end next year, as funding is identified in future budgets.

This report will be placed on the next available Board Agenda pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65. Please contact Alex Muñoz, ISD Director, at 305.375.5893 should you require additional information.

Attachments

- c: Geri Bonzon-Keenan, County Attorney
- Gerald K. Sanchez, First Assistant County Attorney
- Jess M. McCarty, Executive Assistant County Attorney
- Office of the Mayor Senior Staff
- Department Directors
- Jennifer Moon, Chief, Office of Policy and Budgetary Affairs
- Yinka Majekodunmi, Commission Auditor
- Basia Pruna, Director, Clerk of the Board
- Eugene Love, Agenda Coordinator



DANIELLA LEVINE CAVA
MAYOR
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

March 2, 2022

Bruno E. Ramos, AIA, GC, LEED AP
Principal-In-Charge
BEA Architects, Inc.
3075 NW South River Drive
Miami, Florida 33142

Dear Mr. Ramos,

I have received your letter dated January 26, 2022, in which you express an interest in donating services for a project that was approved by the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") on January 23, 2019; specifically, the project is the construction of a "Wall of Heroes," which will honor fallen service personnel from Miami-Dade County in all armed conflicts from World War II to the present day.

On behalf of Miami-Dade County and the Board, I would like to thank you for generously offering to donate all architectural and design services required to construct this important memorial, which will be installed in a prominent location in the atrium of the Stephen P. Clark Center. Based on our conversations surrounding this topic, we have agreed that BEA Architects, Inc. ("BEA"), without the expectation of compensation in any form, will donate all architectural and design services necessary to produce a permittable set of drawings for construction of the memorial and that, during the construction phase of the project, BEA will be available to the County and its selected contractor to address any questions that might arise during construction and revise drawings as necessary to address such questions. We have also agreed that the County is the intended beneficiary of BEA's work on all phases of this project, and that the County is entitled to rely on that work in connection with the preparation of a solicitation for and the subsequent construction of the memorial.

With this understanding pursuant to Administrative Order 1-3 titled Gifts to the County, I am pleased to accept your donation in support of the Board's desire to commission and install the Wall of Heroes. Please countersign this letter to indicate your agreement to the foregoing understanding.

Please know that your contribution is very much appreciated.

With Gratitude,

Mayor Daniella Levine Cava

Acknowledged and Agreed By:

BEA Architects, Inc.

Dated: _____

January 26, 2022

Mayor Daniella Levine Cava
Miami Dade County Office of the Mayor
111 NW 1st Street, 29th Floor
Miami, FL 33128



RE: Architectural Design Services for the Wall of Hero's Monument

Mayor Daniella Levine Cava,

We are writing today to express interest in donating services for a project that was approved by the Board of County Commissioners on January 23, 2019. We have been in communication with Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz regarding the donation of our architecture and design services for the Wall of Heroes monument. We would be willing to donate the design services, detailed plans, and sketches (One Hundred Forty Five Thousand Six Hundred Dollars) to Miami- Dade County, to see this project, become a reality for our fallen men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Please let this letter serve as our expression of interest to providing these services at no cost to the County. Additionally, please inform us as to any other information that you may need from us in order to begin the process for this project.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bruno E Ramos".

Bruno E Ramos, AIA, GC, LEED AP
Principal-In-Charge
BEA architects, Inc.