



City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
June 16, 2015

**ITEM TITLE:**

A Resolution authorizing the use of the Art Acquisition Fund for incorporation of public art into the Miracle Mile Streetscape Project; and authorizing an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 annual budget to recognize as revenue a transfer from the Art Acquisition Fund and to appropriate such funds to put toward the cost of the project.

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

The City's Master Art Plan and the Miracle Mile streetscape project contemplate incorporation of public art into the new streetscape. The City retained Meridith McKinley of Via Partnership and Todd Bressi as art consultants to assist with selecting and coordinating with artists. The consultants put together a large list of artists for consideration that were vetted with Cooper Robertson & Partners (the streetscape designers) and a short list was qualified by the Arts Advisory Panel on April 17, 2015. Cooper Robertson & Partners have selected six artists that they would like to meet with to discuss concepts before choosing final concepts to present to the Arts Advisory Panel, Cultural Development Board, and then Commission. The six selected artists are Blessing Hancock, Teresita Fernandez, Cao + Perrot, Sibylle Pasche, Robert Chambers, and Meejin Yoon, however, it is anticipated that if necessary, Cooper Robertson & Partners could select other artists from the list qualified by the Arts Advisory Panel for this project (list attached).

Section 3-2104 D. of the Art in Public Places Program set forth in the Zoning Code, provides that the selection of Public Art using the Art Acquisition Fund shall be by Resolution of the City Commission upon recommendation of the Economic & Cultural Development Department and the Cultural Development Board with the assistance of the Arts Advisory Panel, as needed.

As stated in the FY 14 Financial Statements (CAFR), the current Art Acquisition Fund has a balance of \$1,216,616. \$54,500 of that amount was designated for a capital project in the FY 15 budget to restore four of the Jean Ward Sculptures (3 at the Library and 1 in Pittman Park). This leaves a remaining balance of \$1,162,116 (prior to consideration of additional funds paid by developers in FY 15).

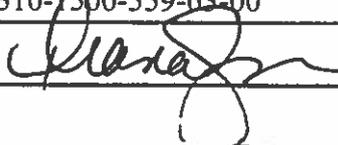
It is proposed that up to \$1,100,000 of this balance be allocated to the incorporation of Public Art in the Miracle Mile streetscape project. An amendment to the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 annual budget is required to recognize as revenue the \$1,100,000 transfer from the Art Acquisition Fund and to appropriate such funds to put toward the cost of the project.

Preliminarily, funding would be provided to reimburse artist travel to Coral Gables to see the site and meet with Cooper Robertson & Partners, City Staff, and the art consultants, and to provide a fee of \$2,000 for each artist asked to produce a preliminary conceptual sketch. It is anticipated

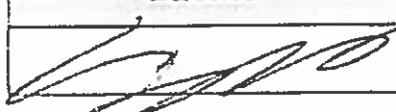
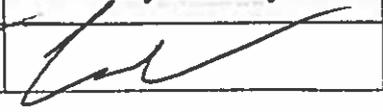
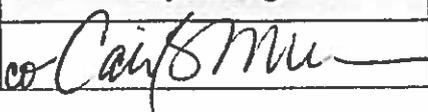
that up to three or four artists would have a budget of \$250,000 to \$350,000 to produce a piece that will be installed on Miracle Mile. The plan to use approximately \$1,100,000 for the Streetscape project was discussed with Arts Advisory Panel on March 17, 2015, and with the Cultural Development Board on January 28, 2015.

Concepts that are developed by artists will be presented to the Arts Advisory Panel for recommendation to the Cultural Development Board, and then to City Commission for the final decision.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

No.	Amount	Account Number	Source of Funds
	\$1,100,000	310-1500-559-63.00	Art Acquisition Fund
	Approved By:		

**APPROVED BY:**

Director	City Attorney	City Manager
		

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Proposed Resolution
2. Arts Advisory Panel Minutes of March 17, 2015 and April 17, 2015 (with list of qualified artists)
3. Cultural Development Board Minutes of January 28, 2015