

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-83

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM THE JULIO LARRAZ FOUNDATION AND APPROVING THE FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION OF THE SCULPTURE “*MARS*” BY JULIO LARRAZ, (RECOMMENDED BY THE ARTS ADVISORY PANEL, APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 8 TO 1, AND THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 6 TO 0); AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 AMENDED BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE AS REVENUE A TRANSFER FROM THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES RESERVE, AND APPROPRIATING SUCH FUNDS TO PUT TOWARD THE COST OF FABRICATING AND INSTALLING THE ARTWORK.

WHEREAS, the Julio Larraz Foundation submitted a partial-gift proposal to the City through Jose Valdes-Fauli for the City to fabricate a sculpture by the artist Julio Larraz in celebration of a retrospective exhibition of the artist’s career at the Coral Gables Museum; and

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2021, the Arts Advisory panel reviewed the initial proposal consisting of different artworks and recommended a subsequent proposal responding to the Panel’s comments, including proposal of a specific work, relationship to its surroundings, and following public response to outdoor work installed by the Museum as part of the exhibition; and

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables Museum launched the exhibition “The Kingdom We Carry Inside” on December 1, 2021. The exhibition runs through April 30, 2022 and features the sculpture “*Mars*” installed outside on the Museum Plaza; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2022, the Arts Advisory panel reviewed a revised proposal for the sculpture “*Mars*” and recommended approval to the Cultural Development Board.; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2022, the Cultural Development Board reviewed the proposal for the sculpture “*Mars*” and made a motion recommending approval to the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, Julio Larraz is a prominent artist of Cuban descent, living and working in Miami with artwork in public collections throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the proposed artwork, “*Mars*”, is painted bronze, and number 3 in a series of 3; and

WHEREAS, the location of the proposed public artwork is recommended in Pittman Park; and

WHEREAS, if approved, funding for fabrication, engineering, foundation, lighting, signage, transportation, and installation of the artwork is proposed through the Art in Public Places fund; and

WHEREAS, cost of annual maintenance is anticipated to be minimal and is being proposed through use of the general fund as ordinary maintenance and will be included as part of the City's annual public art maintenance plan; and

WHEREAS, the Arts Advisory Panel voted (8-1) to recommend the artwork "*Mars*" by artist Julio Larraz at their meeting on March 9, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Cultural Development Board voted unanimously (6-0) to recommend the artwork "*Mars*" by artist Julio Larraz at their meeting on March 15, 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon the adoption hereof.


SECTION 2. The City Commission does hereby authorize fabrication and installation of the sculpture "*Mars*" by Julio Larraz at Pittman Park.

SECTION 3. That the Commission does hereby authorize an amendment to the Adopted Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget to transfer \$196,000 from Art in Public Places fund balance; and appropriate such funds to put toward the project.


SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWELFTH DAY OF APRIL A.D., 2022
(Moved: Mena / Seconded: Menendez)
(Yeas: Fors, Jr., Mena, Menendez, Anderson, Lago)
(Unanimous 5-0 Vote)
(Agenda Item: H-2)


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