

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION THROUGH THE CORAL GABLES GARDEN CLUB FOR A PROPOSED ARTWORK BY ARTIST XAVIER CORTADA, (UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED BY THE ARTS ADVISORY PANEL, APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 6 TO 0, AND THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 5 TO 0) AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CORAL GABLES GARDEN CLUB IN ORDER TO EFFECTUATE THE DONATION.

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables Garden Club approached the City of Coral Gables with a proposed donation of a commissioned sculpture by artist Xavier Cortada in celebration of the Garden Club's centennial; and

WHEREAS, the artist is a Florida Artists Hall of Fame inductee, and has created art at the North and South poles and across 6 continents, including more than 150 public artworks, installations, collaborative murals and socially engaged projects; and

WHEREAS, this project is inspired by the rich history and vibrant community of the Coral Gables Garden Club, which aims to commemorate the Garden Club's centennial milestone through the beauty of public art while highlighting the importance of supporting pollinators within our shared ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables Garden Club is requesting permission to place the donated artwork on the grounds of the Miami-Dade County, Coral Gables Branch Library at 3443 Segovia St., in the Butterfly Garden; and

WHEREAS, while the City owns the property located at 3443 Segovia Street, it is currently occupied by the Miami-Dade County Public Library System, who is aware of the request and has preliminarily indicated their support for the artwork, subject to negotiation of a separate agreement outlining maintenance and insurance requirements; and

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2024, a proposal of artwork by Xavier Cortada was presented to the Arts Advisory Panel for review, which recommended acceptance to the Cultural Development Board; and

WHEREAS, on August 20, 2024, a proposal of the recommended artwork by Xavier Cortada was presented to the Cultural Development Board, which reviewed it and accepted the recommendation of the Arts Advisory Panel; and

WHEREAS, on August 14, 2024, the Library Advisory Board reviewed the proposal of artwork and made a motion supporting the donation of the artwork with placement at the library; and

WHEREAS, funding for the design, engineering, fabrication, and installation is estimated at \$62,600 through the Coral Gables Garden Club; and

WHEREAS, upon acceptance of the artwork, the cost of maintenance is proposed through use of the general fund as ordinary maintenance to be included as part of the city's annual public art maintenance plan.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing "Whereas" clauses are here 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 accept the donation through the Coral Gables Garden Club for a proposed artwork by artist Xavier Cortada.

SECTION 3. That the City Commission does hereby authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Coral Gables Garden Club in order to effectuate the donation contemplated in this Resolution.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY OF AUGUST A.D.,
2024

VINCE LAGO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

CRISTINA M. SUÁREZ
CITY ATTORNEY