

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ARTIST TEAM OF SHANE ALLBRITTON AND NORMAN LEE TO DESIGN PUBLIC ARTWORK FOR THE PLAZA OF THE NEW PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING. (UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PUBLIC ART SELECTION PANEL, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE ARTS ADVISORY PANEL, APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 12 TO 0, AND THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 6 TO 0).

WHEREAS, a Public Safety Building Public Art Selection Panel was formed consisting of Arts Advisory Panel members, Police Chief Hudak, Fire Chief de la Rosa, and Leslie Pantin as an appointed representative of the Cultural Development Board; and

WHEREAS, over 140 artists responded to a second Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Public Safety Building public art opportunity; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2020, the Arts Advisory Panel met and reviewed 145 qualified responses submitted for Public Safety Building public art request for qualifications; and recommended twelve artists for Police and Fire to consider for the Public Safety Building public art project; and

WHEREAS, artists Shane Allbritton/Norman Lee and Jim Hirschfield were asked to submit concept proposals; and

WHEREAS, on October 29, 2020 Shane Allbritton/Norman Lee and Jim Hirschfield presented their proposals to the Selection Panel, which unanimously recommended the artist team of Shane Allbritton/Norman Lee on February 24, 2021 as the artist for the new Public Safety Building to the Cultural Development Board; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2021 the Cultural Development Board reviewed the two (2) concept proposals and the recommendation of the Selection Panel and agreed to recommend the artwork concept of Shane Allbritton and Norman Lee for the new Public Safety Building to the City Commission with the recommended direction to remove the bench, raise the height of the base, and increase the height of the sculpture; and

WHEREAS, Shane Allbritton and Norman Lee explore notions of community, identity, and memory in the context of public space; Allbritton and Lee draw on a site's cultural landscape to generate strong narrative concepts that resonate with local meaning that also transcend the familiar. Most notably, Lee was named a finalist in the World Trade Center Site Memorial Competition. The largest design competition in history, his design was selected from an international field of over 5,000 submissions; and

WHEREAS, the location of the proposed public artwork is on the plaza of the new Public Safety Building on the corner of Salzedo Street and Minorca Avenue. The artwork concept responds to memorializing fallen officers and firefighters while honoring current public safety professionals; and

WHEREAS, the public artwork recommended is titled *Eternal Vigilance* and evokes interwoven eternal flames creating a gesture of departmental unity and collaboration. The form of the interwoven flames is expressed as a translucent void space within a vessel of stacked glass, appearing as an iconic beacon that marks the main entrance plaza of the new Coral Gables Public Safety Building; and

WHEREAS, if approved the Artist team will be required to enter into a contract with the City of Coral Gables prior to commencing work and will work with their professional team to properly permit, engineer, fabricate, install, and light the piece as appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the City will work with the artist and provide access to existing utilities on site; and

WHEREAS, funding for the artwork and related expenses is proposed through use of dedicated art acquisition funds.

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 approve the public artwork concept proposal by the artist team of Shane Allbritton and Norman Lee and approves further development of the artwork for placement at the new Public Safety Building.

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-THIRD DAY OF MARCH A.D., 2021

RAÚL VALDÉS-FAULI
MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS
CITY ATTORNEY