

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-220

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION REJECTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO PROCEED WITH ARTIST IVAN TOTTH DEPEÑA TO DESIGN PUBLIC ARTWORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NEW PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PROJECT. (UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PUBLIC ART SELECTION PANEL APPROVAL VOTE: 10 TO 0, AND THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVAL VOTE: 6 TO 0).

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2019, the City Commission approved four (4) artists to submit public art proposals associated with the construction of the new Public Safety Building: Jose Bedia, Martin Dawe, Ivan Toth Depeña and Robert Lazzarini; and

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

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2019, an announcement was posted on the City’s e-News directing the public to read and view the artists proposals on a dedicated webpage and inviting comments; and

WHEREAS, notices were mailed to businesses and private residences within a 1,000-foot radius of the project site announcing the project and inviting comments; and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2019, the artists presented their concept sketches to the Panel and the Panel unanimously agreed to invite Martin Dawe and Ivan Toth Depeña, to further develop their original concepts for the Public Safety Building public art; and

WHEREAS, on May 29, 2019, Martin Dawe and Ivan Toth Depeña presented their revised proposals to the Panel, which unanimously recommended Ivan Toth Depeña as the artist for the new Public Safety Building to the Cultural Development Board; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2019, the Cultural Development Board reviewed the original four (4) concept proposals, the revised two (2) concept proposals, and the recommendation of the Panel and agreed to recommend Ivan Toth Depeña as the artist for the new Public Safety Building to the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, on July 9th, 2019 the City Commission reviewed the recommendation of the Panel and the Cultural Development Board and upon discussion determined that the presented proposal from Ivan Toth Depeña was not in the best interest of the City and specifically the new Public Safety Building.;

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 reject the recommendation from the Cultural Development Board to move forward with artist Ivan Toth Depeña, to further develop a public artwork memorial design in association with 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 NINTH DAY OF JULY, A.D., 2019.
(Moved: Mena / Seconded: Lago)
(Yeas: Lago, Mena, Fors Jr., Keon, Valdes-Fauli)
(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)
(Agenda Item: 2-1)

APPROVED:


RAUL VALDES-FAULI
MAYOR

ATTEST:


BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

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AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:


MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS
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