

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION APPROVING FUNDING SUPPORT TO DADE HERITAGE TRUST TOWARD THE CREATION OF A PUBLIC SCULPTURE HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ARVA PARKS MCCABE TO BE INSTALLED AT THE ENTRANCE HALL OF THE MAIN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY; AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 ANNUAL BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES RESERVE AS REVENUE AND APPROPRIATE SUCH FUNDS AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION, (UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED BY THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 6 TO 0).

WHEREAS, Dade Heritage Trust (DHT) approached the City of Coral Gables requesting financial support toward the creation of a public sculpture honoring the life and legacy of Arva Parks McCabe, author, historian, and dedicated advocate for historic preservation in Coral Gables; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava and the Miami-Dade County Public Library System have formally approved the placement of the life-size sculpture at the entrance hall of the Main Miami-Dade County Public Library adjacent to the Arva Parks McCabe Auditorium; and

WHEREAS, Arva Parks McCabe was a longtime resident in the City of Coral Gables and contributed significantly to long-lasting cultural projects within the city, including involvement in the preservation of the Biltmore Hotel, the Venetian Pool, and the historic Merrick House; and

WHEREAS, among other accomplishments, Arva Parks McCabe helped create the City's historic preservation program in the 1970s and served as the chair of the first historic preservation board, as well as serving as the inaugural director of the Coral Gables Museum; and

WHEREAS, the approved sculpture is being created by Miami artist Freda Coffing Tschumy and features one of Arva Parks McCabe's books about Coral Gables; and

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2024, DHT presented proposed funding support levels to the Cultural Development Board, which recommended minimum support of \$7,500 toward the project using funds from the Art in Public Places reserve.

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 authorize support of the Arva Parks McCabe public sculpture, authorizing an amendment to the Adopted Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget, recognizing a transfer from the Art in Public Places Reserve and appropriating such funds to be used toward the project through Dade Heritage Trust.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF JANUARY A.D.,
2025

VINCE LAGO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

CRISTINA M. SUÁREZ
CITY ATTORNEY