



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
November 9, 2021

ITEM TITLE:

Resolution. A Resolution of the City Commission approving artists for public art proposal submittals associated with the new Fire Station 4. (Unanimously recommended by the Arts Advisory Panel approval/denial vote 7 to 0; Cultural Development Board approval/denial vote: 5 to 0).

DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:

Approval

BRIEF HISTORY:

The new Coral Gables Fire Station 4 meets the requirement of a municipal construction project governed by the Miami-Dade County Code of Ordinances.

The City of Coral Gables provides for the acquisition and maintenance of art in public places consistent with Section 2-11.15 of the Miami-Dade County Code of Ordinances entitled “Works of Art in Public Places.”

The Arts Advisory Panel discussed the Fire Station 4 project with City staff, the project Architect, and Fire Chiefs, and made a motion recommending a pre-qualified short list of artists.

The Arts Advisory Panel recommended five (5) local artists to approach for interest in submitting a proposal for the Fire Station 4 public art opportunity: Thomas Bils, Beatriz Monteavaro, Ana Samoylova, Onajide Shabaka, and the artist team of Antonia Wright and Ruben Millares. Staff recommended one additional artist, Cara Despain.

The Cultural Development Board met and reviewed the artist recommendations and the additional recommendation of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the overall public art project and a proposal fee of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) per approved artist for their proposal concept. After thorough discussion, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations.

The six artists were contacted and three stated their interest in developing a proposal for the project: Cara Despain, Ana Samoylova, and Onajide Shabaka.

Funds for the public art proposal process are being proposed through use of the art acquisition fund.

BOARD/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION(S):

Date	Board/Committee	Comments
10/19/2021	Cultural Development Board	Recommend Fire Station 4 Proposal Artists

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount	Account number	Source of Funds
\$4,500	310-1500-522-62-00	Art in Public Places, Art Acquisition Fund

ATTACHMENT(S):

- 1. Draft Resolution**
- 2. Fire Station 4 proposal artist list**
- 3. Cultural Development Board meeting minutes of October 19, 2021**