

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LONG-TERM LOAN OF FIVE JEAN WARD SCULPTURES TO THE UNDERLINE FOR INSTALLATION WITHIN THE UNDERLINE, CORAL GABLES SECTION, (UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED BY THE ARTS ADVISORY PANEL, APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 7 TO 0, AND THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 7 TO 0); AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE AND CITY ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNDERLINE AND ANY OTHER REQUIRED ENTITY.

WHEREAS, The Underline approached the City of Coral Gables with a request to place five Jean Ward sculptures currently in the city's public art collection within The Underline section of Coral Gables; and

WHEREAS, Jean Ward was an important Florida artist of the post-1950s and had a significant connection to the University of Miami before passing away at the young age of 45; and

WHEREAS, The Underline is requesting the five sculptures to be installed within the Rock Ridge Plaza, close to the entrance of the University of Miami; and

WHEREAS, three of the proposed sculptures are in Ingraham Park and have been previously identified for removal and extensive restoration, including new foundations; and two of the sculptures have been restored and are in storage; and

WHEREAS, all five pieces require re-painting to black, in keeping with the artist's original intention; and

WHEREAS, funding for restoration and re-installation has previously been approved through the city's CIP budget process; and

WHEREAS, insurance coverage is proposed by The Underline while the artworks are in their procession; and

WHEREAS, the cost of annual maintenance is anticipated to be minimal and is being proposed through the agreement as part of The Underline's ordinary maintenance along with other artworks in their possession; and

WHEREAS, the proposal to enter into a long-term loan agreement of five Jean Ward sculptures to The Underline was presented to the Arts Advisory Panel on October 2, 2024, who further recommended painting them black; and

WHEREAS, the Cultural Development Board reviewed the proposal and recommendation of the Arts Advisory Panel on October 15, 2024, and voted unanimously to recommend approval.

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 long-term loan of five Jean Ward sculptures to The Underline for installation within The Underline, Coral Gables section; authorizing the City Manager ,or his or her designee, and City Attorney to negotiate and execute an agreement with The Underline or any other required entity to finalize the loan.

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