

Art in Public Places



PROPOSED PUBLIC ART
ACQUISITION

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THE CITY BEAUTIFUL



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PROCESS

- Mayor Lago presented a proposal for consideration to the City Commission for acquisition of the artwork *Untitled*, by Artist Agustín Cárdenas.
- The City Commission made a motion approving the proposal to be brought through the Art in Public Places process.
- Per Art in Public Places process, staff had the artwork appraised.
- The Arts Advisory Panel reviewed the proposal and made a recommendation to the Cultural Development Board.
- The Cultural Development Board made a motion recommending acquisition of Agustín Cárdenas' *Untitled* to the City Commission.

ARTIST INFORMATION

AGUSTÍN CÁRDENAS

Born in 1927, Matanzas, Cuba – d. 2001, Cuba

- Cuban sculptor of Afro-Caribbean descent
- Known for organic, fluid forms that bridged Surrealism, modernism, and African artistic traditions
- Became an active member of the Surrealist movement in the 50s
- From 1956-1997 exhibited extensively in group and solo shows around the world and worked in France, Canada, Austria, Japan, Israel, Korea, and Italy
- Widely regarded as one of the most important sculptors of the 20th century
- His work is in major museums and collections throughout the world



PROPOSED ARTWORK

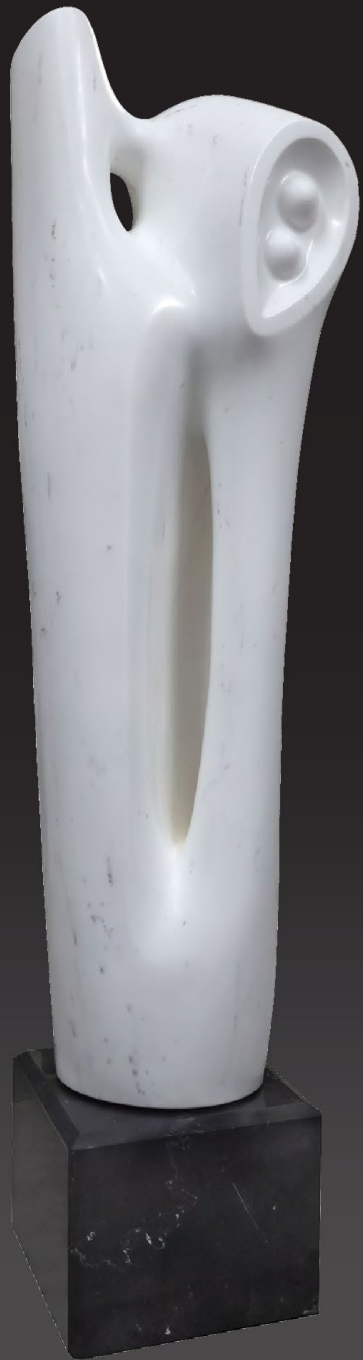
AGUSTÍN CÁRDENAS

Untitled

1992

Carrara Marble with Marble Base

- 103 x 24 x 21 inches
- Unique work



CONCEPT PROPOSAL

About the artwork:

Le Couple is another exceptional example of Cárdenas' mature style – marked by elegant abstraction and rich symbolic content.



PROPOSED LOCATION

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FUNDING ESTIMATE

Description	Vendor	Estimate
Artwork	Latin Art Core	\$350,000
Landscape re-design & related materials		10,000
Engineering	tbd	5,000
Foundation	tbd	15,000
Delivery & installation	tbd	5,000
Lighting	tbd	7,000
Signage	tbd	3,000
Contingency		5,000
Source of funding: Art Fund	TOTAL	\$400,000



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