

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM ARTIST JANINE ANTONI AND APPROVING THE FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION OF THE SCULPTURE *WHISPERING THROUGH A STONE*, (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 TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ARTIST; AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 AMENDED BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE AS REVENUE A TRANSFER FROM THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES RESERVE, AND APPROPRIATING SUCH FUNDS TO PUT TOWARD THE COST OF FABRICATION, INSTALLATION, AND RELATED EXPENSES REGARDING THE ARTWORK.

WHEREAS, the City Commission has consistently expressed interest in building the City's permanent public art collection with artworks by prominent artists representing a diversity of background and disciplines; and

WHEREAS, on August 2, 2022, the Arts Advisory panel reviewed a proposal including *Whispering Through a Stone* by Janine Antoni and recommended approval of the proposal for permanent installation; and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2022, the Cultural Development Board reviewed the proposal and expressed interest in *Whispering Through a Stone*; however, the Board prioritized recommending a project to highlight in time for Art Basel, 2022, and the sculpture could not meet the deadline; and

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2022, the City Commission overall expressed interest in the proposal for *Whispering Through a Stone*; and

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2022, the Cultural Development Board reviewed a revised proposal for *Whispering Through a Stone* and made a motion recommending approval to the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, Janine Antoni is an important, globally recognized artist; and

WHEREAS, *Whispering Through a Stone* is a unique sculpture created from stone in the likeness of a conversation chair for people to interact in a personal and meaningful way; and

WHEREAS, the sculpture may be sited at various locations, the preference is for an urban environment with a staff recommendation to place the work in Merrick Park; and

WHEREAS, funding of \$307,000 for the design, fabrication, installation, and related expenses is proposed through the art fund; and

WHEREAS, the Arts Advisory Panel voted unanimously (7-0) to recommend the artwork *Whispering through a stone* by Janine Antoni at their meeting on August 2, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Cultural Development Board voted unanimously (7-0) to recommend the artwork *Whispering Through a Stone* by Janine Antoni at their meeting on December 20, 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES AS FOLLOWS:

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 accept the proposal and authorize fabrication and installation of the sculpture *Whispering Through a Stone* by Janine Antoni. The City Manager or his or her designee is authorized to negotiate an agreement with the Artist for the commissioned artwork.

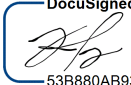
SECTION 3. The City Commission does hereby authorize an amendment to the Adopted Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget to transfer \$307,000 from the Art Fund balance and appropriate such funds toward the project.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF JANUARY A.D.,
2023.

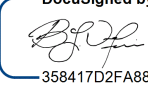
(Moved: Cason / Seconded: Menendez)
(Yeas: Cason, Menendez, Lago)
(Nays: Mena, Anderson)
(Majority: (3-2) Vote)
(Agenda Item: H-1)

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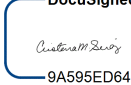
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CITY CLERK

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