

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF THE SCULPTURE “A PERFECT PLACE” BY JOSÉ BEDIA (RECOMMENDED BY THE ARTS ADVISORY PANEL, APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 7 TO 0, AND THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 6 TO 0); AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 AMENDED BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE AS REVENUE A TRANSFER FROM THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES RESERVE, AND APPROPRIATING SUCH FUNDS TO PUT TOWARD THE PURCHASE COST, TRANSPORTATION, INSTALLATION, AND RELATED EXPENSES.

WHEREAS, Fredric Snitzer Gallery approached the city with a proposal to purchase the artwork “A Perfect Place” by artist José Bedia; and

WHEREAS, José Bedia is a renowned Cuban artist living and working in Miami; and

WHEREAS, the Artwork “A Perfect Place”, 2001, is a large-scale public artwork spanning 23 feet across and 20 feet high. It is a unique, singular artwork; and

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2023, the Arts Advisory Panel reviewed the proposal and made a motion unanimously recommending purchase of “A Perfect Place”; and

WHEREAS, following the recommendation of the Arts Advisory Panel, the Artwork received an independent, professional appraisal; and

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2023, the Cultural Development Board reviewed the proposal, accepted the recommendation of the Arts Advisory Panel and made a motion unanimously recommending approval to the City Commission to purchase the artwork “A Perfect Place”; and

WHEREAS, the artwork is recommended for installation at William H. Kerdyk, Jr., and Family Park; and

WHEREAS, funding for the purchase of the Artwork is \$90,000 and is proposed through the Art in Public Places fund reserve; and

WHEREAS, transportation, engineering, sitework, installation, lighting, and signage (est. \$63,500) is proposed through the Art in Public Places fund reserve; and

WHEREAS, The cost of annual maintenance is anticipated to be minimal and is being proposed through use of the general fund as ordinary maintenance and will be included as part of the City’s annual public art maintenance plan.

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 authorize purchase and installation of the sculpture “A Perfect Place” by José Bedia at William H. Kerdyk, Jr., and Family Park.

SECTION 2. The City Commission does hereby authorize an amendment to the Adopted Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget to transfer \$153,500 from the Art in Public Places fund balance; and appropriate such funds to put toward the project.

SECTION 3. The City Commission does hereby authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to execute an Agreement with Frederic Snitzer Gallery in substantially similar format to that attached to this Resolution.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS NINTH DAY OF JULY A.D., 2024

VINCE LAGO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

CRISTINA M. SUÁREZ
CITY ATTORNEY

