

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-50

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPROVING ARTWORK BY THE ARTIST ZILIA SÁNCHEZ FOR THE 427 BILTMORE WAY MUNICIPAL BUILDING PROJECT (UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED BY THE ARTS ADVISORY PANEL, APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 7 TO 0, AND THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 7 TO 0); AND AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 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 THE ARTWORK, LANDSCAPE RE-DESIGN, AND INSTALLATION OF THE PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the construction and renovation work at 427 Biltmore Way is a municipal project and meets the requirement to contribute 1.5% of the aggregate project value toward public art; and

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2021, the Arts Advisory Panel (AAP) met and reviewed the architectural rendering and landscape drawings for the project and discussed locations for artwork at the site, the building's use and its context to potential artwork, the relationship to the site and surrounding areas, and the best approach for acquisition of artwork; and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2021, the AAP reviewed an artwork proposed by Mayor Lago for the site by artist Zilia Sánchez. The Panel agreed that the artist is significant and recommended the artwork *Concepto I* conditionally, based on receiving specifications about the materials and installation options; and

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2021, the Cultural Development Board (CDB) reviewed the proposed artwork *Concepto I* by Zilia Sánchez for an amount of \$480,000 along with the recommendation of the AAP. The Board recommended that staff pursue an independent appraisal of the artwork prior to the Board making a recommendation.; and

WHEREAS, on February 15, 2022, the CDB reviewed the independent appraisal of the artwork and responses provided to the AAP. The Board agreed to recommend Zilia Sánchez as the artist, and her sculpture *Concepto I* to the City Commission, for installation at 427 Biltmore Way with a re-design of the landscaping as noted; and

WHEREAS, Zilia Sánchez is a world-class artist of Cuban descent, living and working in Puerto Rico since the 1970s, with artwork in public collections throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the proposed artwork, *Concepto I*, is composed of two pieces facing each other constructed in painted bronze, with dimensions of 84 x 20 x 25 inches for each piece; and

WHEREAS, the location of the proposed public artwork is recommended for the plaza of the renovated 427 Biltmore Way building; and

WHEREAS, if approved, the artwork will be purchased through the artist's representative gallery; the City and project architect will work with the artist and her gallery to revise the current landscape plan, including lighting of the artwork; and

WHEREAS, funding for the artwork, landscape re-design, foundation, installation, lighting, and signage is proposed through the Art in Public Places fund; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, the Arts Advisory Panel voted unanimously (7-0) to recommend the artwork "Concepto I" by artist Zilia Sánchez at their meeting on December 08, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Cultural Development Board voted unanimously (7-0) to recommend the artwork "Concepto I" by artist Zilia Sánchez at their meeting on February 15, 2022;

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

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 acquisition and installation of the sculpture *Concepto I* by Zilia Sánchez at 427 Biltmore Way.

SECTION 3. That the Commission does hereby authorize an amendment to the Adopted Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget to transfer \$600,000 from Art in Public Places fund balance; and appropriate such funds to put toward the project.

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


PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS EIGHTH DAY OF MARCH A.D., 2022.
(Moved: Anderson / Seconded: Menendez)
(Yeas: Menendez, Andersen, Fors, Jr., Mena, Lago)
(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)
(Agenda Item: H-1)

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