

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL CONCEPT FROM ARTIST MOREL DOUCET AND APPROVING THE FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION OF THE SCULPTURE “SECRETS THAT THE WIND CARRIES AWAY”, (UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED BY THE ARTS ADVISORY PANEL, APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 6 TO 0, AND THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 5 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 2023-2024 AMENDED BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE AS REVENUE A TRANSFER OF \$110,000 FROM THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES RESERVE, AND APPROPRIATING SUCH FUNDS TO PUT TOWARD THE INFRASTRUCTURE COST 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 backgrounds and disciplines; and

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2023, the City Commission passed Resolution 2023-244 approving artists to submit proposals for a commemorative public artwork aligned with the city’s centennial to honor Bahamian and Black residents; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2023-244 further approved \$30,000 for the proposal process and \$500,000 for the artwork design, fabrication, and installation, for a total of \$530,000; and

WHEREAS, ten pre-approved artists were invited to participate in a site visit and met with residents and decedents being commemorated. Artists were provided with additional research materials and historical documents, including responses to requested feedback about the project; and

WHEREAS, eight of the ten artists submitted proposals, which were shared with the community and available for viewing on the city’s website; and

WHEREAS, three of the ten artists were asked to further refine their proposals for a second submission to members of the Arts Advisory Panel and Cultural Development Board unanimously recommending artist Morel Doucet; and

WHEREAS, the artist met numerous times with community members and presented his proposal concept at the Lola B. Walker Homeowners Association meeting, where it was enthusiastically embraced; and

WHEREAS, on August 7, the Arts Advisory Panel reviewed the revised proposal for “Secrets That the Wind Carries Away” and made a motion recommending approval of the artist to move forward with continued refinement of the final design; and

WHEREAS, on August 20, the Cultural Development Board reviewed the revised proposal for “Secrets That the Wind Carries Away” and made a motion accepting the recommendation of the Arts Advisory Panel and recommending approval of the artist and concept to the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, recommended installation is within Merrick Park, across from City Hall, on the west end of the park; and

WHEREAS, funding for design, engineering, and fabrication of the artwork is estimated at \$500,000, which was previously approved; and

WHEREAS, the artwork will require a foundation that will be funded separately along with lighting, signage, additional sitework, landscaping, and outreach estimated at an additional estimated \$110,000; and

WHEREAS, the cost of annual maintenance will be assessed and may be proposed through use of the general fund as ordinary maintenance to be included as part of the City’s annual public art maintenance plan.

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 accept the proposal concept and authorize fabrication and installation of the sculpture “Secrets That the Wind Carries Away” by Artist Morel Doucet, further authorizing the City Manager or his or her designee 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 2023-2024 Budget to transfer \$110,000 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-SEVENTH DAY OF AUGUST A.D., 2024

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

CRISTINA M. SUÁREZ
CITY ATTORNEY