

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-119**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPROVING THE CONCEPT AND DONATION OF A PUBLIC ARTWORK TITLED “CORAL CARPET” BY R & R STUDIOS TO BE SITED IN BALBOA PLAZA IN CONJUNCTION WITH 735 AND 743 ALMERIA AVENUE IN FULFILLMENT OF THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES REQUIREMENT FOR PUBLIC ART IN PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT. (UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED BY THE ARTS ADVISORY PANEL APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 4 TO 0, AND THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 7 TO 0).

**WHEREAS**, MG Developer (hereafter referred to as Developer) is constructing buildings at 735 Almeria Avenue and 743 Almeria Avenue (the “Project”) and has chosen the option of petitioning for a waiver of the Art in Public Places Fee requirement by commissioning, donating and installing artwork to the City as specified in the Zoning Code, Article 3, Division 21; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project meets the requirement to contribute one percent (1.0%) of the aggregate project value to the Art Acquisition Fund pursuant to Article 3, Section 3-2103 Subsection A2 of the Coral Gables Zoning Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission wishes to authorize combining Art in Public Places fees associated with 735 Almeria Avenue and 743 Almeria Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the Developer wishes to apply these funds toward donation of public artwork in close proximity to the development Project and in concert with the previously donated artwork “A Midsummer Night’s Dream”; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed public artwork location is Balboa Plaza, located at 2414 De Soto Boulevard; and

**WHEREAS**, Roberto Behar and Rosario Marquardt of R & R Studios (the “Artist”), selected by the Developer, was approved as a qualified artist by the Arts Advisory Panel in accordance with the City of Coral Gables Art in Public Places: Funding, Goals, and Implementation Guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 27, 2019, the Artists presented a concept proposal of the public artwork titled “Coral Carpet” to the Arts Advisory Panel for review, which recommended acceptance of the concept and donation to the Cultural Development Board; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 2, 2019, the concept proposal of the recommended public artwork titled “Coral Carpet” was presented to the Cultural Development Board, which reviewed it and accepted the recommendation of the Arts Advisory Panel to recommend the Artists’ concept and donation of a work of public art; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed art piece is estimated to be \$99,427.00 which is less than the required 1% of the Aggregate Project Value of \$9,200,000.00 (as shown on Exhibit A attached hereto); therefore, the Developer will pay any remaining balance to the Art Acquisition Fund;

**NOW, 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 the Artist's concept and proposed preliminary budget for a work of public art titled "Coral Carpet" in partial fulfillment of the Art in Public Places requirement, attached hereto as Exhibit A, provided that such work shall meet all other applicable criteria of the Zoning Code, and other applicable codes, statutes, laws, rules, and regulations; provided that the Developer pays any difference in the balance to the City for deposit into the Art in Public Places fund; and allowing for annual maintenance from the general fund.

**SECTION 3.** That this resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS FOURTEENTH DAY OF MAY A.D., 2019.

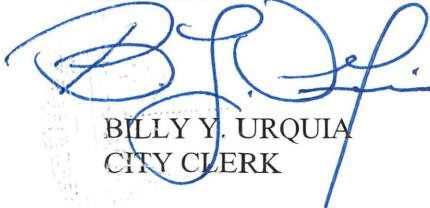
(Moved: Mena / Seconded: Lago)

(Yeas: Fors, Keon, Lago, Mena, Valdes-Fauli)

(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)

(Agenda Item: H-2)

ATTEST:



BILLY Y. URQUIA  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED:



RAÚL VALDÉS-FAULI  
MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS  
CITY ATTORNEY