



TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: January 23, 2024

TITLE: Motion Accepting the Acquisition of the Carlos Luna Sculpture - *HORSE* -
(Commission District 2)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a motion for the acquisition of Carlos Luna’s *HORSE* (Exhibit 1) as an integral part of the James Winder Laird Donation and authorize the City Manager to select the placement of the sculpture in conjunction with staff and the Public Art and Placement Advisory Board. The determined location is dependent upon site and engineering requirements and intended to be installed along the Riverwalk, Tunnel Top Park, and/or the downtown corridor.

Background

On November 1, 2022, the City Commission approved the donation of \$5,000,000 from the James Winder Laird estate to fund the acquisition, installation, and maintenance of public art throughout the City (Exhibit 2). The trustees of the estate would like to honor Mr. Laird’s legacy – a life-long carriage and horse enthusiast – with the acquisition of this sculpture. The sculpture is expected to be installed along the Riverwalk or downtown corridor with other future art purchased by the estate. Further, on June 19, 2023, the Public Art and Placement Advisory Board (PAPAB) approved the acquisition of the Carlos Luna Sculpture – *HORSE* (Exhibit 3).

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action. The sculpture will be acquired by the Estate for \$363,000 and installed at their sole expense.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2023 Commission Priority*, advancing the Parks and Public Places initiative of City beautification.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- Goal 3: Build a healthy and engaging community

- Objective: Enhance the City's identity through public art, well-maintained green spaces, and streetscapes

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Here*

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Focus Area
- The Public Art in Parks Element
- Goal 2: Be a community with high quality parks and recreational facilities that highlight the character of our City.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Carlos Luna Horse

Exhibit 2 – Commission Agenda Memo 22-1078

Exhibit 3 – PAPAB 6.19.2023 Minutes

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