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Historical Preservation Board Letter of intent

Final Submittal

Re: Project Name: (#1929) City of Miami Beach Fire Station #01 – Apollo Mural
File number: HPB22-0550
Project Address: 833 6TH Street, Miami Beach, FL 33139
Dated: 05/8/2023

This letter of intent is for the review and approval of the installation of the *Apollo* Mural created by the later American artist Jack Stewart on the proposed Miami Beach Fire Station #1 building. Jack Stewart was a well esteemed American artist whose work is recognized by the Smithsonian and can be found in collections and museums throughout America and around the world.

On May 11, 2021, 3425 Collins, LLC filed an application requesting modifications to a previously issued Certificate of Appropriateness for the partial demolition, renovation and restoration of an existing hotel building and the construction of a new residential tower. The building site had the "Apollo" mosaic tile mural that was introduced in 1955 and was approved for demolition in 2014 by the Historic Preservation Board. The approval of the board required the Developer to donate the mural to the City, cover all costs of relocating and restoring it, and present the final plan for restoration before receiving a building permit for the new tower. In July 2021, the Developer engaged RLA Conservation to assess the condition of the mural and recommend a conservation plan. Given the size of the mural, after much consideration on finding an appropriate home, the Administration has agreed that the best option for the mural's installation is at the new Fire Station No. 1.

Exhibit A Resolution No. 2022-32230 passed by the Mayor and City Commission of Miami Beach, Florida, authorized the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City and 3425 Collins, LLC (Developer) regarding the restoration, transportation, and installation of the "Apollo" mural by artist Jack Stewart. The Developer is to be responsible for all associated costs and the mural will be installed as an integrated architectural feature at the new Fire Station No. 1. The resolution, which was passed on July 20th, 2022, included the City's Historic Preservation Board Consolidated Order HPB 20-0441 from May 25th, 2021.

Our design proposes to mount the mural on the west 3rd floor portion of the fire station building façade. We have attached drawings and renderings of our proposed locations for the mural. Our design plans to support the mural using approximately 1,581 square feet of Powder coated perforated sheet aluminum metal panels, which will be shop-fabricated to screen the structural

support for the mural. These perforated screen panels will be supported by a series of 2" x 8" painted structural columns, spaced at 3 feet on center. Columns will be welded to an embedded plate located at the top and bottom of the cast in place concrete eyebrows, with bracing anchored to masonry wall behind, as required. Painted horizontal brackets, spaced 3 feet on center will be welded on the back of the mural pieces and bolted to the column, as required to secure the entire mural in place. The supporting structure will be designed in compliance with the wind resistance requirements. We intend to incorporate lighting as an essential aspect of the mural's integration onto the façade. To achieve this, we will carefully consider the needs of residents and zoning regulations while highlighting the mural adequately.

The location for the mural on the new fire station is one of prominence within the public eye and will enhance the neighborhood's aesthetics, making a valuable contribution to the rich art and cultural fabric of Miami Beach, reminding residents and visitors of the area's historical importance.

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Jason Jensen AIA,
President

Exhibit A: Resolution 2022-32230