



# CITY OF DELRAY BEACH

## CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** John Lege, Finance Director

**THROUGH:** Duncan Tavares, Assistant City Manager

**FROM:** Amanda Vilain, Executive Administrative Assistant

**DATE:** September 14, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Budget Amendment

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The City Manager's Department is requesting a budget amendment in the Special Projects Fund (Fund #115) for the Public Art Fund for a Community Mural Project surrounding the Community Grove at Catherine Strong Park.

The City of Delray Beach Public Art Advisory Board proposed to create a series of public art murals, (each mural will be composed of two sound walls), along the eastbound facing sound walls of I-95 in Delray Beach from the intersection of SW 6th Street and SW 17th Ave. (Carver Park Neighborhood) to Lincoln Ave and Depot Rd.

The goal of this entire mural project is to create a destination that memorializes the history of neighborhoods and their growth, while creating a destination location that highlights Delray Beach, FL.

On March 8, 2019, the City of Delray Beach (City) and Anthony Hernandez/Lola International Inc. (Artist) entered into an agreement for the Community Mural Project surrounding the Community Grove at Catherine Strong Park in the amount of \$25,000. Under the terms of the agreement, the City would pay the Artist in two installments with the first installment of \$5000.00 due upon execution of the agreement and the second installment due after the culmination of the installation of the public art after the City's full acceptance and approval and upon receipt of the invoice from the Artist. The Artist completed the project on August 27, 2021, and has provided the City a final invoice in the amount of \$20,000.

On June 8, 2021, City Commission Meeting, the City Commission directed the administration, based on a recommendation from the Public Art Advisory Board (PAAB), to negotiate with the Pineapple Grove Mainstreet Advisory Board (PGMAB) on either a loan of two Jeff Whyman sculptures or a donation of them to the city.

Since that meeting, it was brought to the city's attention that the two sculptures were no longer available through the PGMAB. Consequentially, Mr. Whyman has since approached the PAAB with his offer to sell one of the sculptures, "Shy Dancer", to the city for \$5,000. This is the same price originally offered to PGMAB.

On September 13, 2021, at the City Commission Meeting the City Commission authorized the purchase "Shy Dancer" from Mr. Jeff Wyman in the amount of \$5000. The funds are available in the Public Art Fund Balance. Therefore, Staff is requesting an additional budget amendment from the Public Art Fund in the amount of \$5000 to purchase "Shy Dancer" for a total of \$25,000.