

HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 07, 2023, AT 07:30 PM Cover Sheet

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ITEM TITLE:

Approval of Agreement with Studio Jefrë, LLC, (Jefrë Figueras Manuel) To Design, Fabricate, Install, and Construct I-4 Ultimate Art Project. (Administration)

TOWN COUNCIL ACTION:

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, AND PRESENTATIONS		Department: ADMINISTRATION
PUBLIC HEARING 1 ST / 2 ND READING CONSENT AGENDA	YES	Exhibits:Services Agreement and Scope of Work
COUNCIL DECISION		
ADMINISTRATIVE		

<u>REQUEST</u>: Request to approve artist Jefrë Figueras Manuel of Studio JEFRË, LLC, service agreement on the artwork presented as part of the Ultimate Art Endowment Program.

SUMMARY: The I-4 Ultimate project is about more than concrete and asphalt. Residents and visitors to the 21-mile corridor will enjoy a richer cultural experience thanks to the I-4 Ultimate Art Endowment Program. The I-4 Ultimate concessionaire's initiative set aside \$1.5 million to fund permanent art installations throughout the I-4 Ultimate project area that may be integrated into gateways, highway overpasses, pedestrian bridges, parks, and streetscapes. Visit <u>https://i4ultimate.com/project-info/special-features/</u> to see a list of some beneficiaries below and check this page for future updates on installations coming to a neighborhood near you.

Jefrë is the artist who will present a piece of art that represent the spirit and history of the Town of Eatonville. His works has been in public display in various cities in the United States such as Miami, New Orleans, Philadelphia, Orlando, and San Antonio as well as in London and Abu Dhabi. He has also done works in the Philippines as well. He first worked for Skidmore, Owings & Merrill in the 1990s. After he had a heart attack in 2007 or 2008 at age 35, he decided to set up his own organization, Studio Jefrë (Studio JEFRë), and pursued a career in public art. He did various projects involving community design, public art, parks and plazas, sculpture, temporary installations, interior design, avant-garde landscapes, eco-installations, and campus planning. He also joined competitions as well.

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: For Town Council approve of the artwork presented and enter into a service agreement with Jefrë Figueras Manuel of Studio JEFRË, LLC as part of the Ultimate Art Endowment Program.

FISCAL & EFFICIENCY DATA: Fund allocation is associated with FDOT Arts Endowment – State Project Number FDOT # 300-331-0200.