

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Vice-Mayor Ricky Arriola
DATE: July 17, 2019

SUBJECT: REFERRAL TO THE JULY 19, 2019 FINANCE AND CITYWIDE PROJECTS
COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS FUNDING IMPROVEMENTS TO INDIAN
BEACH PARK.

ANALYSIS

I ask for the Finance and Citywide Projects Committee to discuss funding improvements to Indian Beach Park located at 4601 Collins Avenue for fiscal year 2020/2021. The Mid Beach Neighborhood Association recently passed the attached resolution asking for us to bring this park up to the new high standards for Miami Beach parks we have set for ourselves. Amongst their concerns they cite "a small shade sail that does not cover even 40% of the park, poor choice of playground equipment, poor shading, lack of seating, climbing equipment appears unsafe and inappropriate for small children is already showing signs of rust, and the park has limited square footage on a large parcel of land."

Legislative Tracking

Vice-Mayor Ricky Arriola

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- ▢ MBNA Resolution

A RESOLUTION OF THE MIDBEACH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (MBNA)
REGARDING INDIAN BEACH PARK

WHEREAS, the MidBeach Neighborhood Association (MBNA) represents thousands of residents and hotel guests within the geographical boundaries of Collins Avenue and Indian Creek Drive from 24th Street through 63rd Street; and

WHEREAS, the MBNA understands that the City of Miami Beach prioritizes the development of safe and useful parks throughout our City that can be enjoyed by our residents and our tourists of all ages; and

WEHEREAS, the MBNA has formed a Parks and Greenspace Working Group to collaborate with the City of Miami Beach Parks Dept. on possible options to enhance local parks and greenspaces and advocate for safe, age-appropriate, useful and beautiful playground structures with adequate shading and seating at all parks; and

WHEREAS, the MBNA Parks and Greenspace Working Group is chaired by Deborah Lake, MBNA Vice-President, and includes Melinda Pearce, MBNA Treasurer, Alicia Casanova, MBNA Ex-Officio Officer Member, and Abigail Waldman, MBNA Member from Mimosa Condominium, and has obtained feedback from other general MBNA condominiums and hotel members; and

WHEREAS, INDIAN BEACH PARK, located on Collins Ave. and 46th Street, behind a large public lot centered between the Mimosa Condominium and the Eden Roc Hotel, after being closed for more than a year is subpar to City of Miami Beach park norms; and

WHEREAS, INDIAN BEACH PARK, renovation began in March 2017 prior to the creation of MBNA in April 2017; and

WHEREAS, INDIAN BEACH PARK'S inadequate features as of June 2019 include a small shade sail that does not cover even 40% of the park, poor choice of playground equipment, poor shading, lack of seating, climbing equipment appears unsafe, inappropriate for small children and is already showing signs of rust, and the park has limited square footage on a large parcel of land; and

WHEREAS, per the recommendation of the MBNA Parks and Greenspace Working Group the MBNA Board of Directors urges the Mayor and Commissioners to consider including a project that brings INDIAN BEACH PARK up to standards in the City's budget process for the fiscal year 2020.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

ANAMARIE FERREIRA DE MELO

President

MIDBEACH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (MBNA)

Deborah Lake

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Vice-President/Secretary

MIDBEACH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (MBNA)

Joined by the other MBNA Board of Directors:

Jorge Acosta, Director – Riviera Condominium Association
Alicia Casanova, Ex-Officio Member – Blue/Green Diamond Master Association
Melinda Pearce, Treasurer – 6000 Indian Creek Condominium Association
Esteban Porcelli – King David Towers Condominium Association
Michele Redlich – Fontainebleau Hotel
Charlotte Tomic, Director – Mosaic Condominium Association

Dated this 13th day of June, 2019