

Good afternoon Mr. Walters,

The Commissioner and I have looked into your recommendations, and would like to update you on the following:

Already being done:

- MBPD has a social media manager. His name is Ernesto Rodriguez:
  - [ErnestoRodriguez@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto:ErnestoRodriguez@miamibeachfl.gov)
  - 305.673.7383
- City hosted a bicycle safety event last year where MBPD gave people free bicycle locks
- The City has its own bicycle registration system whose link is in the post language below

Done as a result of your input:

- City will be including a section on bike theft prevention in the spring issue of MB magazine
- City has shared on its social media platform guidance on bicycle theft prevention on several occasions:
  - Week of 12/9/2020
  - Week of 1/6/2019 (we have shared on the Commissioner's social media platforms)
  - Post:
    - A good lock buys you time – but even a strong, expensive lock can be compromised by a determined thief. To defend against a determined thief, reduce their opportunity by storing your bike inside at night and when it will not be used for a few days. If you must leave it outside, don't lock up to the same bike rack day after day, switch locations and look for well-lit place to lock up. ALWAYS lock the bicycle frame to the rack - Don't just lock the wheel – a thief will leave the wheel locked to the bike rack and steal the rest of your bicycle. The Miami Beach Police Department would like to take this opportunity to ask for your support in fighting the bicycle theft problem. Please register your bicycle here: <https://bit.ly/2rrMLA9>
- Conducting another bicycle safety event this year where MBPD gives people free bicycle locks
  - If you have suggestions on event, please speak with Ernesto
- Commissioner has asked MBPD to look for ways to improve registration system
  - Your suggestion of a private sector system has many concerns highlighted by MBPD:
    - Will be one of the points we will ask to be deliberated by the committees below
- The Commissioner will be adding an item to the February Commission agenda to refer your recommendations sent on 1/13 to both the residents Transportation Committee as well as the Police Residents Committee
  - We will ask that they consider them and provide feedback and recommendations back to the Commission

We are grateful for your interest and recommendations on this matter, and look forward to the committee's work.

V/r,

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