

**Committee Assignments - C4 O****MIAMI BEACH****COMMISSION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission  
 FROM: Vice-Mayor Mark Samuelian  
 DATE: October 14, 2020

SUBJECT: REFERRAL TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE'S MOTION URGING THAT THE MIAMI BEACH COMMISSION ENDORSE THE USAGE OF THE VACANT SCHOOL BUILDING ON 8128 COLLINS AVENUE FOR THE PURPOSES OF HOUSING THE CITY'S TRAP, NEUTER, VACCINATE, AND RELEASE PROGRAM AND OTHER ANIMAL WELFARE RELATED SERVICES.

**ANALYSIS**

During their September 22, 2020 meeting, the Animal Welfare Committee passed the following motion (LTC attached), and this item asks that it be referred to the Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee for consideration and discussion:

MOTION: Urging that the Miami Beach Commission endorse the usage of the vacant school building on 8128 Collins Avenue, which the Committee believes to be a great location for the purposes of trap, neuter, vaccinate, and rescue/release activities as well as potentially an adoption center by SoBe Cats, its partners, Saving Sage, and other interested nonprofits. Given the City Commission's prior direction to explore a potential adoption facility site, the committee also urges the Commission to consider encouraging a formal arrangement (ideally containing a five-year minimum commitment) to include cost sharing for maintenance and building repairs. The Committee believes this will add other benefits to the area as this would create a functioning facility which complements the recent activation of the West Lots with the skate park as well as the nearby dog parks in North Shore Park.

**Applicable Area**

Citywide

**Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-14?**

Yes

**Does this item utilize G.O. Bond Funds?**

No

**Legislative Tracking**

Vice-Mayor Mark Samuelian

**ATTACHMENTS:****Description**

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