

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Dan Gelber and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Raul J. Aguila, Interim City Manager



DATE: April 21, 2021

SUBJECT **A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING A GRANT ALLOCATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$577,000 FROM MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SABRINA COHEN ADAPTIVE RECREATION CENTER PROJECT.**

Background

The City of Miami Beach, Florida ("City") is eager to provide greater access to the City's beaches to persons living with physical and cognitive disabilities, including through development of a wellness center on City-owned property. The Sabrina Cohen Adaptive Recreation Center ("Foundation") is a Florida not-for-profit corporation of the State of Florida, that exists as a 501(c)(3) public charity under the Internal Revenue Code, and currently operates a successful adaptive beach day program within the City of Miami Beach, with accessible beach programming at or near Allison Park; and

In view of the limited funding available to the City to support its City-wide parks and recreational needs, the Foundation approached the City with a proposal to provide the necessary funding for the design, development, and construction of a City-owned adaptive recreational facility (hereinafter referred to as the "Adaptive Recreation Center" or "Center") which, once completed, will be utilized with the intent of providing an accessible access point to the beach, and beach programming for persons living with physical and cognitive disabilities, including seniors living with disabilities and able-bodied individuals with temporary injuries.

Under the proposal, the City would be the owner of the Center, which will be used for the primary purpose of providing the general public and specifically, persons living with physical and cognitive disabilities, including seniors living with disabilities and able-bodied individuals with temporary injuries, with an accessible access point to the beach and related beach programming; and

On October 31, 2017, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2017-30082, approving a Collaboration, Funding and Management Agreement ("Agreement") the Foundation, for the Foundation to raise the funds and be responsible for all of the expenses related to the City's design, development and construction of an Adaptive Recreation Center, to be located within a portion of the City's "P72" surface parking lot at 53rd Street and Collins Avenue (the "P72 Lot"). The Agreement provides that the City would be the owner of the Center, which would be used for the primary purpose of providing the general public and, specifically, persons living with physical and cognitive disabilities, including seniors living with disabilities and able-bodied individuals with temporary injuries, with an accessible access point to the beach and related beach programming.

On July 2, 2018, pursuant to the Agreement's terms, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2018-30377, and approved, in the City's proprietary capacity, the Foundation's

proposed Concept Plan for the Center.

Miami-Dade County Grant Allocation

Pursuant to Miami-Dade County Resolution No. R-914-04 (“Public Infrastructure Resolution”), the voters of Miami-Dade County (the “County”) approved the issuance of general obligation bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$352,182,000.00 to construct and improve walkways, bikeways, bridges and access to the Seaport and other municipal and neighborhood infrastructure improvements to enhance quality of life. One of the original projects listed in the County’s Public Infrastructure Resolution is Project No. 161 – “Unincorporated Municipal Service Area – Infrastructure Improvements” (“Project No. 161”) in Commission District 5, with a municipal project location of unincorporated Miami-Dade County, a project location of “various”, an original allocation of \$577,000.00 and a project description as follows: “Various infrastructure improvements to include but not be limited to: sidewalks, resurfacing and guardrails in District 5”.

On April 20, 2021, the Miami Dade County Board adopted a Resolution approving an allocation of \$577,000.00 of Project No. 161 funds to the City of Miami Beach for the design and construction of the public infrastructure improvements associated with the Sabrina Cohen Adaptive Recreation Center Project.

CONCLUSION

The Administration recommends that the City accept the allocation of \$577,000.00 from the County for the design and construction of the public neighborhood infrastructure project associated with the Sabrina Cohen Adaptive Recreation Center Project.