

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez
DATE: January 20, 2022

SUBJECT: REFERRAL TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS CREATION OF A PARKS CONSERVANCY TO ASSIST IN THE STEWARDSHIP AND CONSERVATION OF THE CITY'S PARKS.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

This is a referral to the Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee to discuss the creation of a Parks Conservancy in the City of Miami Beach, to assist the City's Parks and Recreation Department in the stewardship, conservation of programming of City parks, and to receive donations and bequests for the benefit of City parks.

The conservancy model for parks is one that is successfully used throughout the United States to support park facilities and open recreation spaces. A few examples which immediately come to mind are successful conservancies such as the Central Park Conservancy in New York, or the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy in California.

A Parks Conservancy in Miami Beach would supplement and support the City's Parks and Recreation Department, by creating a structure for the City to receive donations and bequests for the benefit of Parks-related maintenance, restoration and programming (such as donations pursuant to Brick Paver programs established by the City Commission, among other donations). The concept would include establishing an advisory board appointed by the City Commission to oversee the use of the donated funds, as well the volunteer and other advocacy efforts of the Conservancy, all of which would be exclusively dedicated for the benefit of our City's beautiful parks.

SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA

NA

Applicable Area

Citywide

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

Does this item utilize G.O. Bond Funds?

Yes

No

Legislative Tracking

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