

RESOLUTION:_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE, MADE AT ITS OCTOBER 19, 2022 MEETING, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO PROCEED WITH A COMMEMORATIVE BRICK PAVER PILOT PROGRAM AT THE BEACHWALK ON 26TH STREET.

WHEREAS on June 6, 2018, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution 2018-30143, establishing the City's Brick Paver Program (the "Program") to provide the public an opportunity to purchase commemorative brick pavers on the Beachwalk corridor between 53rd and 64th Streets, at the cost of \$1,000 per paver; and

WHEREAS, by mid-2019, following discussions regarding both the "Adopt-A-Bench" Program and the "Brick Paver" Program, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2019-30947, repealing the Brick Paver Program due to lack of public interest; and

WHEREAS, at the December 8, 2021 meeting, the City Commission referred a discussion to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee ("the "Committee") to potentially reinstate and amend the previously repealed Brick Paver Program; and

WHEREAS, at the March 7, 2022 Committee meeting, the Parks and Recreation Department shared that after further analysis, it was determined that the Beachwalk was not a good location for the Program due to the following factors:

- Brick pavers need a solid base for support so that they do not become loose;
- The pavers on the Beachwalk are built on a sand base which is softer and will lead to settlement and misalignment of the pavers;
- The constant pedestrian and bicycle traffic are better suited for a smooth level surface; and
- Brick pavers are more expensive than regular surfaces and require more maintenance in high traffic areas; and

WHEREAS, at the end of the discussion, the Administration recommended that should the Committee still desire to move forward with the Program, that it be included in an appropriate future park development such as the Lummus Park Masterplan; and

WHEREAS, it was further recommended that the donation fee should start at \$1,500, with net proceeds from the Brick Paver Program going towards educational programming; and

WHEREAS, furthermore, it was noted that the Sabrina Cohen Foundation has begun a Brick Paver program at Beach View Park, located on 53rd Street and Collins Avenue, as part of the adaptive recreation center and the fully accessible park; and

WHEREAS, based on community feedback received by the Parks Department about the Program, it was estimated that the potential application process for the Program deterred interest and somewhat hindered the Program's potential to reach a larger audience; and

WHEREAS, generally, any program with commemorative inscriptions would need to undergo a public hearing process pursuant to 82-504(a)(2)(a) of the City Code, which may take anywhere between 2-3 months; and

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2022, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Ordinance No. 2022-4491 to exempt "Adopt-A-Bench or "Brick Paver" naming programs approved by the City Commission from the requirements of Subsection 82-503(a); and

WHEREAS, at its July 27, 2022 meeting, the Committee brought back the discussion of the Program, seeking assistance from Public Works Department as to where the brick pavers should be installed; and

WHEREAS, after the Public Works Department shared with Committee members the same concerns as the Parks and Recreation Department, the Committee motioned for the Administration to identify a small piece of the Beachwalk, potentially at the entrance on 26th Street, as a suitable place for the Brick Paver Program and to return to the Committee with an update; and

WHEREAS, at its October 19, 2022 meeting, the Committee made a motion to proceed with the commemorative Brick Paver Pilot Program at the Beachwalk on 26th Street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby accept the recommendation of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee, at its October 19, 2022 meeting, and authorize the City Administration to proceed with a commemorative Brick Paver Pilot Program at the Beachwalk on 26th Street.

PASSED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2022.

ATTEST:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

City Attorney

Date

11-7-22