

MIAMI BEACH

COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee Members

FROM: Alina T. Hudak, City Manager

DATE: November 14, 2022

SUBJECT: A DISCUSSION RECOMMENDING THAT THE \$25,000 ALLOCATED FOR THE ENHANCEMENT AND CONSERVATION OF FLAGLER MONUMENT ISLAND BE ALLOCATED TO PROJECTS THAT WILL STOP MOTORIZED VESSELS FROM REACHING THE ISLAND WHILE ENHANCING THE ISLAND'S ECOLOGICAL FEATURES

HISTORY:

On April 17, 2013, the Mayor and City Commission approved Resolution No. 2013-28183, accepting a donation from The Prentice Foundation in the amount of \$25,000. As outlined in the Resolution, attached hereto as Exhibit A, the funds were intended for the restoration and conservancy of Monument Island and the Flagler Memorial. In late 2021, it was discovered that the donation was never used.

On December 8, 2021, at the request of Commissioner Samuelian, the Mayor and City Commission approved a referral (C4 Z) to the Land Use and Sustainability Committee (LUSC) to discuss the use of the funds. At the March 4, 2022, LUSC meeting, the Administration presented the options providing the Sustainability Committee's recommendation as previously transmitted via LTC #474-2021 (Exhibit B), to include:

- Swim-only buffer zones marked by swimming buoys.
- Mooring buoys that would allow a limited number of motorized vehicles for short time mooring, while reducing impacts to seagrass; and
- Enhancing habitat for native flora and fauna including osprey nesting

The LUSC directed the Administration to submit for the Commission's recommendation. Subsequently on April 6, 2022, the Mayor and City Commission approved a referral (C4 C) to discuss this item at the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee.

ANALYSIS:

These recommendations provide the opportunity to conserve and enhance environmental features of Monument Island, as well as options to mitigate motorized vessels from reaching the Island. The cost of implementing all options proposed will likely exceed the \$25,000 donation and additional funding would be required. These recommendations are being

presented for the Committee’s consideration to fund one or all the projects contained herein. Based on the feedback provided, a project scope and budget would be developed.

CONCLUSION:

The Administration concurs with the recommendations set forth by the Sustainability Committee and as proposed to the Land Use and Sustainability Committee to improve the ecological resources and address motorized vehicles from reaching the Island. Additional funding would be required to implement all options, requiring developing a project scope and budget.

Attachments

Exhibit A – Resolution No. 2013-28183

Exhibit B – LTC #474-2021

Applicable Area

Not Applicable

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

ATTACHMENTS:

Description		Type
<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhibit A - Resolution No. 2013-28183	Other
<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhibit B - LTC 474-2021	Other

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-28183

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING A
DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00 FROM THE
PRENTICE FOUNDATION TO BE USED BY THE CITY OF
MIAMI BEACH FOR THE RESTORATION AND
CONSERVANCY OF MONUMENT ISLAND AND THE
FLAGLER MEMORIAL.**

WHEREAS, in honor of Henry Flagler, the railroad tycoon who facilitated the development of South Florida by bringing the Florida Eastcoast Railway to Miami and Key West, Carl Fisher commissioned the Flagler Memorial on Monument Island by nationally recognized sculptor, Ettore Pellagatta, who also created the "library lions" guarding the main entrance to the New York Public Library in Manhattan, as well as the carved stone figures on the bow of Vizcaya's "stone boat" on Biscayne Bay; and

WHEREAS, Monument Island, with its magnificent 96' Flagler Memorial obelisk, is a significant landmark in the City and is home to one of the few remaining public works of art from the early 20th Century providing a valuable sense of history and place relative to the City's early development; and

WHEREAS, gracing the base of the Flagler Memorial on Monument Island are four 25' masterfully sculpted allegorical statues representing Prosperity, Industry, Education, and the Pioneer; and

WHEREAS, due to their significant cultural and high artistic values, characteristic of an early period in the history of the City, the Miami Beach City Commission designated the Flagler Memorial and Monument Island as a local historic site on March 20, 2002; and

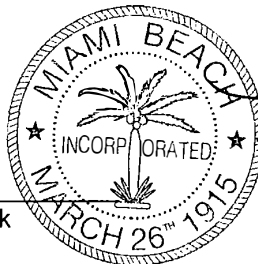
WHEREAS, in order to help preserve Monument Island and the Flagler Memorial as an ecological, educational, recreational, and historical landmark in the City of Miami Beach, the Mayor and City Commission wish to accept a donation in the amount of \$25,000.00 from The Prentice Foundation for the restoration and conservancy of this local historic treasure.


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 a donation in the amount of \$25,000.00 from The Prentice Foundation, which funds shall be utilized by the City of Miami Beach for the restoration and conservancy of Monument Island and the Flagler Memorial.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 17 day of April, 2013.


ATTEST:


Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk




Matti Herrera Bower
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION


City Attorney
Date: 4/17/13



MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jimmy Morales, City Manager and Jose Smith, City Attorney

FROM: Michael Góngora, Commissioner 

DATE: April 9, 2013

SUBJECT: Discussion Item for April 17 Commission Meeting

Please place on the April Commission meeting consent agenda to accept a donation for Monument Island. If you have any questions please feel free to contact my aide Diana Fontani at ext 6087.

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NO. LTC # 474-2021

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Dan Gelber and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Alina T. Hudak

DATE: November 1, 2021

SUBJECT: Sustainability Committee Motion

The purpose of this Letter to Commission is to provide you the motions made at the Sustainability Committee meeting held on October 28, 2021.

Attachment: Sustainability Committee Motions

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City of Miami Beach Sustainability Committee

Members

Margarita Kruffyff • Mike Gibaldi • Sarah Kott • Jason Koslowe • Santiago Tarditi • Jeremy Waks • Daniel Robles

TO: Mayor Dan Gelber and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Margarita Kruffyff, Sustainability Committee Chair
DATE: November 1, 2021
SUBJECT: Sustainability Committee Motion

Dear Mayor and Honorable City Commission,

The Sustainability Committee met on October 28, 2021 and passed the motion below:

The Sustainability Committee recommends that the \$25,000 allocated for the enhancement and conservation of Flagler Monument Island be allocated to projects that will stop motorized vessels from beaching on the island while enhancing the island's ecological features. Projects in order of priority and as budget allows, should include:

- Swim-only buffer zones marked by swimming buoys
- Mooring buoys that would allow a limited number of motorized vehicles for short time mooring, while reducing impacts to seagrass
- Enhance habitat for native flora and fauna including osprey nesting

Additionally, we recommend the City of Miami Beach work with Miami-Dade County Department of Environmental Resources Management to leverage additional funding from the Biscayne Bay Trust Fund and to reduce the cost and complexity of permitting and approvals where needed.

Sincerely,

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Margarita Kruffyff
Chair, Sustainability Committee

CC:

Marine and Waterfront Protection Authority