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COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee Members

FROM: Alina T. Hudak

DATE: April 18, 2023

SUBJECT: **IMPROVING LANDSCAPING, CLEANLINESS, AND AESTHETICS OF MIAMI BEACH DRIVE FROM 24 STREET TO 29 STREET**

HISTORY:

At its November 16, 2022 meeting, the City Commission approved a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee (PSNQL) to discuss improving landscaping, cleanliness, and aesthetics of Miami Beach Drive (MBD) at 24th and 29th Streets.

The discussion originates from a Mid-Beach Neighborhood Association meeting, where residents expressed a desire to work with the City to improve the area.

At the February 28, 2023, meeting of the PSNQL, sponsoring Commissioner Alex Fernández, discussed at length the desire to have Miami Beach Drive, at 24th and 29th Streets, maintained like the other beach entrances. The needs include increased litter collection, pressure cleaning, additional landscape installation, repairs and replacement of brick pavers and concrete walkways, and bollard lighting replacement. It was also suggested that the two neighboring hotels could get involved in maintaining the 24th and 29th blocks, since they are the major stakeholders. A motion was made to come back at a future Committee meeting with an update.

Since the meeting took place, the Public Works Department has visited the site on multiple occasions. We also conducted a field review with members of MBNA and Commissioner Alex Fernández on Friday, March 24, 2023 to perform a more thorough analysis to determine what is needed to better address the routine maintenance of Miami Beach Drive from the 24th through the 29th blocks. The only exclusion to this maintenance is this area directly behind Club Atlantis. Once the ownership of Club Atlantis agrees to transfer the right-of-way back to the City, Public Works will maintain this area as well.

Additionally, Commissioner Fernández requested that a future project to be identified to develop a comprehensive master plan for this area of Miami Beach Drive. This memo only addresses the current issues identified in the field review and how the Administration is addressing them.

CONCLUSION:

As a result of the numerous visits by the Public Works team and the field review of March 24, 2023 the following actions have taken place:

- Green Space- The Green Space Division identified various areas to enhance either via trimming and plant or a combination thereof. This work is currently underway.
- Sanitation – Two additional locations have been provided additional trash receptacles and doggie disposal bags to better address trash collection. Sanitation will also schedule pressure cleaning in the near future. This area is cleaned on a quarterly basis. It should be noted that some of the concrete surfaces have been permanently stained over time and those stains cannot be removed. This will be address in the long-term project for the area.
- Operations – Operations has engaged our Street Lighting crew to address lights along MBD. In addition, Operations has also ordered bollards for the 29th Street entrance to prevent private service vehicles from entering the area, as was noted during the field review. Finally, the team also identified various locations where the brick pavers have cracked or lifted. Finding these pavers has been extremely challenging as the pattern type does not appear to be readily available. We will continue to explore options on how to address this and have expanded our search for this type of brick pavers.
- Property Management – The second shower location at 24th Street has been problematic. Public Works has requested that Property Management evaluate the feasibility of removing this second shower.

Our Public Works Department along with our other City Departments will continue to address the cleanliness and safety of Miami Beach Drive.

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

Strategic Connection

Prosperity - Market and promote Miami Beach as a world class arts, culture, and quality entertainment destination.