

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
 FROM: Commissioner Steven Meiner
 DATE: November 16, 2022

SUBJECT: REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE MARINE AND WATERFRONT PROTECTION AUTHORITY BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION THAT THE CITY ESTABLISH A NON-MOTORIZED BOAT ZONE IN THE WATERS IMMEDIATELY SURROUNDING MONUMENT ISLAND.

ANALYSIS

Please place on the November 16, 2022 agenda a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee to discuss the potential establishment of a "Non-Motorized Boating Zone" in the area surrounding Monument Island, as recommended by the Marine and Waterfront Protection Authority last year.

In 2019, the City obtained State approval to establish a no wake/slow speed zone in the area surrounding Monument Island. However, the area continues to serve as a destination for boaters, illegal party boats, and jet skiers.

There are 2 pending referrals to the Committee relating to Monument Island that will be heard in the near future, including a proposal to close Monument Island to the public altogether. It is my intent for this proposal to be considered along with the other Monument Island proposals, as I believe the Committee would benefit from a discussion of all of the potential alternatives to improve the situation in and around Monument Island.

As part of this referral, I would ask that the Administration and City Attorney's Office be prepared to address the regulatory and legal issues associated with creation of a "Non-Motorized Vessel Zone."

SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA

N/A

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

N/A

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

Legislative Tracking

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