

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Commissioner Alex Fernandez
DATE: February 1, 2023

SUBJECT: REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE LISTED CONCERNS AND OBSERVATIONS COLLECTED BY THE MID BEACH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION AND THE BEACHWALK WORKING GROUP.

RECOMMENDATION

Please place on the February 1st, 2023 City Commission agenda a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee to review the list of concerns and observation collected by the Mid Beach Neighborhood Association and the Beachwalk Working Group. They have assembled a list of issues that merit proper addressing and understanding from the Committee.

Please see the attached email from the Mid Beach Neighborhood Association for further details.

SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA

N/A

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

N/A

Applicable Area

Middle Beach

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

Strategic Connection

Non-Applicable

Legislative Tracking

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- [Beachwalk Working Group Concerns Email](#)

From: [Fernandez, Alex](#)
To: [Garces, Brian](#)
Subject: FW: Beachwalk Working Group concerns/questions
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2023 6:49:57 PM

I want to place this email as a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee.

From: MidBeach Neighborhood Association <mbna@midbeachna.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2023 9:23 AM
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Subject: Beachwalk Working Group concerns/questions

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Good Morning Kevin,

Hope you're doing well. We would appreciate it if you can forward this email to the corresponding depts. and that we receive responses to our concerns as soon as possible.

a. SAFETY SIGNAGE. As recently expressed during our MBNA meeting, our members continue to be very frustrated with the lack of enforcement on the Beachwalk. We continue to see electric bicycles and scooters, and speeding cyclists, on a daily basis. Please provide us with an update on why the City has apparently stopped installing the new *GO SLOW / KEEP RIGHT* signage (see below) and the approved white linear dividers on the pavers. This project was supposed to extend through the entire stretch of the Beachwalk and it seems to have stopped at around 25th street. Please provide an update.

b. SHRUB ENCROACHMENT. There are still several properties (incl. Hotels, Condos, and City properties) that have not removed their shrub encroachments on the Beachwalk. This has been an ongoing issue that needs to be followed up since those 15" on each side are vital for walkers on the narrow stretches. On 12/23/22 request #2235783913 was made by an MBNA Member regarding the full encroachment by the W Hotel on 2201 Collins Ave. The status is "assigned". We're waiting for a City response on that so let us know the status please.

c. PROPERTY SIGNAGE. Many properties still have not installed their required code-compliant signs facing exit to the Beachwalk with the address number in the required font size, and the name of their property. Isn't this Ordinance No. 2021-4454 being enforced?

d. CODE COMPLIANCE VIOLATIONS. Please email us the most recent Code Compliance Report which lists issued Warning Notices and Violations that have been issued. How many days are being given for properties that are in violation to comply? Have any properties been fined? (I'm copying Tom Curitore from Code Compliance here to see if he can address these concerns.)

Thank you for your continued support.

Regards,

Alicia



Sent on behalf of the
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