

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Rafael A. Paz, City Attorney
DATE: June 28, 2023

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO STUDY WHETHER ANY PORTIONS OF THE CITY'S BEACHWALK ALLOW FOR CREATING A PARALLEL PATH SIMILAR TO THE BAL HARBOUR VILLAGE AND TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACHWALK DESIGNS, IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE A SEPARATE PATH DEDICATED TO BICYCLISTS; AND FURTHER DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO REPORT ITS FINDINGS TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE AND THE LAND USE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE.

ANALYSIS

Pursuant to the request of Commissioner Alex Fernandez, the above-referenced Resolution is submitted for consideration by the Mayor and City Commission at the June 28, 2023 Commission meeting.

SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA

N/A

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

None at this time.

Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-14?

No

Does this item utilize G.O. Bond Funds?

No

Legislative Tracking

Office of the City Attorney

Sponsor

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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WHEREAS, ever since its completion, the City's seven (7) mile long beautiful and scenic Beachwalk has become a highly successful amenity for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, however, the City has experienced challenges with balancing the use of the Beachwalk by pedestrians and bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, there have been instances of bicyclists on the Beachwalk operating at very high speeds, and presenting safety risks on the Beachwalk to each other and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, City staff previously studied a possible expansion of the Beachwalk and concluded that this would not be feasible for the City; and

WHEREAS, however, Bal Harbor Village and Town of Surfside faced similar problems with their Beachwalks, and created parallel paths for bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission wish to direct the Administration to study whether any portions of City's Beachwalk allow for creating a parallel path similar to the Bal Harbour and Surfside Beachwalks, in order to accommodate a separate dedicated path for bicycles, and report its findings to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee and the Land Use and Sustainability Committee.

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 direct the Administration to study whether any portions of the City's beachwalk allow for creating a parallel path similar to the Bal Harbour Village and Town of Surfside beachwalk designs, in order to accommodate a separate path dedicated to bicyclists, and further direct the Administration to report its findings to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee and the Land Use and Sustainability Committee.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2023.

ATTEST:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(sponsored by Commissioner Alex J. Fernandez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

6-21-23

Date