

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez
DATE: July 26, 2023

SUBJECT: REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE - DISCUSS/UPDATE ON TREE PLANTING PILOT PROGRAM IN NORTH BEACH.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

In November 2022, I met with Resiliency and Public Works in North Beach regarding planting trees on one block where there are no trees in North Beach. The logic behind this was to challenge our city officials to find innovative ways to create tree canopy in areas where there are none.

It is very easy to plant trees in swales and parks where CMB already has trees, but the \$3M in GO bond funding for trees was for planting trees in areas that **have no shade**, and in my opinion, the money spent to date, has been a waste, because we have created no new canopy areas, just planted trees in areas that already have trees.

I was promised that by April 2023, the block of trees would be ready. We are now in mid-June and we await the results of our pilot program. I would like a public update on what they have found regarding tree-plantings on concrete street, and lessons learned as we move forward.

SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA

N/A

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

N/A

Applicable Area

North 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

Neighborhoods - Enhance the beautification, physical appearance and cleanliness of neighborhoods.

Legislative Tracking

Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez