

MIAMI BEACH

Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee
May 19, 2021 – 8:30 A.M.

Commissioner Micky Steinberg, Chair
Commissioner Steven Meiner, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Michael Góngora, Member
Commissioner David Richardson, Alternate

Eric Carpenter, Liaison
Christina Baguer, Support Staff

A meeting of the Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee was held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. via the Commission Chambers and Zoom. Commissioners in attendance: Micky Steinberg, Steven Meiner, Michael Góngora, and David Richardson. Members from the Administration and the public were also in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE SOBESAFE RESOLUTION ON PUBLIC SAFETY.**

February 10, 2021 - C4 J

Commissioner Gongora and Commissioner Samuelian

Police

Commissioner Gongora introduced the item and asked the Police Department for an update.

Captain Garcia and Assistant Chief Acosta provide the Committee with an update and described the ongoing effort on enhancing public safety using technology.

Commissioner Meiner stated he has many follow up questions regarding LPR technology, including data collected and lighting initiatives reported in the staff memo. Commissioner Meiner will meet with Police to further discuss.

Direction: Remove from the NQLC agenda.

2. **DISCUSSION REGARDING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ON THE BEACHWALK**

December 11, 2019 - C4G

Commissioner Micky Steinberg

Transportation & Mobility

Item was deferred to the June 30, 2021 NQLC meeting.

3. **DISCUSSION REGARDING NOISE CONCERNS IN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH.**

October 14, 2020 C4 N

Commissioner Samuelian and Commissioner Meiner

Code Compliance

Commissioner Meiner introduced the item and asked staff about the use of technology for noise detection and specifically the camera technology the City of Hollywood is currently using.

Hernan Cardeno, Director of Code Compliance and Jackie Caicedo Code Compliance Admin. Presented on how noise is detected, the technology for detecting noise and decibel readers.

Alek Boksner, Deputy City Attorney stated he would have to research the ordinance in place for this technology and see how Miami Beach can implement.

Commissioner Gongora asked that the Police Department prioritize enforcing noise coming from cars to send a message that this type of behavior is not tolerated.

Direction: Return to the June 30, 2021 NQLC meeting with information regarding the possibility of using special cameras that detect noise and with statistics on tickets issued for noise violations.

4. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF STARTING A PILOT PADDLEBOARD RENTAL PROGRAM AT PARKVIEW PARK ANNEX AND/OR PINE TREE PARK KAYAK LAUNCHES.**

Mayor Dan Gelber
Parks and Recreation

Cindy Casanova, Assistant Director for Parks and Recreation and Andres Avello from PADL Co. presented the item and explained the different facets of the pilot program. The pilot will run for a year, the company will collect data in rentals which are all self-service. The Company also stated they have vigorous cleaning protocols, will have cameras at all stations and residents will enjoy discounts through their membership program.

Motion: By acclamation, the Committee favorably moved the item to the full Commission and asked staff to be prepared to discuss revenue sharing at Commission meeting.

5. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY TO EXTEND THE OUTDOOR SEATING PROGRAM IN SELECTED AREAS.**

March 17, 2021 - C4 O
Commissioner Steven Meiner
Public Works

Item was deferred to the July 21, 2021 NQLC meeting.

6. **DISCUSSION REGARDING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 142-3 OF THE CITY CODE, TO PROHIBIT PERSONS AND BUSINESS ENTITIES FROM ENGAGING IN THE RENTAL OR LEASE OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN ALL ZONING CATEGORIES IN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH.**

March 17, 2021 - C4 J
Commissioner Richardson
Legal

Item was deferred to the June 30, 2021 NQLC meeting.

7. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 46 OF THE MIAMI BEACH CITY CODE, ENTITLED "ENVIRONMENT," BY AMENDING ARTICLE II, ENTITLED "CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF TREES AND PLANTS," BY AMENDING DIVISION 2, ENTITLED "TREE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION," BY AMENDING SECTION 46-58, ENTITLED "TREE REMOVAL REQUIREMENTS, EXEMPTIONS, AND PROHIBITED SPECIES" TO PROHIBIT REMOVAL OF TREES AND PALMS IDENTIFIED IN APPENDIX F OF THE URBAN FORESTRY MASTER PLAN FROM PUBLIC PROPERTY; AMENDING SECTION 46-63 THEREOF, ENTITLED "CRITERIA AND CONDITIONS FOR HERITAGE TREE DESIGNATION AND HERITAGE TREE REMOVAL AND RELOCATION," TO PERMIT PALMS OR GROUPING OF PALMS TO QUALIFY FOR DESIGNATION AS HERITAGE TREES IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER SPECIMEN TREES; AND, PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Commissioner Steven Meiner
Office of the City Attorney

Item was deferred to the June 30, 2021 NQLC meeting.

8. **DISCUSSION REGARDING CREATING AN OUTDOORS BACKDROP FOR MARRIAGE CEREMONIES AND PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES.**

February 10, 2021 - R9 O

Commissioner Gongora and Commissioner Richardson
Tourism and Culture

Lissette Arrogante presented the item to the Committee and explained the location staff recommends for the backdrop.

Commissioner Gongora stated that this should be a project for the AIPP Committee and they should look to create a piece of art that expresses love.

Motion: Refer to AIPP Committee and add funding through the budget cycle. Motioned by Commissioner Gongora and seconded by Commissioner Meiner. Remove item from NQLC agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

9. **DISCUSSION REGARDING SAFETY AND ENFORCEMENT ON THE VENETIAN CAUSEWAY/FOLLOW-UP ON "BIKE GANGS".**

April 21, 2021 - R9 S

Commissioner Gongora
Police

Commissioner Gongora introduced the item and asked about bike related incidents on the Venetian.

Captain Campbell from the Police Department explained the actions taken when a bike group battered a person on the Venetian. The Captain also explained other incidents reported and responded to on the Venetian related to bike groups. The Captain stated that the incidents have

decreased significantly, and he felt the situation was controlled. The Captain stated that if anyone witnessed any serious issues to please call 911.

Direction: Remove from NQLC agenda.

10. **DISCUSSION REGARDING MID-BEACH QUALITY OF LIFE/CRIME REQUEST FOR REVIEW/ASSISTANCE.**

April 21, 2021 - R9 T
Commissioner Gongora
Police

Commissioner Gongora introduced the item and asked that the Police Department provide an update on the abandoned building and issue with a local liquor store.

Captain Campbell addressed the Committee with an update and statistics on calls for service in the area.

Direction: Remove from the NQLC agenda.

11. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR OUTSIDE ENTERTAINMENT PROMOTERS / HOST VENUES TO INCLUDE OFF-DUTY POLICE REQUIREMENTS, EVENT PERMITTING, ETC.**

April 21, 2021 - C4 G
Commissioner Samuelian
Police; City Attorney; Tourism & Culture

Item was deferred to the June 30, 2021 NQLC meeting.

12. **DISCUSSION REGARDING A LOCATION FOR A "COMMUNITY FRIDGE" AS BEING HOSTED IN OTHER MUNICIPALITIES.**

April 21, 2021 R9 U
Vice Mayor Michael Gongora
Office of Housing and Community Services

Item was deferred to the June 30, 2021 NQLC meeting.

13. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CREATION OF PUBLIC ART WALK ALONG OCEAN DRIVE.**

Tourism and Culture
Commissioner Gongora
Tourism and Culture

Commissioner Gongora introduced the item and stated that this item should be discussed during the budget cycle.

Motion: Refer to the AIPP Committee, discuss during budget cycle and discuss with Zyscovich and the ADCD panel. Motioned by Commissioner Gongora and seconded by Commissioner Meiner. Remove item from the NQLC agenda.

14. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CREATION OF A NEW MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTER IN THE ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT.**

Tourism and Culture
Commissioner Gongora
Tourism and Culture

Commissioner Gongora introduced the item and explained he envisioned Miami Beach as the Latin American Art Center hub of the Country.

Direction: The Administration to study places like Nashville's Country Hall of Fame, discuss with Miami-Dade County possible GOB funds for a cultural center and look for possibilities in North Beach for the art center to be established. Return to the September NQLC Meeting.

15. **DISCUSSION REGARDING REINSTATING SUBSTITUTE TEACHER INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

April 21, 2021 - C4 H
Sponsored by Commissioner Steinberg
Organizational Development Performance Initiatives

Commissioner Steinberg introduced the item and explained the serious issues Miami Beach schools are having with securing substitute teachers.

Leslie Rosenfeld, Chief Learning Development Officer presented the Substitute Incentive Program and its benefits.

Motion: Move to full Commission with favorable recommendation. Motioned by Commissioner Gongora and seconded by Commissioner Meiner. Remove item from NQLC agenda.

16. **DISCUSSION REGARDING FUNDING FOR THE BYRON CARLYLE THEATRE.**

April 21, 2021 C4 B
Commissioner Michael Gongora
Property Management

Elizabeth Miro, Assistant Director for Property Management presented the item and provided an overview of the draft assessment report recently received on the Byron Carlyle

Direction: Distribute the entire assessment report to the Committee and return to the June 30, 2021 NQLC meeting to further discuss.

17. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CURRENT OPTIONS ON WHAT TO DO WITH THE BYRON CARLYLE TO INCLUDE ALTERNATIVES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATION.**

April 21, 2021 C4 A
Commissioner Mark Samuelian
Property Management

Item was deferred to the June 30, 2021 NQLC meeting.

DEFERRED ITEMS

18. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE TOPS PROGRAM: OFF DUTY POLICE.**
October 30, 2019 - C4G
Commissioner Samuelian
Police
Status: Deferred to the June 30, 2021 NQLC meeting.
19. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE NORTH BEACH REGIONAL PARKING PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS**
October 30, 2019 - C4 F
Commissioner Samuelian
Parking
Status: Deferred to the June 30, 2021 NQLC meeting.
20. **DISCUSSION REGARDING LIGHTING IN LUMMUS PARK AND MARINE TURTLE PROTECTION.**
March 18, 2020 - C4 H
Environment and Sustainability
Status: Deferred to the June 30, 2021 NQLC meeting.
21. **DISCUSSION REGARDING CITY'S WEBSITE AND THE STRATEGIC MARKETING PLAN FOR 2021.**
February 10, 2021 - R9 T
Commissioner Steinberg and Commissioner Meiner
Communications; I.T.
Status: Deferred to the June 30, 2021 NQLC meeting.
22. **DISCUSSION REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE BUSINESS TAX RECEIPT CRITERIA.**
April 21, 2021 C4 E
Commissioner Samuelian
Office of Management and Budget
Status: Deferred to the June 30, 2021 NQLC meeting.
23. **DISCUSSION REGARDING ESTABLISHING A LIGHT FESTIVAL ALONG OCEAN DRIVE.**
April 21, 2021 C4 D
Commissioner Gongora
Tourism and Culture / Property Management
Status: Deferred to the June 30, 2021 NQLC meeting.
24. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES BOARD MOTION REGARDING NORTH SHORE RESTROOM.**
April 21, 2021 R9 X
Commissioner Steinberg
Office of Capital Improvement Projects
Status: Deferred to the June 30, 2021 NQLC meeting.

25. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE AMOUNT OF LIFEGUARD STANDS IN MID BEACH RESIDENTIAL AREA.**
April 21, 2021 C4 F
Commissioner Michael Gongora / Commissioner Mark Samuelian / Commissioner Micky Steinberg
Fire / Property Management
Status: Deferred to the June 30, 2021 NQLC meeting.
26. **DISCUSSION REGARDING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14 OF THE CITY CODE, ENTITLED "BUILDING REGULATIONS," BY AMENDING ARTICLE III, ENTITLED "NUMBERING," BY AMENDING SECTION 14-107 THEREOF, ENTITLED "OWNERS SHALL OBTAIN NUMBERS; SIZE; CITY NOT TO FURNISH MATERIAL," TO REQUIRE OWNERS OF HOUSES AND BUILDINGS WITHIN THE CITY WITH ACCESS TO A BEACHWALK TO PLACE THE CORRECT STREET NUMBER ON THE SIDE OF THE BUILDING FACING A BEACHWALK.**
April 21, 2021 R5 H
Commissioner Ricky Arriola
Property Management
Status: Deferred to the June 30, 2021 NQLC meeting.
27. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF EXTRANEOUS AND POTENTIALLY OUTDATED LEGISLATION IN MIAMI BEACH.**
July 25, 2018 - C4 E
Commissioner Góngora
Office of the City Attorney
Status: Deferred pending recommendations from each department. City attorney to bring back comprehensive multi-department recommendation to NQLC meeting when ready.

ADDENDUM

28. **DISCUSSION REGARDING A PROPOSAL TO CO-NAME OF 18TH STREET IN HONOR OF LATE HARVEY MILK.**

Commissioner Richardson
Legal

Commissioner Richardson introduced the item and asked or the Committees favorable recommendation.

Commissioner Meiner stated he wants streets to be named after individuals who have made an impact on Miami Beach.

Motion: Move to full Commission with a favorable recommendation. Motioned by Commissioner Gongora and seconded by Commissioner Steinberg. Remove item from NQLC agenda.

29. **DISCUSSION REGARDING CO-NAMING A STREET AFTER SIMÓN BOLÍVAR.**

Commissioner Gongora
Legal

Commissioner Gongora introduced the item.

Commissioner Meiner re-stated he wants streets to be named after individuals who have made an impact on Miami Beach.

Motion: Move to full Commission with a favorable recommendation. Motioned by Commissioner Gongora and seconded by Commissioner Steinberg. Remove item from NQLC agenda.