

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Commissioner Mark Samuelian
DATE: December 8, 2021

SUBJECT: REFERRAL TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE RESOLUTION OF THE MARINE AND WATERFRONT PROTECTION AUTHORITY BOARD TO COMMEMORATE DR. MORRIS SUNSHINE BY NAMING THE RECENTLY INSTALLED NON-MOTORIZED VESSEL FLOATING DOCK AT MAURICE GIBB PARK IN HIS HONOR.

RECOMMENDATION

On November 9, 2021, the Marine and Waterfront Protection Authority Board proposed a resolution naming the recently installed non-motorized vessel floating dock at Maurice Gibb Park in honor of Dr. Morris Sunshine.

SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA

N/A

Applicable Area

Not Applicable

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

Commissioner Mark Samuelian

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- Resolution of the Marine and Waterfront Protection Authority Board

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MARINE AND WATERFRONT
PROTECTION AUTHORITY BOARD TO COMMEMORATE
DR. MORRIS SUNSHINE BY NAMING THE RECENTLY
INSTALLED NON-MOTORIZED VESSEL FLOATING DOCK
AT MAURICE GIBB PARK IN HIS HONOR

WHEREAS, Dr. Morris Sunshine, who passed away at the age of 97 in September of 2021, served for thirty plus years as a Board member or Chairman of what is now the Marine and Waterfront Protection Authority; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Morris Sunshine represented the best of the greatest generation, and served this Country flying 35 missions in World War II, manning the 50-caliber machine gun in the waist turret of the B-17 Flying Fortress on missions over Nazi Germany; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Morris Sunshine was committed to the betterment of the City of Miami Beach and contributed at countless public meetings over the years providing input and recommendations that helped shape many City policies and ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Dr Morris Sunshine was a driving force behind the effort to establish a floating dock facility that would serve the needs of the resident and visitor kayak and paddleboard non-motorized community at Maurice Gibb Park; and

WHEREAS, the floating dock facility at Maurice Gibb Park was constructed at a cost of approximately \$780,000 and is now open to the public and is the largest such amenity designed for the exclusive use of non-motorized vessels in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, at the November 9, 2021 meeting of the Marine and Waterfront Authority Board, this Resolution was unanimously approved to commemorate Dr. Morris Sunshine by naming the floating dock facility at Maurice Gibb Park in his honor, and

WHEREAS, Sec. 82-504. - Monuments or memorials, provides that (a)Whenever there is a proposal to establish a monument or memorial on public property in the city, it shall first be considered and reviewed by the committee according to the following procedures: (1) Only the mayor or a member of the city commission may propose the establishment of a monument or memorial. Such proposal shall be submitted (by the mayor or individual city commissioner sponsoring the subject proposal) in writing to the city manager, who shall place the proposal on a city commission meeting agenda within a reasonable time after receiving same. The proposal shall be placed as a request for referral to the committee, which request for referral shall first be approved by a majority vote of the city commission; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Mark Samuelian appointed Dr. Morris Sunshine to his last term of the Marine and Waterfront Authority Board and supports the naming of the floating dock facility at Maurice Gibb Park in his honor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MARINE AND WATERFRONT AUTHORITY BOARD OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, as follows

1. Pursuant the procedures set forth in City of Miami Beach Ordinance Sec. 82-504, the Commission is hereby petitioned to consider naming the floating dock facility at Maurice Gibb Park as “The Sunshine Dock” or “The Dr. Morris Sunshine Dock” in honor of the outstanding contributions of Dr. Morris Sunshine to the City of Miami Beach.