

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AT ITS MAY 19, 2017 MEETING, TO HAVE STAFF EVALUATE COST IMPACTS OF IMPROVING THE AMENITIES AT SOUNDSCAPE PARK; AND FURTHER REFERRING THE STAFF EVALUATION, UPON COMPLETION, TO THE FINANCE AND CITYWIDE PROJECTS COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION.

WHEREAS, starting in 2014, staff began working with the New World Symphony (NWS) and negotiating with their concessionaire, Thierry Catering, for a concession operation in Soundscape Park; and

WHEREAS, funding in the amount of \$800,000 was approved in the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2016/17 and the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Department was in the process of hiring a consultant to move forward with the design and construction of the concession building with an estimated completion date in the spring of 2018; and

WHEREAS, this matter was discussed at the January 11, 2017 Commission meeting at which time NWS raised concerns regarding the concession building and the additional restrooms and further advised the City they had other suggestions for improving the amenities at Soundscape Park; and

WHEREAS, staff was directed by the Commission to discuss this matter further with representatives from NWS and to provide an update at the March 1, 2017 Commission meeting; and

WHEREAS, staff met with representatives of NWS on February 7, 2017 and discussed the following items:

- NWS does not want a food and beverage concession operation in Soundscape Park. They would prefer to look at engaging restaurants in the vicinity rather than adding another vendor and structure.
- NWS does not want restrooms in Soundscape Park. They propose utilizing a portion of the former Oolite space to create public restrooms to serve Soundscape Park.
- NWS wants to close the existing restroom building in Soundscape Park and convert it to a storage building.
- NWS wants to close Lincoln Lane, making it pedestrian only, and to bring the road surface level with the Soundscape Park grade.
- NWS does not like the current plan for trees on Drexel Avenue.
- NWS requested approval to install additional speaker towers within Soundscape Park.
- NWS wants to create additional viewing areas within Soundscape Park outside of the current viewing area of the wallcast (i.e., portable screens, permanent display, etc.).

- NWS suggested possible simulcasts and/or information pieces along Lincoln Road, using kiosks or other methods of transmission, in order to incorporate Soundscape Park and NWS along Lincoln Road to bring the three together.
- NWS requested the City consider installing public restroom stalls along public streets (similar to London, Spain, New York, etc.); and

WHEREAS, this information was subsequently presented at the March 1, 2017 Commission meeting and the Commission voted in favor of not proceeding with the food and beverage concession and to refer the remainder of the issues requested by NWS to the Neighborhood/Community Affairs Committee (NCAC); and

WHEREAS, NWS presented the suggestions above at the May 19, 2017 NCAC and the NCAC passed by acclamation a recommendation to have staff evaluate the cost impacts of improving the amenities at Soundscape Park and subsequently send the evaluation to the Finance and Citywide Projects Committee for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Administration recommends that the Mayor and the City Commission accept the recommendation of the NCAC to have staff evaluate the cost impacts of improving the amenities at Soundscape Park and subsequently refer the evaluation to the Finance and Citywide Projects Committee for consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby accept the recommendation of the Neighborhood/Community Affairs Committee at its May 19, 2017 meeting, to have staff evaluate cost impacts of improving the amenities at Soundscape Park; and further refer the staff evaluation, upon completion, to the Finance and Citywide Projects Committee for consideration.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____ 2017.

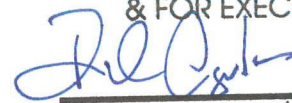
ATTEST:

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

Philip Levine, Mayor

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& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

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Date