

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Commissioner David Suarez
DATE: September 11, 2024
TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE LAND USE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS FUTURE PROGRAMMING FOR WEST LOTS.

RECOMMENDATION

N/A

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

N/A

ANALYSIS

Please place the above item on the September 11, 2024 City Commission meeting agenda as a referral to the Land Use and Sustainability Committee ("LUSC").

The West Lots are eight city owned development parcels fronting Collins Avenue between 79th Street and 87th Street. The lots lie between the North Shore Historic District which was adopted in January 2018 and the North Beach Oceanside Park which fronts the ocean. The lots currently hold three parking lots, Ocean Rescue services, and a new skate park. Over the years, there have been various plans and proposals for potential uses for these currently underutilized parcels, but other than the skate park located at 82nd Street, none of these have come to fruition. A community charrette to discuss potential recreational and park uses of the West lots that was to be held on April 17, 2024, was canceled.

I would like the LUSC to discuss the best and highest public use for the West Lots, taking into account its surroundings. Members of relevant City Departments, including Planning, Parks and Recreation, Environment and Sustainability and Economic Development, should be prepared to provide historical context, site-specific opportunities and limitations and other considerations to help inform the discussion. Clearly, community input will be necessary ahead of deciding on an appropriate vision for the West Lots. However, it would be helpful for the LUSC to engage in a preliminary discussion to get this project rolling again.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate?
(FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

If applicable, the Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on:
See BIE at: <https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notices/>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

N/A

CONCLUSION

N/A

Applicable Area

North Beach

**Is this a “Residents Right to Know” item,
pursuant to City Code Section 2-17?**

No

**Is this item related to a G.O. Bond
Project?**

No

**Was this Agenda Item initially requested by a lobbyist which, as defined in Code Sec. 2-481,
includes a principal engaged in lobbying?** No

If so, specify the name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s): N/A

Department

Office of Commissioner David Suarez

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner David Suarez

Co-sponsor(s)**Condensed Title**

Ref: LUSC - Future Programming for West Lots. (Suarez)