

MIAMI BEACH

COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee Members
FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager
DATE: October 18, 2024
TITLE: DISCUSS INSTALLING PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN IN PRIDE PARK.

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends two approaches to providing additional activation for children in Pride Park for discussion and recommendation by the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee (Committee). Should the Committee recommend and the Commission approve, either option would be placed on the Parks and Recreation Department's list of proposed enhancements for consideration during the budget process.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

During the September 11, 2024 Commission meeting, Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez referred a discussion on installing playground equipment for children in Pride Park to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee and the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee.

ANALYSIS

In addition to Pride Park serving as a City Park and a temporary activation area for the Convention Center. The Convention Center Campus was designed to stage large trucking logistics and operations within the load-in and load-out periods of many events. This includes staging of trucks on Convention Center Drive, 18th Street and 19th Street as marshalling areas prior to entry and exiting the south and north loading docks of the Convention Center facility.

Should the desire of the City Commission be that a playground or tot lot be located within Pride Park, the Parks and Recreation Department (the "Department") would propose that the playground be placed in the Northwest side of the park, which is close to the fitness equipment (Exhibit B). The final location of the playground would need to be further evaluated to ensure user safety and that there is the least interference with other park amenities, uses, installations, etc. including the proximity to the Holocaust Memorial.

The total budget needed to construct a playground can range from \$1,146,000.00 - \$1,766,000.00 depending on the design. The budget includes playground equipment, shade, pour-in-place surface, fence, drinking fountain, landscape, benches and trashcans. There is a potential for savings if a shade structure is removed from the design and existing natural shade is used.

As a alternative to creating a permanent playground as a destination, another approach could be to provide programming at Pride Park focused on children within different age groups. This could serve to avoid heavily trafficked Convention Center events. The programming would be properly scheduled and coordinated and serve nearby families including children of all ages.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The fiscal impact to construct a playground at Pride Park can range from \$1,146,000.00 - \$1,766,000.00. Programming children events within Pride Park would require further analysis depending on the number and types of events being proposed.

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

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

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Applicable Area

South Beach

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

Yes

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):

Department

Parks and Recreation

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Children's Playground at Pride Park (Rosen Gonzalez)