

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Commissioner Alex Fernandez  
Commissioner Joseph Magazine

DATE: February 3, 2025

TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE -  
DISCUSS POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTION TO MIAMI BEACH SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
TO HELP FUND RENOVATIONS OF FIELD.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

### **ANALYSIS**

Please place on the February 3, 2025 agenda a referral to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee to discuss a possible contribution to Miami Beach Senior High School ("MBHS") to help fund renovations of the field ("MBHS Field Renovation Project").

On Give Miami Day, the MBHS Parent Teach Student Association ("MBHS PTSA") raised \$24,000 which has been earmarked for renovations of the field at Principal Al Torossian's urging. Although the field itself is considered by many in the community to be top-notch, many of its amenities need attention. This is particularly true given the planner construction activities at Flamingo Park that will impact Beach High's ability to use the field there in the near future. As the City is investing in a new park/recreational space adjacent to the field, this would be an ideal optimal time to make improvements to the field. Not only would the students of MBSH benefit, but the City's recreational clubs and residents could potentially use it as well.

The MBHS PTSA has indicated it would like to include the following improvements as part of the MBHS Field Renovation Project:

- Provide shade for the bleachers
- Purchase additional bleachers
- Lay concrete or pavers under the existing bleachers (some have, some don't)
- Install a fence or some sort of barrier between the field and the bleachers
- Create a pathway from the entrance gate to the field
- Purchase storage sheds for equipment
- Install benches/seating by the basketball courts
- Landscape along the fence that separates the school from the area where the water towers are located
- Purchase a net for field goals on the north side
- Ensure there is sufficient lighting to allow for evening games/practices
- Install a PA system for announcers

The Administration should be prepared to provide a budget for the MBHS Field Renovation Project at Committee for consideration and discussion.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Fiscal Impact to be determined at Committee.

**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-notice/>

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**CONCLUSION**

**Applicable Area**

Citywide

**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?** Yes

If so, specify the name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s): Julie Basner, Miami Beach Senior High PTSA President

**Department**

City Attorney

**Sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Alex Fernandez  
Commissioner Joseph Magazine

**Co-sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Laura Dominguez

**Condensed Title**

Ref. FERC - Contribution to MBSHS to Fund Field Renovation.  
(Fernandez/Magazine/Dominguez)

**Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)**