

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Mayor Steven Meiner
DATE: October 30, 2024
TITLE: DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION – UPDATE FROM MIAMI BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT ON CIVILIAN VOLUNTEER PATROL PROGRAM.

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

At my request, on July 29, 2020, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2020-31374, authorizing the Miami Beach Police Department (“MBPD”) to proceed with the development of a public safety citizens-on-patrol volunteer program, known as the Civilian Volunteer Patrol (“CVP”) Program. The purpose of the CVP is to improve community policing within our community, by assisting MBPD in patrolling neighborhoods, parks, schools, and commercial areas, specifically within public spaces.

I would like the MBPD to present an update to the City Commission on the implementation of the CVP Program. As part of that update, I would like MBPD to be prepared to address the following:

- Provide an update on recruiting for the program.
- Identify program structure for volunteers, including assigned hours and locations.
- Explore other potential uses for volunteers, perhaps as school crossing guards, at City-permitted special events, etc.
- Issue walkie-talkies or other mobile communication devices, potentially on a separate, dedicated police radio frequency, in which CVP volunteers could report issues directly to MBPD.

ANALYSIS

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

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

CONCLUSION

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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? No

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

Department

Office of Mayor Steven Meiner

Sponsor(s)

Mayor Steven Meiner

Co-sponsor(s)