

MIAMI BEACH

COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee Members

FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager

DATE: March 26, 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

The Administration recommends that while the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee evaluates Miami Beach Sr. High PTSA Field Renovation Project request, it also carefully considers several critical factors that will significantly impact the General Fund budget, beginning in FY 2026:

1. The City's increasing unfunded capital improvement program
2. Long-term General Fund financial projections indicating a potential shortfall in upcoming fiscal years
3. The recent notification of a \$5-6 million annual budget impact on the General Fund due to the new 2% collection fee imposed by the Miami-Dade Tax Collector
4. The passage of Amendment 5 in November 2024, which increases the homestead exemption and further constrains the growth of taxable property values

These considerations are essential to ensure that decisions regarding the Miami Beach Sr. High PTSA Field Renovation Project request align with the City's broader long-term financial stability and strategic priorities. If the Committee recommends funding the Miami Beach Sr. High PTSA Field Renovation Project request, the Administration recommends it be considered as part of the FY 2026 budget process.

Additionally, Administration is recommending that any funded component of this request not be a city managed project and be a Miami-Dade County Public School (M-DCPS) managed project.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

At the February 3, 2025 Commission Meeting item C4 AP was referred to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee to discuss a possible contribution to Miami Beach Senior High School ("MBSH") to help fund renovations of the field ("MBHS Field Renovation Project").

On Give Miami Day, the MBSH Parent Teacher Student Association ("MBSH PTSA") raised \$24,000 which has been earmarked for renovations of the field at Principal Alfred Torossian's urging. Although the field itself is considered by many in the community to be top-notch, many of its amenities need attention. As the City is investing in a new park/recreational space adjacent to the field, the existing Joint Use Agreement (JUA) dated November 23, 2021 between the city and M-DCPS allows for community use of the MBSH field exclusively on Sundays.

ANALYSIS

On March 4, 2025 the MBSH PTSA President, Julie Basner, transmitted an email (Attachment A) with an estimated cost for items the MBSH PTSA is seeking to purchase and install on the field.

- Shade Structure – \$100,000
- Fence for Field – \$25,000
- Bleachers – \$25,000
- Storage Containers – \$10,000
- Goal Post Nets – \$50,000

Administration reached to MBSH Principal Alfred Torossian to determine need and interest in the MBSH PTSA request. On March 4, 2025 Principal Torossian transmitted a response via email (Attachment B) indicating that M-DCPS would purchase and install the following MBSH PTSA requested items:

- Fence for Field
- Bleachers
- Storage Containers

Additionally, Principal Torossian informed administration via email on March 5, 2025 (Attachment C) that MBSH does not need goal post nets.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The Fiscal Impact to be determined at Committee.

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

Based on information received from the MBSH PTSA and MBSH Principal Torossian, the only item requested by the PTSA that is not being provided by M-DCPS is the field shade structure. Per the MBSH PTSA the estimated cost for the preferred shade structure is approximately \$100,000. Neither the City of Miami Beach Parks Department, nor the M-DCPS Procurement Department has provided an estimate for the shade structure.

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

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Condensed Title

MBHS PTSA Field Renovation Project request.