

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee Members

FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager

DATE: November 6, 2024

TITLE: DISCUSS PARTNERING WITH THE ADEN PERRY HERO LIFE RING INITIATIVE TO INSTALL LIFE RINGS IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS NEAR WATERWAYS ACROSS MIAMI BEACH.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Administration recommends partnering with the Aden Perry Hero Life Ring Initiative to install life rings in 14 City park locations, and possibly expanding in the future to other locations near waterways across Miami Beach.

### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

During the September 11, 2024 Commission meeting, Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez referred a discussion on partnering with the Aden Perry Hero Life Ring Initiative to install life rings in various locations near waterways across Miami Beach to the Committee and the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee.

The Aden Perry Hero Life Ring Initiative was established in honor of Aden Perry, a 17-year-old South Florida teen who tragically lost his life while attempting to save a driver who had crashed into a pond. The initiative aims to prevent similar tragedies by installing life preserver rings near bodies of water. Aden's mother, Sarah Perry, spearheaded the initiative with the hope that these simple yet effective tools will empower more people to act safely and prevent unnecessary drownings, and since its inception, in 2023, over 200 life rings have been installed across multiple cities, including those in Broward and Miami-Dade County. The life rings are designed for anyone to use in emergency situations, ensuring that even an ordinary bystanders, can help save a life.

When partnering with the Aden Perry Hero Life Ring Initiative, the first 10 life rings are free and gifted. The orange life ring measures 24" in diameter and are supplied and manufactured by DATREX which guarantees the preserver is Coast Guard approved, high quality, and comes with a lifetime warranty. It is up to City's discretion on the type and length of rope, as well as the post on which the life ring sits.

### **ANALYSIS**

The Parks and Recreation Department has come up with a list of possible locations to install the Aden Perry Hero Life Ring Initiative life preservers. The locations are:

1. South Pointe Park (near pier & cove near lighthouse)
2. Brittany Bay Park (near bridge)
3. Pinetree Drive & 63rd Street (near bridge)
4. Muss Park
5. Maurice Gibb Memorial Park (near boat ramp & near bridge)
6. Collins Canal Park

7. Miami Beach Golf Club (lake areas)
8. Normandy Shores Golf Club (lake areas)
9. Pinetree Park (near kayak launch)
10. Palm Island Park (near bridge)
11. Sunset Island IV Park
12. Parkview Annex Park (near bridge)
13. Bayshore Park (future site - lake area)
14. Normandy Shores Park

### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Aden Perry Hero Life Ring Initiative will cover the cost of the first 10 life rings. Each one after is \$60. The total cost for the 14 park locations, including installation supplies and signage, is estimated to be \$3,000.00. If approved the Parks and Recreation Department would cover the expenses through their approved FY 25 budget.

### **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**

Amount: Estimated \$3,000.00

Account: 011-0950-000343-28-406-545-00-00-00-

### **CONCLUSION**

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### **Applicable Area**

Citywide

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

**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**

Aden Perry Hero Life Ring Initiative (Rosen Gonzalez)