

MIAMI BEACH

COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee Members

FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager

DATE: April 9, 2025

TITLE: DISCUSS NAMING THE MIAMI BEACH POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE BUILDING IN HONOR OF ARTHUR MARTINEAU.

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration advises the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee (“PSNQLC” or the “Committee”) discuss and transmit its recommendation to the City Commission, establishing a memorial plaque in the facility located at 999 11th Street, in honor of Arthur Walter Martineau, subject to Section 82-504 of the City Code.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

On February 3, 2025, the Mayor and City Commission approved the referral of item C4 AZ, sponsored by Commissioner Bhatt, to the PSNQLC to discuss naming the Miami Beach Police Athletic League (“PAL”) building located at 999 11th Street, in honor of Arthur Walter (“Big Art”) Martineau.

ANALYSIS

The Miami Beach Police Athletic League (“PAL”) is a nonprofit youth organization that offers athletic, educational, and recreational programs for the children and teens of Miami Beach and whose goal is to foster relationships between youth and the law enforcement community. For approximately the past 15 years, the PAL was operated under the outstanding leadership of its dedicated and beloved Executive Director, Arthur (“Art”) Walter Martineau. Through his role with the PAL, Art Martineau had a profound impact, enriching the lives of thousands of children and fostering meaningful connections between youth and law enforcement for over 25 years. On January 23, 2025, Art Martineau passed away, leaving behind a legacy of compassion, service and unwavering dedication to his community.

Upon review of Commissioner Bhatt’s request, the Administration researched renaming the building located at 999 11th Street (the “Facility”) in honor of Art Martineau. The Facility is currently named in honor of former Commissioner Abe Resnick, as the Abe Resnick Youth Resource Center. Under the City Code, the renaming of an existing named building is both complex and lengthy process, requiring to be submitted to the electorate of the City by referendum at the next scheduled election in accordance with Section 82-503 (a) (1) through (6) of the City Code.

Accordingly, in lieu of renaming the building, the Administration recommends honoring the life of Art Martineau with a memorial plaque to be installed at the Facility (the “Project”) in accordance with Section 82-504 of the City Code. The Project will consist of installation of the commemorative plaque, including design, fabrication, installation, and necessary improvements to the area. The total cost for this Project is approximately \$1,500.00.

The PSNQLC may also consider naming in the future, the 2018 GOB funded PAL building once constructed, in honor of Art Martineau.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The fiscal impact for the Project is approximately \$1,500.00

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

The above is presented for the Committee's review and consideration. Should the PSNQLC move forward with a favorable recommendation of installing a commemorative plaque, this Project would be transmitted to the City Commission for approval pursuant to Section 82-504 of the City Code.

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?

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

Department

Facilities and Fleet Management

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Discuss Naming PAL Building in Honor of Arthur Martineau.

