

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager

DATE: December 11, 2024

TITLE: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE, AT ITS NOVEMBER 6, 2024, MEETING, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO PARTNER WITH THE ADEN PERRY HERO LIFE RING INITIATIVE TO INSTALL LIFE RINGS IN 14 CITY PARKS (16 LOCATIONS), AND POSSIBLY EXPANDING IN THE FUTURE TO OTHER LOCATIONS NEAR WATERWAYS ACROSS MIAMI BEACH.

RECOMMENDATION

Accept the recommendation of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee, at its November 6, 2024 meeting, directing Administration to partner 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 Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee ("PSNQLC").

During the November 6, 2024 PSNQLC meeting, the Committee recommended the Administration to partner 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.

ANALYSIS

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 rings, measuring 24 inches in diameter, are produced by DATREX, a company known for its commitment to safety and quality. Each preserver is crafted to meet strict standards, ensuring it has Coast Guard approval. 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.

The Parks and Recreation Department has established a list of 14 locations to install the Aden Perry Hero Life Ring Initiative life rings. 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

Life rings can also be installed in the future on street ends and other areas near waterways in the City.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The Aden Perry Hero 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. The Parks and Recreation Department will cover the expenses through their approved FY 25 budget.

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

Amount: Estimated \$3,000.00

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

CONCLUSION

The Parks and Recreation Department will work with the Aden Perry Ring Initiative to install life rings at the recommended 14 park locations.

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?

Yes

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

Accept Rec/Partner w/ Aden Perry Hero Life Ring Initiative, Install Life Rings in Parks. (Rosen Gonzalez) PKS