

## MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

LTC No. 056-2025

### LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Steven Meiner and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

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*Rafael Granado*  
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DATE: February 7, 2025

SUBJECT: Black Affairs Advisory Committee Motions – February 4, 2025

The purpose of this Letter to Commission (LTC) to the Mayor and Commission is to provide the following motions made during the February 4, 2025, Black Affairs Advisory Committee ("BAAC") Meeting, as presented by the Committee:

**Motion:** The BAAC would like to provide notice to the City Commission of the following events:

- 5000 Role Models Martin Luther King Jr. Annual Scholarship Breakfast – January 18
- Martin Luther King Day – January 20
- Montgomery & Price South Beach Chamber Concert – January 31
- Miami Beach Black History Celebration and Award Ceremony – February 7
- Soul Vegan Food Festival – February 8
- "Never Drop The Ball" documentary presented by WLRN, at Soundscape Park – February 13
- Creole Food Festival – April
- American Black Film Festival – June 11- 15
- Juneteenth - June 19
- Miami Takeover and Art of GoGo – July
- Black Business Month - August
- Annual Love is Love – November 28
- Miami Beach Hip Hop Party – November 28
- Josephine Baker Day – November 28
- Art Basel – December
- Contemporary African Diaspora Art Series – December
- GMCVB Art of Black Miami
- DeAnne Connolly Graham Black and Jewish Art Series

Motion was made by Valerie Crawford, seconded by William Warren, and passed unanimously.

**Motion:** The BAAC would like to provide notice to the City Commission of the Committee's accomplishments, as outlined in the attached document.

Motion was made by William Warren, seconded by Valerie Crawford, and passed unanimously.

**Motion:** The BAAC would like to honor the late Officer Arthur Martineau with an honorary plaque, to be presented to his family in recognition of his service. The presentation date will be decided by the committee at a later meeting.

Motion was made by Valerie Crawford, seconded by Dorrie Foster, and passed unanimously.

Members in attendance: Glendon Hall (Chair), Bibi Andrade (Vice-Chair), Valerie Crawford, Dorrie Foster, Sipiwe Anderson, Luidgi Mary, Dexter Milton

Guests in attendance: Melissa Berthier, City of Miami Beach Marketing and Communications Director, Linda Stevens, City of Miami Beach Marketing and Communications Assistant Director, Tony Hayton, Florida Highwaymen Exhibition Director and Owner.

For more information, please contact Lissette Garcia Arrogante, Tourism and Culture Director at [lissettearrogante@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto:lissettearrogante@miamibeachfl.gov) or x26597.

cc: LGA/FV

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## Black Affairs Advisory Committee

THE BAAC IS CHARGED WITH ADVISING THE MAYOR AND MIAMI BEACH CITY COMMISSION ON ISSUES RELATING TO THE BLACK COMMUNITY IN MIAMI BEACH AND TO SERVE AS A RESOURCE IN THE CITY'S DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

OUR FOCUS IS ON CREATING TRANSPARENCY AND EQUITY IN PROCUREMENT, POLICY AND PROGRAMMING

### Highlighted Accomplishments

Effectively campaigned for the ABFF to be an annual Miami Beach event funded by the city, with an initial commitment of \$400,000.

Effectively campaigned against proposed "Zero Tolerance" Policing policy during high impact periods.

#MBHistory Program Video Series Curriculum honoring the contributions of LGBTQ, Hispanic, Black & Jewish communities to the development of the City of Miami Beach - Partnering with the City's Youth Commission. Video Curriculum will be utilized by Miami Beach Schools.

Provided effective enforcement, traffic, parking & zoning strategies adopted by City Administration for Spring Break, Memorial Day weekend & other High Impact Periods.

City Proclamation to the Black Affairs Advisory Committee honoring the historic contributions of Black Businesses in Miami Beach for Black Business Month.

Black Affairs Advisory Committee City Proclamation for the DeAnne Connolly Graham Black & Jewish Art Collaboration series with the Greater Miami Jewish Federation.

Successfully co-sponsored the MIA Legacy's 20th Anniversary Gala at the Loews Hotel.

Successfully co-sponsored the Washington Ave BID's Muhammad Ali Art Exhibition.

Successfully co-sponsored the Annual Love Is Love Hip Hop Block Party at the Normandy Fountain.

Successfully co-sponsored the Annual Miami Beach Dr Martin Luther King Day celebrations with MDPL.

City Proclamation with the French Consulate honoring WorldWar hero/Artist Josephine Baker who desegregated Miami Beach entertainment venues.

Successfully Advocated for Legacy Real Estate's Barclay Redevelopment Proposal.

Co Sponsored Human Rights Ordinance to prohibit hiring discrimination at the City of Miami Beach.

Effectively campaigned for Chief Wayne Jones to be Miami Beach's first Black Chief of Police.

**For more information:**

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