

MIAMI BEACH

COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee Members

FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager

DATE: March 12, 2025

TITLE: DISCUSS IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING CLEANLINESS AND ABANDONED CONDITIONS OF EVERGLADES COURT IN NORTH BEACH

RECOMMENDATION

As a short-term solution, the Administration recommends that Public Works cleanup the City's alleyway and make necessary improvements to the current conditions. The Administration also recommends working with Code Enforcement to assist with addressing overgrowth from residential homes that encroach into the alleyway.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

On February 3, 2025, at the request of Commissioner Alex Fernandez, co-sponsored by Commissioner Tanya Bhatt, the Mayor and City Commission (City Commission) approved item C4H (Attachment A), a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee to discuss improvements, including cleanliness and abandoned conditions of Everglades Court in North Beach.

Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner Bhatt have drawn attention to Everglades Court as a public space that has fallen into disrepair, currently abandoned and surrounded with trash and overgrown grass. It is believed the area is in need of maintenance and revitalization. Sponsoring Commissioners would like to discuss potential solutions for restoring and maintaining Everglades Court.

ANALYSIS

City staff conducted an assessment of the Everglades Court alleyway in North Beach. There is currently a 20-foot alleyway according to Plat Book 25-60 of the Miami Dade County Property Appraiser.

Historically, complaints related to illegal dumping have been communicated to the Public Works Sanitation Division, and with the collaboration of the Code Compliance Department, the properties abutting the alleyway have been warned/cited, and illegal dumping addressed.

Public Works also requested in 2015 funding in the amount of \$300,000, this funding was appropriated to pave the existing alleyway, between 2015-2018 (Project 28050, Everglades Court Alleyway Paving). In 2021, the project was closed out for non-use and the funding was transferred to the 59th Street Bioswale project.

The Administration recommends Public Works evaluate Everglades Court to determine what if any improvements are needed for the alleyway.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal impact is estimated at \$600,000.

CONCLUSION

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Applicable Area

North Beach

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? No

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

Department

Public Works

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

Co-sponsor(s)

Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

Condensed Title

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