



COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

DATE: February 3, 2025

TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS NAMING THE MIAMI BEACH POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE BUILDING IN HONOR OF ARTHUR WALTER MARTINEAU.

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Pursuant to Section 82-503 of the City Code, please place on the February 3, 2025 agenda a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee to discuss naming the Miami Beach Police Athletic League ("PAL") building, located at 999 11th Street, in honor of Arthur Walter ("Big Art") Martineau.

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 Walter Martineau, who said of the PAL, "[o]ur mission is always to provide a safe environment and a place of comfort for our children, teens, and families with an end goal of preventing juvenile delinquency at its core. We cannot thank our Miami Beach law enforcement enough for the time they take out of their day to bond with our children. We've set out to change young lives and create the leaders of tomorrow, and that's what they're doing through this service."

Through his role with the PAL, Art had a profound impact, enriching the lives of thousands of children and fostering meaningful connections between youth and law enforcement for over 25 years. Sadly, after a courageous battle with cancer, Art passed away on January 23, 2025 leaving behind a remarkable legacy of compassion, service, and unwavering dedication to his community and loved ones. In the spirit of Art always being so giving to the PAL during his life, his family asked that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the PAL in his honor.

Accordingly, I would also like, as an everlasting tribute in Art's honor, to discuss naming the PAL building, located at 999 11th Street, after Arthur Walter Martineau.

ANALYSIS

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

n/a

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

CONCLUSION

Applicable Area

Citywide

**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?** No

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

Department

Office of Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

Sponsor(s)

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Ref: PSNQLC - Name the MBPAL Building in Honor of Arthur Walter Martineau. (Bhatt)

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)