

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

Applicable Area:

# 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.



# MIAMI BEACH

## 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:  
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**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

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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)**