

NB 18. DISCUSS THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF
TEMPORARY LIGHTING AT THE POLO PARK BASKETBALL COURTS.
Applicable Area:

MIAMI BEACH

COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee Members

FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager

DATE: March 26, 2025

TITLE: DISCUSS THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TEMPORARY LIGHTING AT THE POLO PARK BASKETBALL COURTS.

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends proceeding with the use of temporary security light towers for the six (6) month pilot at the Polo Park basketball courts beginning when daylight savings ends on Sunday, November 2, 2025, with roving Park Rangers present on weeknights and weekends. Based on the Nautilus Area Homeowner's Association's ("NAHA") review after the pilot and City Commission approval, a permanent lighting solution may be recommended as part of the capital budget process as well as a permanent Park Ranger coverage.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

During the February 3, 2025 City Commission meeting, at the request of Commissioner Alex Fernandez, the Mayor and City Commission referred a discussion item to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee ("FERC") regarding the allocation of funding for the installation of temporary lighting at the Polo Park basketball courts. (Exhibit A)

ANALYSIS

On December 2, 2024, NAHA adopted a Resolution for the temporary installation of lights at the Polo Park basketball courts. In considering the balance between providing enhanced recreational facilities and maintaining the integrity of Polo Park, NAHA recommended the installation of temporary lighting at the basketball courts, on a six (6) month trial basis, in conjunction with certain conditions.

The conditions include the following stipulations:

- 1) The lights shall automatically turn off each evening at 9:00 p.m.
- 2) A Miami Beach Park Ranger shall be present each weekday evening until the park is closed and at all times on the weekend
- 3) Noise control signage shall be installed throughout the park
- 4) The City shall maintain and monitor the temporary lighting
- 5) NAHA will conduct a review of the temporary lighting's impact after a period of six (6) months

The Parks and Recreation Department (the "Department") has come up with two (2) lighting options:

- 1) Permanent Lighting (Musco Sports Lighting) – Estimated \$315,000
- 2) Temporary Security Light Towers – No cost as the Department owns security light towers that can be used

The Department has tested the security light towers at the Polo Park Basketball courts and believes it can be a solution for the six (6) month pilot, which is recommended to begin on Sunday, November 2, 2025. An employee will turn the lights on and off each day and a roving Park Ranger

will be present on weeknights and weekends.

Permanent lighting and Park Ranger coverage will be reviewed upon the completion of the pilot.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

If NAHA wishes to move forward with permanent sports lighting after the six-month pilot, approval from the City Commission will be necessary, along with a capital budget request that can be submitted through the FY 2026 budget process.

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-notice/>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

N/A

CONCLUSION

The Parks and Recreation Department is prepared to proceed with the use of temporary security light towers for the six (6) month pilot at the Polo Park basketball courts.

Applicable Area

Middle 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? No

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

Department

Parks and Recreation

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Funding for the Installation of Temporary Lighting at Polo Park Basketball Courts (Fernandez)

C4 AL REFERRAL TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE TO
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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Commissioner Alex Fernandez
DATE: February 3, 2025
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RECOMMENDATION

Please place on the February 3, 2025, City Commission agenda a referral to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee ("FERC") to discuss potentially allocating funds for the installation of temporary lighting at the Polo Park basketball courts.

On December 2, 2024, the Nautilus Area Homeowners Association ("NAHA") adopted a Resolution (please see attached Exhibit "A") for the temporary installation of lights at the Polo Park basketball courts. In considering the balance between providing enhanced recreational facilities and maintaining the integrity of Polo Park, NAHA recommended the installation of temporary lighting at the basketball courts, on a 6-month trial basis, in conjunction with certain conditions. These conditions include stipulations that: the lights shall automatically turn off each evening at 9 p.m.; a Miami Beach Park Ranger shall be present each weekday evening until the park is closed (and at all times on weekends); noise control signage shall be installed throughout the park; the City shall maintain and monitor the temporary lighting; and NAHA will conduct a review of the temporary lighting's impact after a period of six (6) months.

Accordingly, I would request that the City Administration be prepared at Committee to discuss the cost for the installation of temporary lighting at the Polo Park basketball courts (including any maintenance and use costs), in conjunction with the conditions set forth by NAHA. I would further request that the Administration be prepared to address any other foreseeable issues or concerns and provide the Committee with its recommendation.

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Commissioner Alex Fernandez

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

REF: FERC - Installation of Temporary Basketball Court Lighting at Polo Park. (Fernandez)

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)

**Resolution of the Nautilus Area Homeowners Association Regarding the Installation of
Temporary Basketball Court Lights at Polo Park**

WHEREAS, the Nautilus Area Homeowners Association ("NAHA") recognizes and values the fact that Polo Park is a top-quality neighborhood park; and

WHEREAS, NAHA recognizes and appreciates the vital partnership forged between NAHA and the City of Miami Beach's Department of Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, the safety of all park users and maintaining the integrity of our neighborhood park are NAHA's primary responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, NAHA recognizes the need to enhance recreational facilities for the benefit of its' members and surrounding Miami Beach neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the temporary installation of lights at the basketball courts will extend the usability of the facility, promoting health, wellness, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, NAHA has considered the potential impact on the surrounding residences, including but not limited to noise, light pollution, mischief, and extended hours of use;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Nautilus Area Homeowners Association hereby agrees to the temporary installation of lights at the basketball courts, subject to the following conditions:

1. Hours of Operation:

- a) To ensure safe use and community enjoyment, the basketball court shall be closed from 9:00 PM, when the temporary court lights are turned off, until dawn.

2. Usage of Polo Park Facilities:

- a) Polo Park and its' amenities are available for individuals and neighborhood play or activities.
- b) Any unauthorized organized teams or leagues' play or activities, are strictly prohibited, with the exception of any city-approved or sanctioned leagues, teams, or events.
- c) The temporary installation of basketball court lights shall be operational from dusk until no later than 9:00 P.M., weekends included.
- d) The lights shall automatically turn off at 9:00 P.M. to prevent disturbances to nearby residents.
- e) NAHA reserves the right to adjust the timing of lighting should issues arise that impact the safety and well-being of the NAHA community.

3. Noise Control:

- a) Signage shall be installed at the basketball courts, tennis/pickleball courts, and throughout the park, reminding users to be considerate of nearby residents, especially during evening hours.
- b) Any noise complaints from residents will be addressed promptly by the city.

4. Park Ranger Presence:

- a) The city of Miami Beach Park Ranger shall be at Polo Park Monday-Friday from when the 'Nautilus Teen Club' concludes each evening until the park is officially closed for the day and throughout weekends to ensure safety and enforce park rules.
- b) The presence of the park ranger is intended to deter inappropriate behavior and to provide assistance as needed.

5. Maintenance and Monitoring:

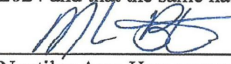
- a) The city of Miami Beach's Parks and Recreation will regularly maintain the lights to ensure they function correctly and efficiently.
- b) A monitoring system will be put in place to ensure compliance with the set hours of operation and to address any issues that may arise promptly.

6. Review and Reassessment:

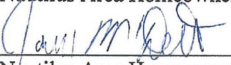
- a) NAHA's Board of Directors will review the impact of the temporary basketball court lights after a period of six (6) months following temporary installation.
- b) Upon review and feedback received from NAHA residents and the City's Parks and Recreation Department, a board consideration will be made to determine if any adjustments to the operation of the lights are necessary. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors supports the expenditure for installing and maintaining the temporary basketball court lights and any additional necessary measures to comply with the conditions set forth herein.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Nautilus Area Homeowners Association at a meeting held on November 19, 2024 and that the same has not been modified or rescinded.



Michael Burnstine, President
Nautilus Area Homeowners Association



Joe McDermott, Secretary
Nautilus Area Homeowners Association

Date: December 2, 2024

Exhibit "A"