

C7 AE A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, COMMITTING TO THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF JACK STEWART'S "APOLLO" MURAL IN PERPETUITY, IN RECOGNITION OF THE MURAL'S HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE, REGARDLESS OF ITS FINAL LOCATION OR ANY FUTURE RELOCATION REQUIREMENTS.

Applicable Area:

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: City Attorney Ricardo J. Dopico

DATE: September 11, 2024

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

### **ANALYSIS**

The attached Resolution was prepared at the request of the sponsor, Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt.

### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The sponsor of this item requests that the Administration be prepared to address the fiscal impact, if any, of this proposed measure.

### **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-notices/>

### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

### **CONCLUSION**

### **Applicable Area**

Citywide

**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**

City Attorney

**Sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

**Co-sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Alex Fernandez  
Commissioner Joseph Magazine

**Condensed Title**

Direct Adm. to Properly Store, Preserve, and Protect Jack Stewart's "Apollo" Mural.  
(Bhatt/Fernandez/Magazine) CA

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, COMMITTING TO THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF JACK STEWART'S "APOLLO" MURAL IN PERPETUITY, IN RECOGNITION OF THE MURAL'S HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE, REGARDLESS OF ITS FINAL LOCATION OR ANY FUTURE RELOCATION REQUIREMENTS.**

**WHEREAS**, Jack Stewart was a well-regarded American artist whose work is recognized by the Smithsonian and can be found in collections and museums throughout America and around the globe; and

**WHEREAS**, Stewart's work has been widely exhibited, and he is represented in numerous public, private, and corporate collections, with his largest mural, the "Apollo," installed on the façade of the Versailles Hotel on Collins Avenue between 32nd and 33rd Streets in Miami Beach, Florida in 1950s; and

**WHEREAS**, the modernist glass-mosaic mural, measured at 17 feet high by 92-foot-long depicted Apollo, one of gods of Greek mythology, racing his sun chariot towards his twin sister, on the façade of the Versailles Hotel, and just around the corner, on the building's south façade, are their mother and younger twin siblings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mural helped launch Stewart's career into the spotlight and is one of his early and most important pieces, as well as being an important piece of Miami Beach history; and

**WHEREAS**, the mural graced the façade of the Versailles Hotel for decades, until it was removed for renovations of the Versailles Hotel in January, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the part of the building depicting the mural was demolished, and the mural was taken apart and stored in a privately owned outdoor facility; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 9, 2021, the Historic Preservation Board unanimously approved a motion in support of the relocation, restoration and installation of the Jack Stuart Apollo mosaic on the east/northeast facade of the Scott Rakow Youth Center in a manner that retains the same proportions as when it was located at the Versailles Hotel property; and

**WHEREAS**, however, the mural proved to be too large to be installed on the façade of the Scott Rakow Center; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 8, 2021, the Art in Public Places Committee passed a motion, requesting for the Mayor and City Commission to identify a suitable location for Jack Stewart's Apollo mosaic, as the proposed facade of Scott Rakow Youth Center was not large enough to accommodate the work; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Commission wish to affirm its commitment to preserving and protecting the "Apollo" mural in perpetuity, regardless of its final location or any future relocation requirements.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA**, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby commit to the preservation and protection of Jack Stewart's "Apollo" mural in perpetuity, in recognition of the mural's historic significance, regardless of its final location or any future relocation requirements.

**PASSED** and **ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

**ATTEST:**

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Steven Meiner, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(sponsored by Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt)

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

9/4/2024  
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Date