

C4 Y REFERRAL TO PUBLIC SAFETY NEIGHBORHOODS AND QUALITY OF LIFE
COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE DYING TREE
POPULATION IN NORTH BEACH OCEAN SIDE PARK.

Applicable Area:

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez
DATE: November 20, 2024
TITLE: REFERRAL TO PUBLIC SAFETY NEIGHBORHOODS AND QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE DYING TREE POPULATION IN NORTH BEACH OCEAN SIDE PARK.

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

I would like the Committee to discuss the current state of the dying tree population in North Beach Ocean Side Park. The administration should be prepared to discuss possible causes and solutions to remedy the dying tree population.

ANALYSIS

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

NA

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

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North Beach

Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-17?

Is this item related to a G.O. Bond Project?

Yes

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 Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez
Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Ref: PSNQLC - Dying Trees in North Beach Oceanside Park. (Rosen Gonzalez/Bhatt)

On Mon, Nov 18, 2024 at 7:51 AM Larry Shafer <lshafer@marketscience.com> wrote:
Hello all,

We believe there are now approximately 200 dead trees in North Beach Oceanside Park.

Please see the attached video of a group of people carrying off a dead tree from the park. I believe the video shows the person in front carrying a bunch of branches.

The weather has turned and so the nights are cooler. I believe they were probably headed home to burn the tree in a fire pit or something like that.

As it gets cooler, I think it would be reasonable to expect the homeless people living in the park and dunes to start burning the trees in the grills in the park for warmth.

Even worse, so many dead trees now present a fire risk to the entire dune system. I am including Fire Chief Abello so she can review the fire risk situation and take appropriate action.

To all, what is the next step regarding dealing with this situation?

Mr. Dopico, I believe that the City Charter allows for a citizen to call for a public hearing -

8. *Right to public hearing.* Upon a timely request of any interested party a public hearing shall be held by any City agency, board, department or authority upon any significant policy decision to be issued by it which is not subject to subsequent administrative or legislative review and hearing. This provision shall not apply to the law department of the City nor to any body whose duties and responsibilities are solely advisory.

https://library.municode.com/fl/miami_beach/codes/code_of_ordinances/301824?nodeId=SPACH_CIBIR
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Is this email sufficient to serve as my notice to the City to call for a public hearing regarding the City's behavior, decisions, and responsibility related to these trees?

Best regards,
Larry Shafer

PS - Mr. Centorino, would you please provide us all with the status of your investigation into this matter? Thank you.







