



MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC # 265-2016

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: June 21, 2016

**SUBJECT: REVISED LTC 264-2016
LAKEVIEW/CHEROKEE SEAWALL PROJECT**

The purpose of this Letter to Commission is to bring the Mayor and Commissioners up to date on the status of construction of a seawall proposed south of the intersection of Lakeview Drive and Cherokee Avenue on Lake Surprise. The seawall is currently in a state of degradation, it has no cap, overtops during high tides, and is at risk of undermining. A resolution accepting the recommendation of the May 27, 2015, Land Use and Development Committee to repair the Lakeview Drive Seawall was adopted at the City Commission meeting held July 8, 2015. The cost of the project is not to exceed \$140,000.

The Scope of Work specifies that a seawall be built at a standard minimum height of 5.7 NAVD, as established by the City of Miami Beach Commission which is approximately 4 feet higher than the existing seawall. The wall will be approximately 70 feet as it extends along the width of the right of way. The material used in construction would be concrete. The project includes the building of the seawall, filling in of the area behind the wall, installation of a sidewalk adjacent to the wall and a guard rail. The project would not impact existing shoreline vegetation.

It has been reported that a neighborhood meeting was held Thursday, June 16, 2016, and concerns were raised that water views and access to the waterway for recreational purposes would be impacted. The City Engineer states that the construction of the seawall will not restrict access or mobility from Cherokee Avenue to the seawall. While some members of the community have expressed a desire for a non-motorized kayak launch, Administration recommends that such facilities should be limited to areas where public parking is available. Section 66-151 of City Code states that "No person shall launch, dock, or remove any vessel from the waters of the city over any public seawall, sidewalk, street end, or public property except at locations where a regular business of launching, docking and hauling vessels is conducted, which has the necessary equipment to do such work, or in areas designated and posted for such purpose by the city." Therefore, this is not a suitable location.

Requests for further information may be directed to Dr. Bruce Mowry, City Engineer, 305-673-7080.

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