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Park View Canal Water Quality Community Update

December 26, 2023

This message is to share recent progress and general updates regarding the "No Contact with Water" advisory that remains in place for Park View Canal. The City continues to prioritize improvements to the infrastructure and the above-ground sanitation in the proximity of Park View Canal and is planning future upgrades. Additional funding was approved in the for the Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024 budget.



Water sampling results continue to show a fecal indicator bacteria concentration that exceeds recreational water quality standards established by the Florida Department of Health. The advisory recommends not swimming or engaging in recreational water activities (i.e. fishing, kayaking, paddle boarding, etc.) along the waterway until the advisory is lifted. The City of Miami Beach continues to work closely with water quality experts and governmental regulatory agencies to address the water quality concerns in this waterway. At the December 13 City Commission meeting, Item C7 L was unanimously passed which authorizes the Administration to procure the services of Dr. Solo-Gabriele to conduct a post-study after implementing short-term actions. The study details and timing are in development.

Short – Mid Term Actions Include:

- **Sanitary Sewer System Upgrades:** The City recently completed more than \$640K of Phase 1 Park View Sewer Trenchless Rehabilitation upgrades and sewer force main air release valve replacements. More than \$2.5 million of upgrades is dedicated for Phase 2 North Beach and Park View Extended Area, including lining 90% of the sewer lines from 73 to 75 Street, rehabilitating manholes, and planning for a force main replacement.
- **Stormwater treatment:** \$200,000 in funding for design and permitting has been approved to reduce litter from entering the waterway near the canal. This will be achieved by retrofitting the current gravity stormwater system with advanced water quality treatment devices. \$2 million has been earmarked for the construction phase of the project for the FY 2025 budget. The Public Works Department is currently negotiating a task for this design with a consultant.
- **Dredging:** \$500,000 for dredging design and permitting has been approved within the current budget to improve flushing and remove sediment and marine debris. A consultant has been selected from an authorized vendor pool and an on-site visit was performed on November 3rd. The draft proposal has been received and is currently under review by City staff; the scope includes required surveys and the design and permitting.

Notifications for the commencement of upcoming work will be provided.

Above-Ground Cleanliness

To address above-ground cleanliness that impacts the canal, the City has increased routine inspections. Code Compliance continues focusing on proactive patrols while enforcing the cleanup of pet waste, Parks & Recreation continues their roaming patrols, and Environment & Sustainability staff alongside the Public Works Operations team continue to work with Homeless Outreach on their increased routine site visits. A homeless encampment was identified and removed with the help of Homeless Outreach initiatives. Sweeping and hand litter collection have been increased on Park View Island and additional pet waste dispensers have also been installed in high-traffic areas.

An action plan is underway, and current efforts are focused on infrastructure testing and improvements, and above-ground sanitation and code enhancements. To learn more about the water quality within the Park View Canal please visit www.mbrisingabove.com/Parkview.

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