



MIAMI BEACH

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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: March 21, 2012

SUBJECT: **REFERRAL TO THE FINANCE AND CITYWIDE PROJECTS COMMITTEE – A DISCUSSION REGARDING A RENEWAL OF THE CURRENT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH AND THE MIAMI BEACH GARDEN CONSERVANCY FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF THE BOTANICAL GARDEN; AS WELL AS A PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE RENTAL RATES FOR USE OF THE FACILITY.**

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION

Refer the matter to the Finance and Citywide Projects Committee for discussion.

BACKGROUND

On January 17, 2007, the Mayor and City Commission approved a Management Agreement with the Miami Beach Garden Conservancy for the operation of the Botanical Garden, with an initial term of five (5) years, commencing on July 1, 2007 and ending on June 30, 2012. Since the Agreement contains a renewal option for an additional five (5) years, the Conservancy is asking the City to approve the extension to its Agreement.

The Conservancy is also proposing to increase the rental rates for use of the facilities at the Botanical Garden, which also requires the City's approval.

CONCLUSION

The Administration recommends that the Mayor and the City Commission refer the matter to the Finance and Citywide Projects Committee for discussion and further direction.

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