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## Maurice Gibb Memorial Park Amps Up for Music-Themed Playground

— *The park honors the famed singer's legacy in the city that he called home* —

**Miami Beach, FL** – The City of Miami Beach will hold a groundbreaking ceremony on Tuesday, April 4 at 4 p.m. to mark the start of construction on a \$12.1 million renovation and upgrade to Maurice Gibb Memorial Park that will include a whimsical, music-themed playground to honor the famed singer's legacy.

“My family and I are excited for the new Maurice Gibb Park,” explained Maurice’s son, Adam. “The design and innovation that the city of Miami Beach has planned will be an outstanding addition to the area, whilst representing everything my dad loved — music and having fun.”

Steps away from the former Middle Ear Studio, where the chart-busting brothers Gibb recorded some of their biggest hits, the spot was a favorite haunt of Maurice, who enjoyed watching the boats along Biscayne Bay between recording sessions. Maurice passed away on Jan. 12, 2003.

“Taking inspiration from Maurice Gibb’s artistic excellence — we imagined building a world class park for children that will spark their imaginations and inspire them to always reach for the stars,” shared Miami Beach Commissioner Ricky Arriola.

The renovations, which are expected to be complete in under two years, will also feature a dog park, fishing pier, bay overlook, shade structure, outdoor furniture, new pavilion, walking paths, open green space and an expanded “living shoreline,” which combines various structural and organic materials, including mangrove trees.

The custom-made playground equipment will feature an oversize guitar, keyboard, drum kit, musical notes and a disco ball. The playground will be aptly named: You Should Be Dancing after the Bee Gees’ blockbuster hit by the same name. The project received \$6.6 million in funding from the 2018 voter-approved Miami Beach General Obligation Bond and a \$1.2 million grant from the Florida Inland Navigation District.

Maurice Gibb Memorial Park is located at 18 Street and Purdy Avenue in the Sunset Harbour neighborhood of Miami Beach.

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