

City paid \$4,000 to repair torch

The Miami Public Works Department has spent \$4,000 rebuilding the Torch of Friendship in downtown Miami's Bayfront Park. City Commissioner Manolo Reboso says he will personally raise funds to reimburse the city.

The torch, meant to signify hemispheric solidarity and goodwill between nations, was knocked down by Cuban zealots driving a rented truck Oct. 11. The gas-fed flame was relit Thursday night.

Reboso, who participated in some early efforts at raising repair money, said he would be contacting the Cuban-American Jaycees and several other groups.

The three men accused of knocking down the torch, Conrado Rodriguez, Israel Pino and Educardo Macaya, were protesting a possible thaw in relations between the United States and Cuba.