

Friendship Torch In Bayfront?

A "Torch of Friendship" in Bayfront Park symbolizing brotherhood with the Latin nations was proposed today by City Manager Melvin Reese.

Reese made the proposal at a special meeting of the city commission called for the very purpose.

Prefacing Reese's disclosure of the project, Mayor Robert King High pointed out that Miami "is strategically located to be in a position to promote these bonds of friendship and do much to cement good will and cordial relations among the American republics."

An artist's conception of the torch was displayed in the commission meeting chamber. It showed a tall torch of simple classic design surrounded by equally simple but effective landscaping.

Reese said, "the torch of friendship would symbolize the bond of brotherhood and friendship which exists among the 21 American republics.

"Located in Miami it would serve further to identify this city as the gateway of the Americas and would remind our Latin American visitors of the warm friendship and regard held for them to the citizens of Miami."