



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
June 9, 2020

ITEM TITLE:

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, naming the City owned property located at 1047 Venetia Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 with the name "James T. Barker Park."

DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:

Approval.

BRIEF HISTORY:

Mr. James T. Barker served as a part of the City Commission where he was elected to three consecutive four-year terms ending in 2001. During his time on the City Commission, Mr. Barker helped oversee the renovation of the Coral Gables Youth Center and helped established the Dr. Donald R. Hopkins/William A. Cooper Scholarship Fund, which helped economically disadvantaged Coral Gables High seniors secure scholarships.

He was actively involved in numerous organizations including President of the Junior Orange Bowl Committee; President of the Orange Bowl Committee; President and District Governor of Rotary, District 699; Board Member of the Goodwill of Greater South Florida; President of the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce; 35-year Board Member of Doctor's Hospital; and Board Member of International Finance Bank. He also received the George E. Merrick Award of Excellence for his community leadership.

The Community Recreation Department has identified the newly designed Venetia Park located at 1047 Venetia Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 as the park designated to be named after Mr. Barker.

This name designation has been reviewed and recommended by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- 1. Draft Resolution**
- 2. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Minutes**
- 3. Letters of Recommendation & Supporting Documents**