

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-76

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ESTABLISHING THE CORAL GABLES HISTORY TOURS PROGRAM FOR FOURTH GRADE STUDENTS WHO ATTEND SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES.

WHEREAS, On January 12, 2016 the City Commission passed Resolution No. 2016-07.1 approving the Coral Gables History Tours Program as a priority project for the Coral Gables School and Community Relations Committee (“SCRC”); and

WHEREAS, the SCRC conducted a two-year pilot program with fourth grade students from George Washington Carver Elementary; and

WHEREAS, the pilot program brought together several community stakeholders, including the Coral Gables Museum, the Coral Gables Community Foundation, the Biltmore Hotel and Miami-Dade County Public Schools and was considered a success by all those involved; and

WHEREAS, in light of the success of the pilot program, and in recognition of the importance of local history as a component of Florida history within the fourth grade social studies curriculum, the City Commission wishes to extend and fund the Coral Gables History Tours Program to all fourth grade students attending school within the City of Coral Gables; and

WHEREAS, the program will extend to public schools and private schools and the following schools will be eligible to participate: Coral Gables Preparatory Academy, George Washington Carver Elementary, Somerset Gables, Henry S. West Laboratory School, Gulliver Elementary, St. Philips, St. Thomas, St. Theresa, Riviera Day School and Crystal Academy; and

WHEREAS, the SCRC will assist in facilitating the Coral Gables History Tours Program through the Coral Gables Museum and the program will include such destinations as the Coral Gables Museum, the Biltmore Hotel, the Merrick House, City Hall and the like; and

WHEREAS, the City will waive admission fees, if applicable, to participants of the Coral Gables History Tours Program and shall fund the program in the amount of \$20,000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) annually from the City Clerk’s reserve fund balance, with any unused funds returning to the original budget source;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. The foregoing “**WHEREAS**” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission of Coral Gables directs the City Manager to establish the Coral Gables History Tours Program, in accordance with the parameters herein, for fourth grade students who attend school in the City of Coral Gables and approves the funding for the program in the amount of \$20,000 annually from the City Clerk's reserve fund balance. Modifications to the program, including extending the program to a new elementary school, should one open in the future, can be made administratively through the City Manager.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWELFTH DAY OF MARCH, A.D., 2019.

(Moved: Quesada/ Seconded: Mena)

(Unanimous Voice Vote)

(Agenda Item: D-3)

APPROVED:



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MAYOR

ATTEST:



BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

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