

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item G-4
October 24, 2017
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli
Vice Mayor Pat Keon
Commissioner Vince Lago
Commissioner Frank Quesada
Commissioner Michael Mena

City Staff

City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark
City Attorney, Craig E. Leen
City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman
Deputy City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item: G-4 [12:05:35 p.m.]

A discussion regarding the addition of a dog park in the City of Coral Gables
(Sponsored by Commissioners Lago and Mena)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: G-4 – discussion regarding the addition of a dog park in the City of Coral Gables, Commissioner Lago and Commissioner Mena.

Commissioner Lago: Commissioner take it away.

Commissioner Mena: So we had a Sunshine meeting, I guess two weeks ago now, Commissioner Lago, Commissioner Keon attended. It was actually a really good turnout from residents who were very supportive and obviously have been pursuing a possible option for this. The gist of this and I think the take away, you guys correct me if you disagree, but was that the best option at this time was to pursue something in Nat Winiker Park and for Fred to at least investigate what the cost would be, what it might look like, etc. I think you all were there and you all were supportive of that. I know that Commissioner Lago was independently looking into another option.

Commissioner Lago: We are looking at another option and the City Manager met with the owner yesterday, they had a very good meeting. Again, it's going to be a long process, but I think what makes sense is what you stated. Again, we have a bird in the hand, so let's move forward,

Commissioner Mena: So, I think at this time what I'd like to just do is authorize Fred to again proceed with coming up with an actual plan of what he could do there, maybe put out a request to get some bids from people of what they could do and for what cost. There was some discussion at the meeting about some of the cost in other municipalities, which was rather exorbitant; and so, we want to see what we can do for a reasonable amount of money and for you to come back and report to us.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: And that's at a local park.

Commissioner Mena: Nat Winiker Park.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Nat Winiker Park.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Nat Winiker Park does have some money earmarked for it, about....

Mr. Couceyro: \$350,000.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: \$350,000.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: OK – very good.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: So, it certainly is an opportunity to improve it.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Do we allow peafowl?

[Laughter]

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alright, so you've got your marching orders.

[End: 12:07:25 p.m.]