

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item G-8
December 10, 2019
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL**

City Commission

**Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli
Vice Mayor Vince Lago
Commissioner Pat Keon
Commissioner Michael Mena
Commissioner Jorge Fors**

City Staff

**City Manager, Peter Iglesias
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos
City Clerk, Billy Urquia
Assistant City Attorney, Stephanie Throckmorton**

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item G-8 [12:20:17 p.m.]

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, amending Resolution No. 2018-272 to name the City owned property located at 2665 De Soto Boulevard, Coral Gables, Florida 33134 “Lamar Louise Curry Park” for a minimum period of 25 years and providing for a financial penalty should the name or the use of the property be changed in that time period. (Sponsored by Commissioner Keon)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: We will go to G-8 now, Lamar Louise Curry Park, Commissioner Keon.

Commissioner Keon: This also something that could have just come from the City Attorney’s office. We already agreed to the parcel of land across from the Venetian Pool that we already identified the Garden Club is contributing \$200,000 to the buildout of that park. I think the City’s contribution is \$175, which is generally what they normally do. I think when they looked at it, I think they assumed that it would always be named that park, unless there was some good public reason that you would not continue to name that park, if there was something found about the

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individual that you wouldn't want to continue to honor them in that way. So they were asking that it would be in perpetuity and Miriam Ramos, the City Attorney explained to them that this type of thing you don't do in perpetuity, because you bind future Commissions and we don't do that. So for that reason it ended up here, so that they would be, at least for 25 years, and because they've contributed \$200,000 to it. At some point, if for some reason the name of the park is changed or the park is no longer used as a park, because it has to be used for some other reason that there would be – a golf course, a putting green, that it would some prorated would go back to the Garden Club so that they could continue to honor Ms. Curry in some other fashion, so that's really all it is.

Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton: Yes. Again, like the Commission said, its just setting a time period for the naming of the park, if the name was changed in that time period a prorated amount of the donation would be returned.

Commissioner Keon: So that they could continue it on.

Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton: So that they could continue it on.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: It's a wonderful idea to have it named and the reason for this caveat is that we can't bind future Commissions, but there is no reason in God's earth that I would think that the name of the park would be changed under any circumstances. So you wish to speak. I have here, no questions, but we are all in favor of it.

Commissioner Keon: So I'll move the item.

Vice Mayor Lago: Second.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Will you call the roll please.

Commissioner Mena: Yes

Commissioner Fors: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you. Thank you very much.

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