

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-195

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION WAIVING THE CITY'S PARK-NAMING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AND DESIGNATING THE PARK LOCATED IN KINGS BAY, AT 6540 MARLIN DRIVE, AS JAMES H. SMITH PARK

WHEREAS, the City's park-naming policies and procedures are set forth in Resolution No. 30314-A, first adopted in 2002 and later amended in 2020 via Resolution No. 2020-237; and

WHEREAS, the City's park-naming policies and procedures may be waived in whole or in part at the discretion of the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, in the present case, members of the Kings Bay community expressed support for the naming of the subject park dating back several years and prior to the passage of the revisions to the policies and procedures were adopted via Resolution No. 2020-237; and

WHEREAS, James H. Smith was a husband, father, and the CEO of Americable International; and

WHEREAS, he lived in Kings Bay and served admirably on the Board of Directors of Kings Bay for the better part of three decades; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, Mr. Smith assembled a group of civic leaders in the community to evaluate the annexation of unincorporated Kings Bay, and eventually guided the working group and the greater community to seek annexation into the City of Coral Gables; and

WHEREAS, he later hired an attorney, investing his own money to help the community through the annexation process; and

WHEREAS, following the community's success at the city-level, Mr. Smith dedicated seven more years of perseverance and investment working through a county moratorium on all annexations before finally annexing into the City in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith is recognized by his neighbors as the ultimate reason for Kings Bay's annexation into Coral Gables; and

WHEREAS, the Kings Bay Board of Directors, the Kings Bay Homeowners Association, and Mr. Smith's widow, Joy Smith, all unanimously and without reservation have endorsed the naming of the community's neighborhood park after the late James H. Smith;

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

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. The City Commission hereby waives the City’s park-naming policies and procedures and designates the park located in Kings Bay, at 6540 Marlin Drive, as James H. Smith Park.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS THIRTEENTH DAY OF JULY, A.D., 2021.

(Moved: Lago / Seconded: Anderson)

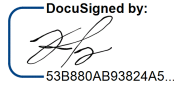
(Yeas: Anderson, Menendez, Fors, Jr., Lago)

(Majority: (4-0) Vote)

(Absent: Mena)

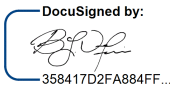
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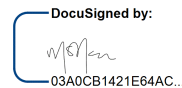
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