

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting**  
**Agenda Item I-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)**

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Agenda Item: I-4 [2:37:28 p.m.]

A Resolution approving an agreement with Gables Estates Club for the design and implementation of Leucadendra Neighborhood Park.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Next is a resolution approving an agreement with Gables Estates Club for the design and implementation of Leucadendra Neighborhood Park.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And, I'm happy to make that presentation. I don't see the representative from Gables Estates, Oh there she is, Laura Russo is the attorney for Gables Estates. We sat down with the President of the Gables Estates Club, the Executive Director, as well as their attorney and City Attorney's office was also represented, talking about Leucadendra, which is a City open space about 11,000 square feet, unimproved, surrounded by street, with their desire to turn it into a public park. As in throughout the City we have created these neighborhood parks where people have less than 10 minutes to walk to a little piece of paradise. They are interested, Old Cutler Bay is also interested in creating those spaces, recognizing that it is Public Park; it is not unique to the Gables Estates. So, we created this agreement that we have included for your consideration where Gables Estates and the City would

together join in the development of a park, we would budget \$175,000 because that's the amount that we have applied to other neighborhood parks, any amenities beyond that they would pay for. They would agree to maintain the park in perpetuity. If for some reason the City chooses at some time no longer to operate it as a park, it's a passive park, no parking, people would be walking to it, but if per chance we choose to no longer operate it, we would reimburse them their out of pocket after a period of time, up to a period of time so that they could have full enjoyment of it. Discussion in terms of names – we believe just like Catalonia Park is called Catalonia Park, Lisbon Park is called Lisbon Park, it's on Lisbon, we are suggesting Leucadendra Park as a name that the City has already retained a design firm. We would have Gables Estates actually construct it using our contractors. If there are certain provisions with City monies they would use our contractors. If it is with their money they could use their own contractors, but that we would create a public space within Gables Estates, but it would be open to the general public as well; and so, the agreement is attached. We've heard directly from the President that they are interested in moving forward on this so that they could take it to their board. Their board will meet in the beginning of November for their consideration, but the first step is clearly with the City Commission and we hope you consider passing it.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: I think it's a great idea and I know Vice Mayor Keon has been working hard on this. Do I hear a motion?

Vice Mayor Keon: I'll move it.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Second?

Commissioner Lago: So moved.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: This is a public hearing, anybody from the public wishes to speak?- Laura this is your chance. Alright, will you call the roll please?

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Commissioner Mena: Yes

Commissioner Quesada: Yes

Vice Mayor Keon: Yes

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

[End: 2:40:52 p.m.]