

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION 2020-177**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY RELATING TO THE INSTALLATION OF A PEDESTRIAN GATE AT THE CANAL-SIDE ENTRANCE SNAPPER CREEK LAKE PARKWAY.

**WHEREAS**, the City received a request to facilitate the installation of a pedestrian gate on County property at the canal-side entrance of Snapper Creek Lake Parkway (“Parkway”) by the Snapper Creek Lakes Club, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, representatives from the City, County, and Snapper Creek Lakes community met on several occasions to determine the best path forward to balance the security concerns of the residents of Snapper Creek Lakes and the need to maintain open access to several public amenities in the affected area such as the pedestrian food bridge that crosses the Snapper Creek Canal, the Old Cutler Trail bicycle path and the Parkway itself; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and County are mutually desirous of maintaining open access to Snapper Creek Lake Parkway between the hours of sunrise and sunset; and

**WHEREAS**, the installation of the gate will be located on county-owned property within Snapper Creek Lake Parkway and shall not violate Coral Gables Resolution No. 2016-131, which requires the pedestrian footbridge to remain open with “no gates” at all times; and

**WHEREAS**, the gate would be locked between sunset and sunrise, following the public access schedule of most County and City Parks across South Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the Snapper Creek Lakes Security Guard Special Taxing District (“Special Taxing District”) will be solely responsible for locking and unlocking the pedestrian gate and their obligations will be set forth in a separate agreement between the City and the Special Taxing District, which will also include an indemnification and hold harmless provision in favor of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, an Interlocal Agreement with the County is necessary because (1) the Parkway is currently owned by the County and (2) the Old Cutler Trail bicycle path runs through the Parkway, therefore certain portions of the trail will not be accessible via the Parkway during nighttime hours when the gate is locked; and

**WHEREAS**, the Interlocal Agreement will contain additional conditions designed to balance the security concerns of the residents within Snapper Creek Lakes and the need to maintain public access to the Parkway and Old Cutler Trail during normal park operating hours; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission wishes to direct the City Manager to negotiate an Interlocal Agreement with Miami-Dade County, with final approval to be provided by the City Commission;

**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 Manager is directed to negotiate an Interlocal Agreement between Miami-Dade County and the City of Coral Gables in order to allow the installation of a pedestrian gate in Snapper Creek Lake Parkway, and bring the negotiated Interlocal Agreement before the City Commission for final approval at a future date.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF AUGUST, A.D., 2020.


(Moved: Lago / Seconded: Keon)  
(Yeas: Fors, Jr., Keon Lago, Mena, Valdes-Fauli)  
(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)  
(Agenda Item: F-3)

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