



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
April 26, 2016

ITEM TITLE:

A Resolution approving the Agreement of Sale and Purchase with Adelena Quevedo Perez, Alicia Menedez King, George A. Menedez and Alex M. Menedez (Sellers) and the City for the residential lot located at 937-939 Majorca Ave, Coral Gables, Florida (tax identification number 03-4108-001-5682) as part of the Neighborhood Renaissance Program (NRP) for purpose of a neighborhood park and waiving the requirements of the Procurement Code, pursuant to Section 2-5483(d).

DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:

Approval

BRIEF HISTORY:

In 2011, the City of Coral Gables adopted Resolution No. 2011-139 and No. 2011-70 to begin the Neighborhood Renaissance Program (NRP) with the purpose of improving quality of life by investing in the City's neighborhoods. The NRP requirements include specific investment dollars in right of way improvements, passive parks improvements, restoration of historic features, other beautification and quality of life projects with a majority of the funds to be spent by mid-2016. On January 26, 2016, the City amended the existing NRP to allow some of the proceeds to be used for a broader spectrum of neighborhood enhancement projects, which include not only improving existing passive parks, but acquiring neighborhood properties to be used for parks and public use (e.g. passive park).

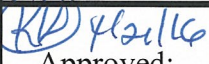

A passive park is generally defined as a public space that requires minimal development; is compatible with and encourages passive uses; and offers constructive, restorative, and a pleasurable public benefit by fostering appreciation and understanding of natural space.

Based on the above understanding, the departments of Public Service, Parks & Recreation and Economic Development set out to find neighborhood locations that are:

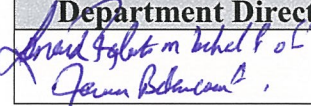
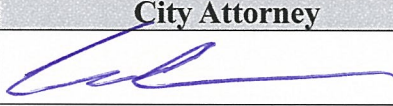
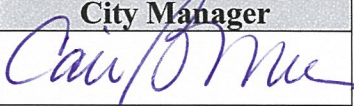
1. Safe and Accessible: one must not need to cross a busy road to reach the park;
2. Spacious: the park is of sufficient size to accommodate the surrounding area as an open space park;
3. Need: demands for open space area.

The property at 939 Majorca Avenue is being recommended for acquisition as part of the NRP. The 14,314 SF lot is located on the corner of Majorca Avenue and Granada Boulevard. Abutting the property are homes to the north and east. The projected annual

FINANCIAL INFORMATION: (If Applicable)

No.	Amount	Source of Funds
320-1500-572-61-00	\$934,500	NRP
	 Approved:	

APPROVED BY:

Department Director	City Attorney	City Manager
		

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Proposed Resolution with Proposed Sales and Purchase Agreement
2. Map of property in relation to existing passive parks
3. Public Notice to neighbors and comments
4. Appraisal
5. Excerpt minutes of the Budget Advisory Board meeting of March 31, 2016
6. Excerpt minutes of the Economic Development Board meeting of April 6, 2016
7. Excerpt minutes of the Property Advisory Board meeting of April 13, 2016
8. Excerpt Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting of April 15, 2016

(A PowerPoint presentation has been prepared which includes maps, flood zones and additional information).