



**City of Coral Gables
COMMISSION MEETING
June 26, 2008**

ITEM TITLE:

Presentation of 30 years service pin to Margaret Hill, Parks and Recreation

BRIEF HISTORY:

Maggie Hill is a true daughter of Coral Gables. She was born and raised in the City and is a graduate of Coral Gables Senior High School. She began her long career with the City as a Part-Time Day Camp Leader in June 1978. She became a Clerk Typist in March 1981 and maintained that position until receiving a promotion to Recreation Specialist I in August 1988. Along the way Maggie completed a Bachelor's degree in Sports Administration from St. Thomas University. She was recognized for her professional passion, and skills and was reclassified in November 1993 to Recreation Specialist II. She accepted the additional responsibilities and was promoted to the challenging position of Recreation Supervisor in February 1997. Mrs. Hill's devotion, creativity and determination proved beneficial to all when she was again made the Venetian Pool Supervisor in August 2003, which is the position she maintains to this day.

Through the years, Maggie is known as an employee who always goes the extra mile to get the job done. Her file is replete with letters of commendation. She extends an excellent rapport with the public and co-workers and has been willing to give again and again to make all special events such as: Haunted House, Easter Egg Hunt, Holiday Tree Lighting, and others - spectacular and well-orchestrated occasions for all involved. She has given so much of herself to make Parks and Recreation a positive, productive and happy place for all involved. She is a great asset to the City and the community. Her talents were recognized when she was awarded Employee of the Month for both December 1988 and in January 2005.

Maggie is an outstanding employee who accepts any challenge given to her and completes it without fail. After accepting the role of Venetian Pool Supervisor she took on a whole new focus within the department and stepped into an appreciated leadership role. She completed the Aquatics Facility Operator course and the National Aquatic Management School to make sure she was prepared for her tasks. She also assisted the director's office with the evaluation process and positively changed the way business is done at the Venetian Pool from contracted service to lifeguard training and the certification process. Maggie has also been instrumental in the department's leadership team in creating a new Mission Statement and first ever Vision Statement and Strategic Plan.

The City appreciates her continuous loyalty and dedication and is pleased to honor her 30 years of service.