

1. The name of the applicant is in Memory of Enrique "Henry" Cepero
2. The passive park or green space is located at 4600 San Amaro Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33146
3. Proposed name is Enrique "Henry" Cepero
4. The Cepero Family has resided at 4705 Alhambra Circle since 1989. Enrique "Henry" Cepero was the oldest of three sons of Serapio and Ana Cepero. Henry spent the majority of his life growing up in Coral Gables where he met many of his life-long friends that also resided in the same Coral Gables neighborhood. Henry and his friends would spend their free time riding their bikes through our beautifully canopied streets, playing tennis at one of the local city courts or just hanging out at the local coffee shops and movie theaters.
Henry went on to receive his Ph.D. in Immunology and Microbiology from the University of Miami in 2003. While at UM, Henry met his wife to be (Jennifer McCafferty-Cepero) who was completing her own post-doctorate at UM. Within the same year of graduating from UM, Henry was diagnosed with Synovial Sarcoma. Throughout his fight with cancer, Henry remained very active and dedicated to his post-doctoral work in cancer research. Despite all the obstacles in his path, he continued living his life to the fullest.
In November 2006, Henry and Jennifer were expecting twin baby girls. They had every intention to raise the twins in Coral Gables. Unfortunately, Henry never got the opportunity to meet his baby girls. On November 4, 2006, Henry passed away at the early age of 33. His twin baby girls were born 11 days later. Jennifer and the twins, Ana and Nina, followed through with Henry's dream of living in Coral Gables
5. The Family and Friends of the Cepero Family
6. A Miami native and Coral Gables resident, Henry studied Biological Sciences at Florida State University before receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Miami, Miller School of Medicine. During his graduate career, he was recognized for outstanding work through a number of awards including: NIH Minority Predoctoral Fellowship, American Association of Cancer Research Minority Scholar, the Graduate Student Appreciation for Outstanding Leadership and Commitment and the Best Research Award granted by the Medical Faculty Association. In 2003, he joined the laboratory of Dr. Scott Lowe in Cold Springs Harbor for postdoctoral studies focused on the fundamental aspects of cancer biology. Tragically, he would fall victim to and lose his battle with cancer a few years later. Henry is remembered fondly by so many as much for his scientific vision and passion as for his unmistakable laugh that filled the hallways of the McKnight Building.

In 2007, the Department of Microbiology and Immunology had the first Enrique Cepero Memorial Lecture Series. This lecture series honors his legacy as a bright and engaging man with a passion for science who touched many and was never afraid to ask challenging questions.

Education

05/1991 Belen Jesuit Prep High School, Miami, FL

06/1995 B.S., Biological Sciences, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

12/2003 PhD., Microbiology and Immunology, University of Miami, FL, Mentor: Lawrence Boise PhD.

Employment

1995-1997: Research Technician. Dept of Microbiology and Immunology, University of Miami School of Medicine, Advisor: Mathias G. Lichtenheld

1997-2003: Graduate Student, Dept of Microbiology and Immunology, University of Miami School of Medicine, Mentor: Lawrence H Boise

2003-2006 Post-Doctoral Fellow, Dept of Cancer Biology, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, NY, Mentor: Scott W. Lowe PhD.

National Research Service Award (NRSA) Funding

10/1999-08/2003, Individual NRSA pre-doctoral fellowship, F31 GM20435

11/2003-11/2004, Institutional Training Grant, 5T32CA 09311-25

Academic and Professional Honors

10/1999 -08/2003 NRSA pre-doctoral fellowship, F31 GM20435

02/2000, American Association of Cancer Research Minority Scholar Award in Cancer Research, Lake Tahoe, NV.

03/2001, American Association of Cancer Research Minority Scholar Award in Cancer Research, New Orleans, LA.

10/2004 La uri Strauss Leukemia Foundation Special Fellow, Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY

06/2005 to 10/2006 Leukemia Research Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow

7. A letter of approval from the Cepero Family agreeing to use Henry's name is enclosed.
8. Three letters of endorsement are also enclosed along with our application. We have also received support from many of the neighbors within walking distance of the park. These supporting letters are also enclosed.

Faustino G. Garcia

D.M.D., P.A.

Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark
City Manager
City of Coral Gables
405 Biltmore Way, 1st Floor
Coral Gables, FL 33134

Dear Ms. Swanson-Rivenbark:

Please accept this correspondence as a formal plea and humble request to the city of Coral Gables so that it considers the naming of the park at 4600 San Amaro Drive in honor of Enrique "Henry" Cepero. Henry was a wonderful young man and Coral Gables resident who lost his life to cancer without being able to realize many of his dreams. The irony is that Henry was dedicated to finding answers in treatment of this deadly disease but eventually fell victim to it.

I met Henry through family affiliations at the Coral Gables Youth Center where he and his brothers participated. Henry possessed wonderful family values. He was unable to realize his family goals and actually missed the birth of his twin daughters by two weeks. While Henry never met them, his memory can remain alive should the city choose to grant request. His parents, widow and children live within the immediate vicinity. What a wonderful gesture for the city to name a park after this young man. He was the consummate role model for the youth of today. Young men, women and children would benefit from having known Henry and the values he stood for. By honoring his name and his story you would be memorializing exemplary behavior for the youth of today and future generations.

Thankfully, we do not get many opportunities to honor the young post-humously. Life is precious. Henry knew it and dedicated himself to it. Our Lord prematurely called Henry, but please allow his memory to live on and let the young children of our community learn to know him as a role model which he so capably was.

Sincerely,

Faustino G. Garcia

Graciela M. Anrrich, Ph. D.

1421 Garcia Avenue
Coral Gables, FL 33146

April 20, 2015 (original submitted July 11, 2010)

City of Coral Gables
405 Biltmore Way
Coral Gables, FL 33134

RE: Park Naming at 4600 San Amaro Drive

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to support the petition by the Cepero Family and Friends to name this park in Coral Gables after their son, Enrique "Henry" Cepero.

I have lived at the above address, just a few blocks from this park, for over 38 years and have known the Cepero family since they moved to the neighborhood in 1989. It was while living down the street from the park that Henry pursued a doctorate at the University of Miami geared towards helping others by finding a cure for cancer.

Henry was an exceptional individual, a model son, and a loving husband. He had scarcely begun his professional career conducting cancer research when he was struck with the devastating disease that robbed him of a brilliant future.

Naming the park after him will also be a fitting tribute to his twin daughters, who were born 11 days after his death and who also live near the park.

Sincerely,

Graciela M. Anrrich, Ph. D.

To: The City of Coral Gables

From: Jean and Christopher Field

RE: Naming of Green Space/Park at 4600 San Amaro Drive In Memory of Enrique "Henry" Cepero

When my husband and I first heard about the idea of having passive parks at both 4650 Alhambra Circle and 4600 San Amaro Drive, we were delighted! Later, at a zoning meeting, when all was approved, I said how grateful we were to the City of Coral Gables, which promotes green space.

We live at 4706 Alhambra Circle and own the two houses flanking ours, 4700 and 4714. In other words, we own the land just south of the Alhambra Circle Park between Mendavia and Alegriano and we are just down the block from the San Amaro Park.

We live across the street from the Cepero family. To name a park in memory of their son, Henry, would be a beautiful tribute to him and to all of us who loved him.

Some time ago, I spoke with then Commissioner Ralph Cabrera about naming the park. He explained that the parks in Coral Gables were usually named after someone who had done something significant for the City. In thinking about that, I concluded that Henry had done just that.

Our niece died of brain cancer at age forty-five and her husband is now in stage four of melanoma with no hope of surviving. I cannot imagine anyone in Coral Gables who has not lost a family member or friend to cancer. Thus, in doing cancer research, Henry and his wife, Jennifer, were giving a great deal to all of us.

We sincerely hope that you will name the park in memory of Enrique "Henry" Cepero for his family, his little twins and for all of us who admired him.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jean Field". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small dot above the "i" in "Field".

Jean Field

City of Coral Gables
405 Biltmore Way
Coral Gables, FL 33134

RE: Park Naming at 4600 San Amaro Drive

As a resident of Coral Gables, I fully endorse the application of the Cepero Family and Friends for naming the park at 4600 San Amaro Drive in memory of Enrique "Henry" Cepero.

I have lived at 1470 Mendavia Avenue for over 23 years and find the Cepero Family and Friends application 100% appropriate and justified for our neighborhood.

I watched Henry grow into a fine young man and was deeply saddened by the shocking news of his cancer. It is a privilege for me to endorse the naming of the park in his honor. I think it would be a wonderful tribute. Please contact me if I can provide any additional information in support of this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gale Coleman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gale Coleman

April 20, 2015 (originally submitted July 2, 2010)

City of Coral Gables
405 Biltmore Way
Coral Gables, FL 33134

RE: Park Naming at 4600 San Amaro Drive

To Whom It May Concern:

I endorse and support the naming of the park at 4650 San Amaro Drive to be in memory of Enrique "Henry" Cepero.

My family and I live a few blocks from this park. We have lived in the same home for over 20 years. My son was a childhood friend and classmate of Henry's. With the Cepero family living only a couple blocks away, our sons routinely passed this park's location walking, biking and driving many times a week during their adolescent years.

Henry was a native of Miami, and a longtime resident of Coral Gables. His life was cut short by cancer, but not before being raised in the City Beautiful, obtaining his Ph. D. from the University of Miami, getting married and leaving behind twin girls whom he never met. These girls now live in close proximity to the park. It would be a great lasting memory for all the neighbors, especially Henry's family and friends, to have this park named in his honor.

Henry had a very close relationship with many of residents that neighbor the park. Even though Henry is no longer with us the closeness of his relationship has been passed along through Henry's widow and twin daughters.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you want more information on why I believe the City of Coral Gables would be honored to have a park named after Enrique "Henry" Cepero.

Sincerely yours,

Sebastian Almazan