



Legislation Text

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A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, authorizing 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 in Snapper Creek Lake Parkway.

(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Lago)

Snapper Creek Lake Parkway (“Parkway”) is a waterfront green space approximately 20,473 square feet in size, located within the City between the Snapper Creek Canal and Snapper Creek Road in the gated community of Snapper Creek Lakes.

While the Parkway is currently County-owned, the County has a policy of divesting itself of small neighborhood parks located within incorporated areas and transferring them to the municipalities in which they are located. As such, the Parkway could become a City-owned park in the future.

Snapper Creek Lakes Club, Inc. has requested the installation of a pedestrian gate within Snapper Creek Lake Parkway to limit access to the park to regular park operating hours. The gate would be open between sunrise and sunset and locked between sunset and sunrise. Most County and City Parks are open to the public according to the aforementioned schedule. The Snapper Creek Lakes Club will be solely responsible for locking and unlocking the pedestrian gate through their Security Guard Special Taxing District, 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.

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 and that portion of Old Cutler Trail will not be accessible during nighttime hours when the gate is locked.

In order to comply with Resolution No. 2016-131, the pedestrian gate must be located within the Parkway and not on the nearby pedestrian bridge that crosses over the Snapper Creek Canal to Red Road. 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. This resolution authorizes the City Manager to negotiate the Interlocal Agreement with Miami-Dade County and bring the Agreement before the City Commission for final approval.