

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING, BY 5/7THS VOTE, FOLLOWING A DULY NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING, THE NAMING OF THE NEW PARK GENERALLY LOCATED BETWEEN ALTON ROAD AND WEST AVENUE, FROM 6TH STREET TO 8TH STREET, AS "CANOPY PARK," WITH THE NAMING SUBJECT TO AND CONTINGENT UPON VOTER REFERENDUM APPROVAL PURSUANT TO SECTION 82-503(A)(6) OF THE CITY CODE.

WHEREAS, during the May 12, 2021 City Commission meeting, Commission referred a discussion regarding the naming of the new public park constructed as part of the development agreement for the "500 Alton Project" approved pursuant to City Commission Resolution No. 2018-30647 (the "Park") to the Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee (Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, in preparation for the opening of the Park, the West Avenue Neighborhood Association Neighborhood Association ("WAvNA") met and provided the following naming suggestions for the park: Gateway Park or South Beach Gateway Park, South Shore Park, Sunset Park, Tequesta Park, and West Avenue Park or West Bay Park; and

WHEREAS, additionally, during the January 10, 2019 Parks and Recreational Facilities Advisory Board meeting, a motion was passed recommending that the new Park, at our City's primary entrance, be named "Unity Park." (Exhibit B); and

WHEREAS, at the September 20, 2021 Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee meeting, the Committee recommended engaging with the community via a poll to vote on a park name. The following six names were determined by the Committee to be considered: Gateway Park, South Beach Gateway Park, South Shore Park, Sunset Park, West Avenue Park and Unity Park; and

WHEREAS, during the December 8, 2021 City Commission meeting, Resolution No. 2021-31937 was passed accepting the recommendation of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee, at its September 20, 2021 meeting, authorizing the Administration to engage the community through online voting for the selection of park name for the Park. The final names included:

- Gateway Park
- South Beach Gateway Park
- South Shore Park
- Sunset Park
- West Avenue Park
- Canopy Park
- Unity Park

This also included a write-in option. (Exhibit C); and

WHEREAS, the online voting survey opened on December 27, 2021 and closed on January 24, 2022. A total of 1,946 votes were cast. Below are the top 10 park names:

- Sunset Park: 365
- Gateway Park: 237
- South Shore Park: 203
- Canopy Park: 202
- Total for all iterations related to Israel "Raffa" Hernandez: 201
- Unity Park: 186
- West Avenue Park: 42
- MacArthur Park: 32
- Tiger King Park: 20
- South Beach Gateway Park: 18; and

WHEREAS, LTC No. 035-2022 was distributed on January 28, 2022 with the above information. (Exhibit D); and

WHEREAS, at its March 7, 2022 meeting, the Public Safety Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee (formerly named the Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee) motioned to have the full City Commission consider between "Sunset Park" and "Gateway Park" as potential names for the new Park; and

WHEREAS, the naming requires voter referendum approval under Section 82-503(a)(6) of the City Code; and

WHEREAS, at the May 4, 2022 City Commission meeting, the Mayor and City Commission selected "Canopy Park" as the proposed naming for the new Park, and set a Public Hearing for May 25, 2022, pursuant to Section 82-503(a) of the City Code, directing the City Clerk to publish the appropriate public notice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby approve, by 5/7ths vote, following a duly noticed public hearing, the naming of the new park generally located between Alton Road and West Avenue, from 6th Street to 8th Street, as "Canopy Park," with the naming subject to and contingent upon voter referendum approval pursuant to Section 82-503(a)(6) of the City Code.


PASSED and ADOPTED this 4th day of May 2022.


ATTEST:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney 

5-9-22

Date