

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE AT ITS MARCH 7, 2022 MEETING, TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED NAMING OF THE 500-700 ALTON ROAD PARK AS “SUNSET PARK” OR “GATEWAY PARK” AT THE APRIL 6, 2022 COMMISSION MEETING; SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON MAY 4, 2022, PURSUANT TO SECTION 82-503(a)(8) OF THE CITY CODE; AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PUBLISH THE APPROPRIATE PUBLIC NOTICE.

WHEREAS, during the May 12, 2021 City Commission meeting, Commission referred a discussion regarding the naming of the 500-700 Alton Road Park (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 500-700 Alton Road 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 future 500-700 Alton Road 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 500-700 Alton Road Park; and

WHEREAS, "Sunset Park" is the park name with the highest number of votes; and

WHEREAS, the naming requires referendum approval, as it does not fall within the exceptions enumerated under City Code Section 82-503(a)(8) because the proposed names do not refer solely to the name of the city, the geographic area or physical location of the facility and/or the street or portion of the street where the facility is located, the function of the facility, or the current name of the facility; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing must be scheduled for the May 4, 2022 City Commission meeting to approve the proposed naming for the Park, and call for a Special Election; and

WHEREAS, if either name for the park is approved by the Mayor and City Commission, the naming would be further contingent on voter referendum approval, in accordance with Section 82-503 of the City Code; and

WHEREAS, if approved on May 4, 2022, the City Attorney's Office will present a separate Resolution calling a Special Election to approve the proposed naming as part of the August 23, 2022 election.

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 the recommendation of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee at its March 7, 2022 meeting, to consider the proposed naming of the 500-700 Alton Road Park as "Sunset Park" or "Gateway Park" at the April 6, 2022 Commission meeting; set a Public Hearing on May 4, 2022, pursuant to Section 82-503(a)(8) of the City Code; and direct the City Clerk to publish the appropriate public notice.

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this 6th day of April 2022.

ATTEST:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

3-29-22

Date