

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-53

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION NAMING THE RECENTLY ACQUIRED CITY PROPERTY LOCATED AT TOLEDO STREET AND ALAVA AVENUE IN HONOR OF THE CITY'S FIRST AND ONLY FEMALE MAYOR, DOROTHY THOMSON, WHOSE INVOLVEMENT IN THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY TO THE CITY WAS INTEGRAL TO MAKING THIS SPACE A COMMUNITY PARK, WITH THE NAME "MAYOR DOROTHY H. THOMSON PARK."

WHEREAS, the City Commission adopted a revised park naming policy via Resolution No. 2020-237; and

WHEREAS, the park naming policy allows the City Commission to nominate individuals for a naming honor and to waive any part of the parking naming process at their discretion; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission unanimously recognized via Resolution No. 2023-265 that Mayor Dorothy Thomson is extraordinary individual who has contributed to the fabric of the City and that it is appropriate and fitting for a park to be named after her; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Dorothy Thomson was born at the height of the Great Depression in 1932 and was elected to a two-year seat on the City Commission in 1979, a four-year seat in the following election, and, in 1985, elected as the first and only female mayor of Coral Gables; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Dorothy Thomson during her most incendiary meeting to discuss the fate of the Biltmore Hotel, decreed everyone would have the opportunity to be heard, without interruption; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Dorothy Thomson called for discussion, and took a vote of the Commission, who voted for The Biltmore to be saved and restored to reflect George Merrick's original vision; and

WHEREAS, The Community Recreation Department together with the input from Mayor Dorothy Thomson, has identified the recently acquired city property located at Toledo Street and Alava Avenue in Coral Gables, FL 33134 as the park designated to be named after Mayor Dorothy Thomson; and

WHEREAS, this name designation is in accordance with the City's Park Naming Policy and has been reviewed and recommended with a unanimous vote by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the recently acquired city property located at Toledo Street and Alava Avenue in Coral Gables, FL 33134, be named “Mayor Dorothy H. Thomson Park.”

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWELFTH DAY OF MARCH, A.D., 2024.

(Moved: Lago / Seconded: Anderson)

(Yeas: Fernandez, Menendez, Anderson, Castro, Lago)

(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)

(Agenda Item: F-8)


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