



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#17-0257

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: April 4, 2017

TITLE: Resolution Approving the Re-naming of Dolphin Isles Park to Lu Deaner Park

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution approving the re-naming of Dolphin Isles Park to Lu Deaner Park. The name Lu Deaner Park is to honor Mrs. Leonore “Lu” Deaner, a Past President of the Dolphin Isles Civic Association and a long standing advocate and volunteer of the civic life in our community.

Background

In an effort to honor Mrs. Leonore “Lu” Deaner, Vice Mayor Dean J. Trantalis has proposed (Exhibit 1) to re-name the Dolphin Isles Park to the Lu Deaner Park. Mrs. Deaner, a retired teacher from New York who advocated strongly on matters involving local education and children’s issues, served six terms on the City’s Education Advisory Board and volunteered with Broward County Schools, the Museum of Discovery and Science, Child Care Connection and Family Central. She was also the driving force behind the City’s Municipal Leadership in Education Project and played a key part of the “art bus” initiative, an enrichment program for elementary school children.

Mrs. Deaner was also the lead representative of the neighborhood during the park project; she worked tirelessly to ensure that Dolphin Isles Park became a reality. Notwithstanding, her community involvement has also stretched beyond just the creation of Dolphin Isles Park. As President of the neighborhood association, she promoted safety and beautification of the Dolphin Isles which included projects to slow down through traffic, making entryway enhancements and ensuring beach access. The City Commission has also honored her with proclamations creating Lenore “Lu” N. Deaner Day and honoring her most recently on her 90th birthday in 2012. Mrs. Deaner was highly regarded for the role she played for the community-at-large through her selfless efforts and demonstrated ability to give back to the community.

In compliance with the Guidelines for Naming Parks, Recreation Areas and Facilities (Exhibit 2), Parks and Recreation staff notified the surrounding homeowners

associations of the suggested name (Exhibit 3). In addition, two public advisory notices were placed at the park property located at 2125 NE 33rd Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33305 to notice that the proposed re-naming would be placed on an upcoming Parks Recreation and Beaches Board Meeting. The item was placed on the March 22, 2017 Parks, Recreation, and Beaches Board Agenda for discussion. After reviewing the item, a motion was made by Ryan Fletcher, and seconded by Bruce Quailey to recommend the renaming of the Dolphin Isles Park to the proposed "Lu Deaner Park." In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously (9 to 0) (Exhibit 5).

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Neighborhood Enhancement Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 3: Be a community that finds opportunities and leverages partnerships to create unique, inviting, and connected gathering places that highlight our beaches, waterways, urban areas, and parks.
- Objective 1: Improve access to and enjoyment of our beach, Riverwalk, waterways, parks and open spaces for everyone.
- Initiative 1: Create playful areas for all ages, considering families, active and passive sports, and pets.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Community*.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - Letter of Recommendation to Rename Dolphin Isles Park

Exhibit 2 - Guidelines for Naming a Park

Exhibit 3 - Letters to HOA Presidents

Exhibit 4 - Letter of Support from Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations

Exhibit 5 - Parks, Recreation and Beaches Board Draft Minutes 02/22/17

Exhibit 6 - Resolution

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