

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(A)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 18, 2026

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving, after a public hearing, the naming of a portion of The Underline as "Chewy Bark Park" for a period of three years through and including January 31, 2029

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado.



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Please note any items checked.

- “3-Day Rule” for committees applicable if raised**
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing**
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing**
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget**
- Budget required**
- Statement of fiscal impact required**
- Statement of social equity required**
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor’s report for public hearing**
- No committee review**
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3’s present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5’s ____, unanimous ____, majority plus one ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3) (h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c) (2) ____) to approve**
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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2-18-26

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING, AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING,
THE NAMING OF A PORTION OF THE UNDERLINE AS
“CHEWY BARK PARK” FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS
THROUGH AND INCLUDING JANUARY 31, 2029

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2018, the Board adopted Resolution No. R-120-18, approving
The Underline Management Agreement (the “Management Agreement”) between Miami-Dade
County and The Underline Management Organization, Inc. d/b/a The Underline Conservancy
 (“The Underline Conservancy”); and

WHEREAS, under the Management Agreement, The Underline Conservancy undertook
the obligation to manage, operate, and maintain the 10-mile stretch of real property that lies
underneath the Metrorail guideway, between the southern seawall of the Miami River and the
Dadeland South Metrorail Station (“The Underline”); and

WHEREAS, to support its substantial responsibilities in managing, operating, and
maintaining The Underline, the Management Agreement grants The Underline Conservancy the
power to fundraise through various means, including through the marketing (by either The
Underline Conservancy or its fundraising arm, Friends of the Underline, Inc. (“Friends”)) of
naming rights for the County facilities within The Underline; and

WHEREAS, under the Management Agreement, the sale of such naming rights is subject
to the Board’s approval, as the Management Agreement recognizes that the Board retains the
prerogative to approve the naming of any County facility and conduct due diligence prior to the
sale of any naming right; and

WHEREAS, The Underline Conservancy notified the County that Friends had entered into a gift agreement Chewy, Inc. (“Chewy”), through which Chewy made a gift of \$500,000.00 over a period of three years to Friends for the maintenance, operation, and programming of The Underline; and

WHEREAS, Chewy is an American e-commerce retailer headquartered in Plantation, Florida, which reported net sales of approximately \$11.15 billion in 2023; and

WHEREAS, Chewy specializes in the sale of animal food and animal-related products for a wide variety of animals, including dogs, cats, birds, small animals (e.g., rabbits, guinea pigs, chinchillas, hamsters, rats, and ferrets), chickens, birds, fish, and livestock; and

WHEREAS, Chewy’s mission generally is to be the most trusted and convenient destination for pet parents, offering its customers approximately 130,000 goods and services, including prescription products as well as veterinary care and pet insurance; and

WHEREAS, Chewy is highly regarded as a customer-service oriented company, viewing pets (and pet parents) as family and seeking to meet their needs and expectations through every interaction; and

WHEREAS, Chewy’s gift contemplates the naming of the area depicted in Exhibit A as the “Chewy Bark Park” for a period of three years; and

WHEREAS, Chewy Bark Park consists of two dog parks with agility courses—one for large dogs measuring approximately 10,365 square feet and one for small dogs measuring approximately 6,300 square feet, which together can host up to 300 dogs; and

WHEREAS, Chewy Bark Park is located in part on land owned by the City of Coral Gables, and is maintained by the City of Coral Gables in accordance with the Master Underline Maintenance Interlocal Agreement between the City of Coral Gables and Miami-Dade County, approved by the Board under Resolution No. R-333-21; and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2026, the City of Coral Gables adopted Resolution No. R-2026-13 designating the portion of the area depicted in Exhibit A within the City of Coral Gables as “Chewy Bark Park”; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, this Board desires to approve the naming of the County-owned portion of the subject area as “Chewy Bark Park; and

WHEREAS, Chewy’s contributions contribute to the continued success of what National Geographic identified as one of the 30 most exciting destinations to visit in the world in 2024; and

WHEREAS, Rule 9.02 of the Board’s Rules of Procedure provides that resolutions regarding the proposed naming, renaming, or co-designation of Miami-Dade County roads, facilities, or property shall be sponsored by the district commissioner where the road, facility, or property is located and shall be considered at a public hearing,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Approves the naming of the portion of The Underline now known as “City of Coral Gables Bark Park,” as depicted in Exhibit A, as “Chewy Bark Park” for the period commencing with the effective date of this resolution through and including January 31, 2026.

Section 2. Authorizes County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to notify The Underline Conservancy that it may take such actions as are consistent with the Management Agreement and applicable law to identify the named portion of The Underline as “Chewy Bark Park”.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to send certified copies of this resolution to the United States Postal Service, the Traffic Signals and Signs Division of the Department of Transportation and Public Works, the Development Services Division of the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources, the Division of Environmental and Resources Management of the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources, the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department, the Miami-Dade Police Department, and the chief executive of any municipalities in the named portion of The Underline.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman	
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman	
Marleine Bastien	Juan Carlos Bermudez
Sen. René García	Oliver G. Gilbert, III
Roberto J. Gonzalez	Keon Hardemon
Danielle Cohen Higgins	Vicki L. Lopez
Natalie Milian Orbis	Raquel A. Regalado
Micky Steinberg	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 18th day of February, 2026. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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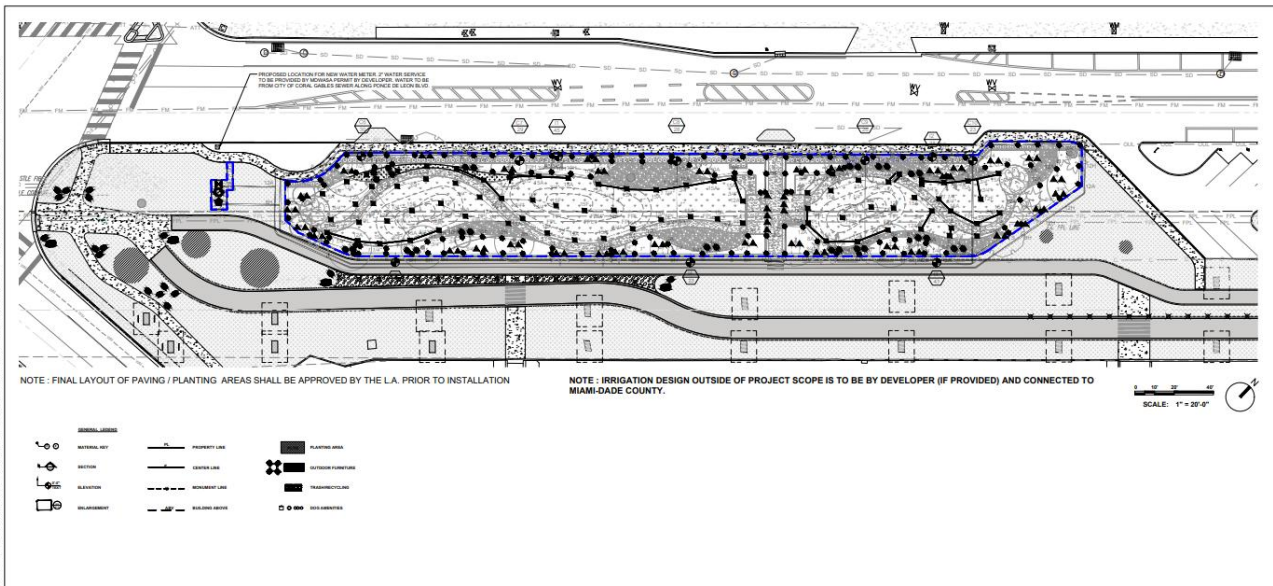
Miguel A. Gonzalez

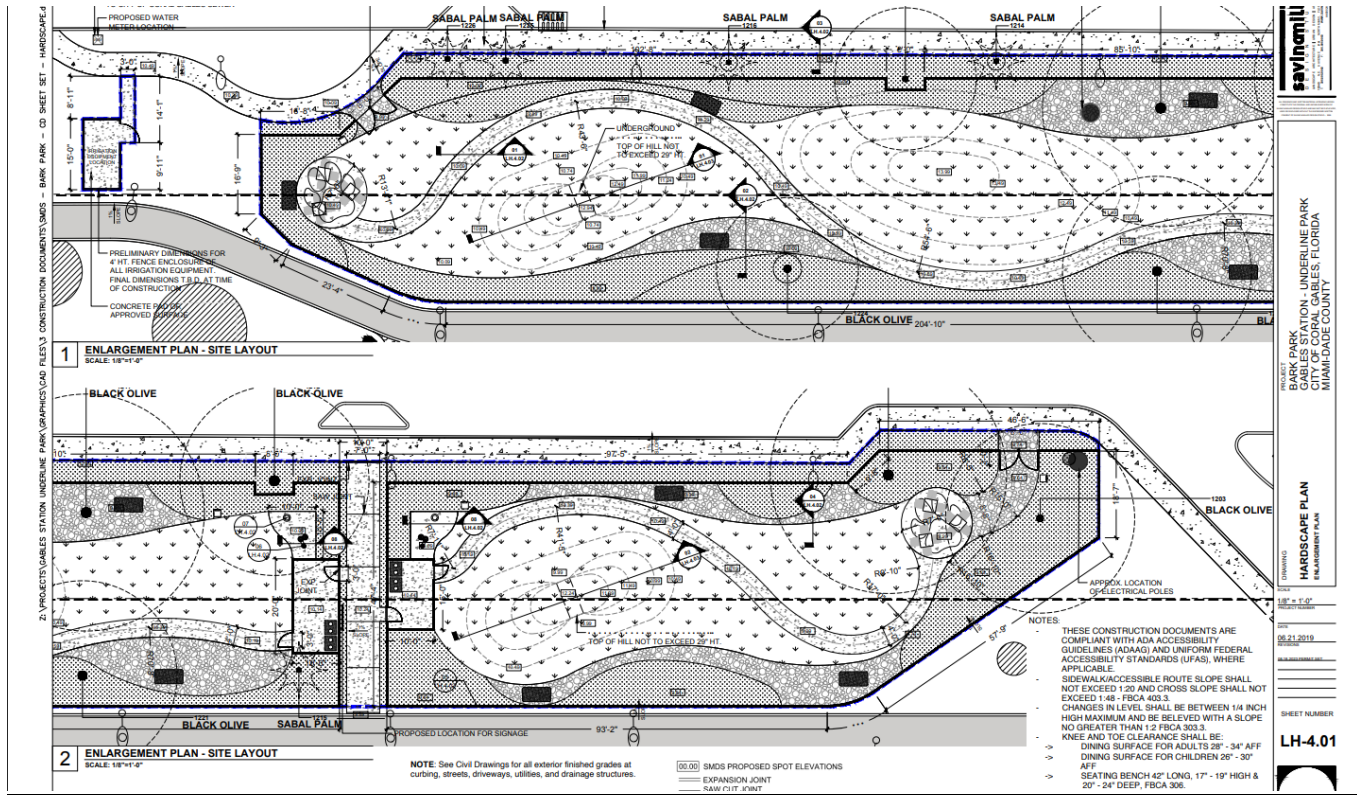
Exhibit A:

The Chewy Bark Park, located at 25.7277523, -80.261322, the cross streets of Ponce de Leon, 42nd Ave, and Grand Avenue in Coral Gables, FL.



SITE PLAN:





Large Dog Park: 10,365 Sq. Ft.
 Small Dog Park: 6,300 Sq. Ft.
 Capacity: 200-300 dogs