

Memorandum



Date: June 10, 2021

To: Honorable Chairman Jose “Pepe” Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Item No. 2(B)(4)
July 8, 2021

From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor *Daniella Levine Cava*

Subject: Report on a Plan to Construct Dog Parks at Homestead Air Reserve Park and Ferguson Park – Directive No. 202583

On February 2, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approved Resolution No. R-180-21 (Attachment A) from the prime sponsor Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee directing the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to prepare a report to the Board on developing a plan to construct dog parks at Homestead Air Reserve Park and Ferguson Park to:

1. Conduct due diligence to identify any obstacles or restrictions to constructing dog parks at Homestead Air Reserve Park and Ferguson Park;
2. Prepare a plan to construct dog parks at Homestead Air Reserve Park and Ferguson Park, including consideration of any limitations or restrictions on the use of the properties and recommendations for further action;
3. Identify all legally available funding necessary for the design and construction of the dog parks;
4. Consult with the district Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee in the development of the plan within 60 days of the effective date of this resolution; and
5. Submit a written report to the Board within 90 days of the effective date of the resolution.

Recommendation

A report has been prepared and includes the following:

1. Conduct due diligence to identify any obstacles or restrictions to constructing dog parks at Homestead Air Reserve Park and Ferguson Park:

Homestead Air Reserve Park is located at 27401 SW 127 Avenue, in unincorporated Miami-Dade County, and is assigned to the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces (PROS) Department. The park is zoned RU-1, which allows for park use, including a dog park. The general plan for Homestead Air Reserve Park includes a dog park located in the northeast portion of the property.

Ferguson Park is located at 10101 SW 152 Street, in unincorporated Miami-Dade County. The parcel is owned by the School Board of Miami-Dade County and it is part of the Master Joint Use Agreement between PROS and Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS). PROS contacted MDCPS to inquire about the feasibility of developing a dog park within Ferguson Park. MDCPS does not permit dog parks on their properties; therefore, a dog park at Ferguson Park is not feasible. PROS has consulted with the County Commissioner of District 9, Kionne L. McGhee, and will construct a fitness court and picnic pavilions at Ferguson Park. PROS contacted MDCPS to inquire about the feasibility of developing a fitness court and picnic

pavilions within Ferguson Park. MDCPS is supportive of PROS’ installation of the proposed fitness court and picnic pavillions.

2. Prepare a plan to construct dog parks at Homestead Air Reserve Park and Ferguson Park, including consideration of any limitations or restrictions on the use of the properties and recommendations for further action;

The scope of work for a proposed dog park at Homestead Air Reserve Park includes planning, consultant selection, design, permitting, procurement, and construction of a dog park, including demolition of existing concrete walkways and asphalt pavement. The timeline for the implementation of this project would be approximately 18 months.

The scope of work for a proposed fitness court and picnic pavilions at Ferguson Park includes planning, consultant selection, design, permitting, procurement and construction of a fitness court, including fitness equipment, two picnic pavilions, concrete surfaces, benches, picnic tables, bike racks, and shade trees. The timeline for the implementation of this project would be approximately 18 months.

3. Identify all legally available funding necessary for the design and construction of the park improvements:

The overall estimated order of magnitude total project cost for a dog park at Homestead Air Reserve Park is approximately \$449,000, inclusive of design and construction. Approximately \$449,000 could be allocated from the Countywide Infrastructure Investment Program (CIIP) to fund the design and construction of a dog park at Homestead Air Reserve Park.

The overall estimated order of magnitude total project cost for a fitness court at Ferguson Park is approximately \$704,000, inclusive of design and construction. Approximately \$704,000 could be allocated from the CIIP to fund the design and construction of a fitness court at Ferguson Park.

4. Consult with the district Commissioner in the development of the plan within 60 days of the effective date of this resolution:

In response to Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee’s request for a dog park at Homestead Air Reserve Park and a fitness court and picnic pavilions at Ferguson Park, PROS has developed conceptual plans and project budgets for both projects.

5. Submit a written report to the Board within 90 days of the effective date of the resolution:

This report is provided in response to Resolution R-180-21.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 14-65, this memorandum will be placed on the next available Board meeting agenda. If additional information is needed, please contact Maria I. Nardi, Director, Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department at 305-755-7903.

Attachment A – Resolution No. R-180-21

- c: Geri Bonzon-Keenan, County Attorney
- Gerald K. Sanchez, First Assistant County Attorney
- Jess M. McCarty, Executive Assistant County Attorney
- Office of the Mayor Senior Staff
- Maria I. Nardi, Director, Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department
- Adeyinka Majekodunmi, CPA, Commission Auditor
- Jennifer Moon, Chief, Office of Policy & Budgetary Affairs
- Melissa Adames, Director, Clerk of the Board Division
- Eugene Love, Agenda Coordinator

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(5)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

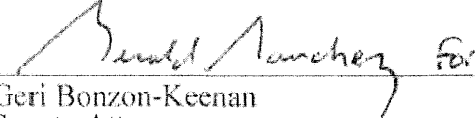
DATE: March 2, 2021

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the
County Mayor to develop a
plan to construct dog parks
at Homestead Air Reserve
Park and Ferguson Park; and
requiring a report

Resolution No. R-180-21

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee.



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 2, 2021

FROM: 
Gen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 11(A)(5)

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 ____, 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) ____, or 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 _____

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(5)
3-2-21

RESOLUTION NO. R-180-21

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO CONSTRUCT DOG PARKS AT HOMESTEAD AIR RESERVE PARK AND FERGUSON PARK; AND REQUIRING A REPORT

WHEREAS, dog parks provide a safe space for dogs to exercise off-leash; and

WHEREAS, dog parks allow owners an opportunity to be physically active alongside their pets; and

WHEREAS, dog parks promote a sense of community among dog owners; and

WHEREAS, there are not currently any County operated dog parks in District 9; and

WHEREAS, it would benefit the residents of District 9 to have dog parks that did not require travel to other parts of the County; and

WHEREAS, Ferguson Park located at SW 146th Street and SW 103rd Avenue is a 7-acre park that would benefit from the introduction of dog park; and

WHEREAS, Homestead Air Reserve Park located at 27401 SW New York Avenue in Homestead would also benefit from the introduction of dog park; and

WHEREAS, both Ferguson Park and Homestead Air Reserve Park are located in District 9; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires that dog parks be established at both Ferguson Park and Homestead Air Reserve Park,

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

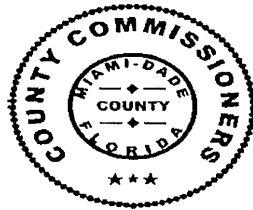
Section 1. This Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to: (i) conduct due diligence to identify any obstacles or restrictions to constructing dog parks at Ferguson Park and Homestead Air Reserve Park; (ii) prepare a plan to construct dog parks at Ferguson Park and Homestead Air Reserve Park, including consideration of any limitations or restrictions on the use of the properties and recommendations for further action; (iii) identify all legally available funding necessary for the design and construction of the dog parks; and (iv) consult with the district Commissioner in the development of the plan within 60 days of the effective date of this resolution.

Section 2. This Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to submit a written report to this Board within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution, which shall be placed on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65, setting forth all of the information sought in section 1, (i)-(iii) of this resolution.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee. It was offered by Commissioner **Joe A. Martinez**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Danielle Cohen Higgins** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Jose “Pepe” Diaz, Chairman	aye	
	Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman	aye	
Sen. René García	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye	Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye
Eileen Higgins	aye	Joe A. Martinez	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Jean Monestime	aye
Raquel A. Regalado	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd day of March, 2021. 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

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

Melissa Adames

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "mjs", is written over a horizontal line.

Melanie J. Spencer