

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(B)

TO: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 16, 2024

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution renaming Southridge
Park "Coach Sam Burley Park"
by a three-fifths vote of Board
members present

Resolution No. R-316-24

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



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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 ____, 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 _____

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RESOLUTION RENAMING SOUTHRIDGE PARK “COACH
SAM BURLEY PARK” BY A THREE-FIFTHS VOTE OF
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

WHEREAS, Southridge Park is a Miami-Dade County owned and operated park located at 19598 SW 112th Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Southridge Park is located on the south end of Miami-Dade County and includes amenities such as a 3,000-seat stadium with a synthetic running track, playground, open areas, and multi-purpose field; and

WHEREAS, Sam Burley was born on May 3, 1949 in Naranja in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, Sam Burley was raised by a single mother of limited means where education was stressed as the most important factor to achieve the American dream; and

WHEREAS, through his participation in sports, Sam Burley benefited from the mentorship that coaches provided, and was able to secure an athletic scholarship to attend St. Augustine College in Raleigh, North Carolina, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in health and physical education; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, Sam Burley began his coaching career at Redland Jr. High School, where his cross-country team won seven consecutive county championships and the Redland Boys Track and Field team earned six county championships; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, Sam Burley joined the staff at Miami Southridge Senior High where he won six state championships; and

WHEREAS, Sam Burley has been named the Miami Herald All Dade Coach of the Year on several occasions and has been inducted into the Florida High School Activities Association Hall of Fame, the Florida Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame, and the Florida Track and Field Hall of Fame, among other awards; and

WHEREAS, Sam Burley is extremely active in his community and is the chairperson for the Volunteer Program for the Special Olympics; and

WHEREAS, before retiring in 2007, his daughters established a nonprofit organization called the Coach Sam Burley Foundation, where Sam Burley currently serves as president; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Coach Sam Burley Foundation is to promote health through exercise, leadership and sportsmanship in order to provide youth with organized competition in a safe environment; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the Coach Sam Burley Foundation joined with the Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department's Adopt-a-Park program to adopt Southridge Park; and

WHEREAS, Coach Sam Burley hosts the largest track and field meet in South Miami-Dade County, the Coach Sam Burley Hall of Fame Invitation Track and Field Meet; this meet provides an opportunity to showcase the athletes of our community while also giving athletes the chance to meet with college track and field coaches; and

WHEREAS, Rule 9.02(a) of the Board's Rules of Procedure provides that resolutions regarding proposed naming, renaming or codesignation 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; and

WHEREAS, Southridge Park is located in County Commission District 9; and

WHEREAS, Rule 9.02 also provides that the Board may, by a three-fifths vote of the Board members present, name a County road, facility or property after a living individual who “has made a direct, significant lifetime contribution to this community; and

WHEREAS; Sam Burley has made a direct, significant contribution to Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to honor Sam Burley’s commitment to service of Miami-Dade County by renaming Southridge Park in his honor,

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

Section 1. Finds that Sam Burley has made direct, significant lifetime contributions to this community pursuant to Rule 9.02(d) of this Board’s Rules of Procedure.

Section 2. Having considered this matter at a public hearing and by a three-fifths vote of Board members present, approves renaming “Southridge Park” as “Coach Sam Burley Park”.

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

	Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman	absent
	Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman	aye
Marleine Bastien	aye	Juan Carlos Bermudez aye
Kevin Marino Cabrera	aye	Sen. René García aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye	Keon Hardemon aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye	Eileen Higgins aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Raquel A. Regalado aye
Micky Steinberg	aye	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 16th day of April, 2024. 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: Basia Pruna
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Melanie J. Spencer