

RESOLUTION No. 2008-238-926

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING AND ENDORSING THE SOUTH FLORIDA PARKS COALITION'S CHARTER AND THE PRINCIPLES UPON WHICH IT STANDS; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, parks, open spaces and preserves are vital to the quality of life of all residents of Miami-Dade County, and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Gardens is committed to the fundamental and abiding values of equity, recreation opportunity and environmental stewardship, and

WHEREAS, the South Florida Parks Coalition is comprised of park and recreational professionals from all city, county, state and federal jurisdictions, and

WHEREAS, the South Florida Parks Coalition is dedicated to building a model park system that will promote a greener, healthier and more livable South Florida community, and

WHEREAS, the South Florida Parks Coalition is created to foster a seamless, connected and sustainable parks system for the South Florida community, and

WHEREAS, the South Florida Parks Coalition will meet, collaborate, coordinate and share knowledge and professional expertise regarding park, recreation and conservation open spaces,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS: The foregoing Whereas paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2. AUTHORIZATION: The City Council of the City of Miami Gardens hereby supports and endorses the South Florida Parks Coalition's Charter and the principles upon which it stands.

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its final passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 10, 2008.


SHIRLEY GIBSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:


RONETTA TAYLOR, MMC, CITY CLERK

PREPARED BY: SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, ESQ.
City Attorney

SPONSORED BY: DANNY CREW, CITY MANAGER

MOVED BY: Councilman Gilbert
SECONDED BY: Vice Mayor Watson

VOTE: 7-0

Mayor Shirley Gibson	<u> x </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Vice Mayor Barbara Watson	<u> x </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Councilman Melvin L. Bratton	<u> x </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Councilman Aaron Campbell	<u> x </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Councilman Oliver Gilbert, III	<u> x </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett	<u> x </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Councilman André Williams	<u> x </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)

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Meeting Date: **December 10, 2008**

Fiscal Impact: No **X** Yes

(If yes, explain in Staff Summary)

Funding Source: **NA**

Contract/P.O. Requirement: Yes No **X**

Sponsor Name/Department:

Vernita Nelson, Parks and Recreation

Public hearing

Ordinance

1st Reading

advertising requirement:

RFP/RFQ/Bid #

Quasi-Judicial

Resolution **X**

2nd Reading

Yes No

Title

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Staff Summary

The City of Miami Gardens has been invited to join Miami Dade Parks to form a South Florida Park Coalition composed of city, county, state and federal parks and recreation departments in Miami-Dade County. These parks and recreation departments/agencies came together to foster a seamless, connected, and sustainable parks system for the South Florida community.

For the past year, these Departments have met to discuss opportunities and challenges that face the parks and recreation field. From these meetings a charter was developed (see Attachment A).

Primarily, the Coalition:

- Will meet, collaborate, share knowledge and professional expertise regarding park, recreation and conservation open spaces
- Believes that a sustainable model Park System must be planned and created with an eye to its impact on the neighborhood, city, county and region as a whole. It must be effective, efficient, fair and balanced
- Believes that a model park system is integral to social, environmental and economic sustainability; it must become a vital part of everyday human

experience; it must connect spiritually and physically; and it must provide accessibility for people all means and abilities

The South Florida Park Coalition is a great opportunity for sharing knowledge and will help the City of Miami Gardens create a greater collaboration and cooperation among agencies as well as further the goals of the Miami Gardens Parks Master Plan.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution endorsing the South Florida Park Coalition charter and the principles on which it stands as well as authorizing the City Manager to execute any future agreements associated with the partnership goals.

SOUTH FLORIDA PARK COALITION

A COALITION OF CITY, COUNTY, STATE AND FEDERAL PARKS IN MIAMI-
DADE COUNTY

CHARTER

Preamble:

The South Florida Park Coalition is created to foster a seamless, connected, and sustainable parks system for the South Florida community. The Coalition will meet, collaborate, share knowledge and professional expertise regarding park, recreation and conservation open spaces.

Our work is rooted in the fundamental values of recreation opportunity and environmental stewardship. It is dedicated to building a model park system that will promote a greener, healthier, and more livable South Florida community.

We believe that a model park system consists of parks and public spaces, recreation facilities, greenways, blueways, great streets and conservation lands.

We believe that a sustainable, model Park System must be planned and created with an eye to its impact on the neighborhood, city, county and region as a whole. It must be effective, efficient, fair and balanced. It must work with other public and private agencies; and it must enhance the health, safety, happiness and well-being of all residents and visitors to South Florida, now and in the future.

We believe that a model park system is integral to social, environmental and economic sustainability; it must become a vital part of everyday human experience; it must be connected spiritually and physically; and it must provide accessibility for people of all means and abilities. The model Park System must raise the quality of life for the region and inspire generations of people to care for and contribute to their communities.

Based on the beliefs of equity, access, beauty, seamlessness, sustainability and multiple benefits,

We assert that the Model Park System shall:

- Ensure an accessible, diverse and balanced system of passive and active recreation opportunities that promote safety, security and healthy lifestyles.

- **Ensure the preservation, protection and enhancement of ecological resources to sustain and preserve biodiversity and the environmental health of the region.**
- **Ensure the preservation, protection and enhancement of cultural resources to sustain landscapes and their historical and heritage features.**
- **Ensure that park, recreation and conservation open spaces guide the shape of urban form.**
- **Ensure that there is no net loss of park, recreation or conservation lands and mandate replacement of land of equal value, context and significance.**
- **Ensure community stewardship of park, recreation, and conservation open spaces by fostering educational and recreational programming, civic art, volunteerism and support of philanthropic and grassroots organizations.**
- **Ensure the continual enhancement of economic development and quality of life in the region by partnering and collaborating with the business community.**
- **Ensure the equitable distribution of park, recreation and conservation open spaces for all communities in the region.**
- **Ensure and support responsible growth to conserve environmental and cultural resources, promote economic investment, and support neighborhood stability, while reclaiming marginal and abandoned areas.**
- **Ensure the support and development of an interconnected framework of transportation alternatives such as transit, pedestrian, bicycle and waterway systems that link parks, recreation and conservation open spaces to each other and to communities.**
- **Ensure high standards of design excellence, innovation and beauty to support economic, social and environmental sustainability of the region.**