

ORDINANCE No. 05-34-72

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA CREATING A PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN CODE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it would like to create a Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee ("Committee") to advise the City Council with regard to parks and recreational facilities within the City, and to make recommendations to the City concerning certain recreational and/or cultural activities, and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it appropriate to establish guidelines for appointment and membership of the Committee,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, as follows:

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

SECTION 2. CREATION: There is hereby created a Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee ("Committee") in the City of Miami Gardens, and

SECTION 3. MEMBERSHIP/APPOINTMENT: The Committee shall be

comprised of seven (7) members. The Mayor and each City Council member shall have the right to appoint a member to the Committee.

Each Committee member appointed by the Mayor and City Council shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor or City Council member appointing such member. All such Committee members shall be appointed at the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting following the commencement of the term of the Mayor or appointing City Council member.

SECTION 4. TERM: The terms of office for all Committee members shall commence upon appointment and shall coincide with the term of the Mayor or City Council member making the appointment.

SECTION 5. REMOVAL: The Mayor or City Council member appointing a member to the Committee shall have the continuing right to remove the member so appointed and to appoint another member as often as the Mayor or City Council member shall deem appropriate in order to facilitate the business of the Committee. Upon such removal or appointment, the same shall be deemed effective upon confirmation of the removal or appointment by the City Council, which shall be deemed a purely ministerial act.

SECTION 6. COMPENSATION/EXPENSES: Each member of the Committee shall serve without salary or compensation.

SECTION 7. DISCLOSURES: Each applicant for appointment to the Committee shall, as a prerequisite to consideration, file an application on a form to be

provided by the City Clerk, present a Voter's Registration Card and State of Florida Driver's License or current State of Florida Identification Card.

SECTION 8. ATTENDANCE: Any member who fails to attend two (2) consecutive regular meetings of the Committee, without being excused by the Chairperson of the Committee, shall be subject to dismissal by the Mayor or City Council member who appointed the member. The Chairperson may excuse members from attendance for the following reasons: work conflict, religious holiday conflict, personal, or family illness or death. The Chairperson shall not excuse any Committee member for more than three (3) meetings in any calendar year.

SECTION 9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: As soon as practicable, after the first appointment of Committee members, and on an annual basis thereafter, Committee members shall meet and elect three (3) of their members, one (1) to serve as Chairperson, one (1) to serve as Vice-Chairperson, and one (1) to serve as Secretary. The Vice-Chairperson shall chair meetings in the absence of the Chairperson.

SECTION 10. BYLAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS: The Committee shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

SECTION 11. MEETINGS: The Committee Chairperson, or in his/her absence the Vice-Chairperson, shall call all Committee meetings, and all meetings shall be public. At the first regular meeting, the Committee shall establish a regular meeting date, location and time, and shall thereafter meet on a monthly basis. The City Clerk shall be informed of all regular meeting dates and special meeting dates.

SECTION 12. QUORUM: The presence of four (4) or more Committee members shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 13. REPORTING: The Committee shall advise and make recommendations to the City Council by written memoranda. At the meeting of the City Council where the recommendations of the Committee are to be discussed and/or acted upon, the Committee shall cause one of its members to appear for the purpose of presenting the Committee's recommendation to the City Council.

SECTION 14. POWERS AND DUTIES: The Committee shall have the power to advise the City Council, and to submit written recommendations concerning the following matters:

- A. As to communication:
 - 1. Participate in an information exchange between neighborhood associations, public and private schools, local businesses and the city council relating to matters affecting the city's parks and open spaces.
 - 2. Participate in an information exchange with other counties and municipalities and/or governmental agencies relating to matters concerning parks and open spaces generally.
- B. As to cooperation:
 - 1. Serve as a liaison between neighborhood associations, public and private schools, local businesses and the city.
 - 2. Serve as a liaison between the county school board and the city relating to matters affecting the city's parks and open spaces.
- C. As to legislation:
 - 1. Develop recommendations to the city council regarding proposed local

legislation and actions that may be taken in support of parks and open spaces in the city.

2. Develop recommendations to the city council regarding proposed legislation at the state level.

D. As to funding:

1. Identify and attract county, state and federal programs and grants in direct support of city parks and open spaces.
2. Identify any other opportunities for funding in direct support of city parks and open spaces.

E. As to land use planning and land acquisition:

1. Provide comments to the city council regarding proposed developments and their impacts upon parks and open spaces of the city.
2. Identify sites or ~~districts~~ areas within the city which are well suited for parks and open spaces and which further the objectives of the city in connection with city parks and recreation program.

F. As to programming:

1. Develop networking strategies for encouraging use of the city's parks and open spaces.
2. Contact businesses within the geographical boundaries of the city and businesses outside the geographical boundaries of the city, but who do business in the city, to provide professional skills, materials, financial or educational support for the city's parks and open spaces.
3. Contact all chambers of commerce and other community groups to implement programs at parks and open spaces within the city that benefit the ethnic, racial and cultural diversity of the city.

G. As to facilities:

1. Identify types of facilities that would enhance the existing parks and

open spaces.

2. Identify types of facilities that would enhance development of future parks and open spaces.
3. Assist in identifying facilities that are outdated and/or no longer meet the needs of the communities served by the park or open space in which the facility is located.

H. As to beautification:

1. Make recommendations regarding the aesthetic development of the city's parks and open spaces. Such open spaces may include city-owned roadway medians and rights-of-way and such other city-owned public spaces within the city not specifically designated as parks.
2. Make recommendations concerning flowers, vines, shrubs, trees and ornaments in the city's parks and open spaces.

I. As to community relations:

1. Maintain a continuous public relations effort to improve and promote the public image of city parks and open spaces. This effort should include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - a. Suggestions regarding placement of favorable material in local media;
 - b. Assistance in the development of brochures and other materials to be utilized in "marketing" the city parks and open spaces.
2. Recommend ways to improve safety at the city's parks and open spaces.

SECTION 15. CONFLICT: All ordinances or Code provisions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 16. SEVERABILITY: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause,

phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 17. INCLUSION IN CODE: It is the intention of the City Council of the City of Miami Gardens that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Miami Gardens and that the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered and the word "Ordinance" may be changed to "Chapter," "Section," "Article" or such other appropriate word or phrase, the use of which shall accomplish the intentions herein expressed; provided, however, that Section 1 hereof or the provisions contemplated thereby shall not be codified.

SECTION 18. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its final passage.

PASSED ON FIRST READING IN FULL ON THE 14th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2005

ADOPTED AND PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 28th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2005.

ATTEST:


SHIRLEY GIBSON, MAYOR


RONETTA TAYLOR, CMC, CITY CLERK
Prepared by SONJA K. DICKENS, ESQ.
City Attorney

SPONSORED BY: Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett and Councilman Melvin L. Bratton

MOVED BY: Councilwoman Pritchett

SECONDED BY: Councilman Bratton

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VOTE: 6-0

Mayor Shirley Gibson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/> (No)
Vice-Mayor Oscar Braynon, II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/> (No)
Councilman Mayor Campbell Jr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/> (No)
Councilman Melvin L. Bratton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/> (No)
Councilwoman Audrey J. King	<input type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/> (No) Not present
Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/> (No)
Councilwoman Barbara Watson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/> (No)

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