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RESOLUTION NO. 07-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO BILL SADOWSKI PARK AND NATURE CENTER; REQUESTING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO DEVELOP AND EXECUTE A MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR SADOWSKI PARK AND A MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE WETLANDS PROJECT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade Parks and Recreation Department's plans to replace previously exiting tree canopy by developing a one-acre wetlands project at Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, situated near S.W. 176 St. and 79th Avenue; and,

WHEREAS, part of the County rationale for removing the existing tree canopy was an allegation of infestation of exotic, non-native invasive species. This area was further identified as a "seed source" for the spread of the infestation of exotic, non-native invasive species.

WHEREAS, a number of issues concerning the project have been raised, including its design, viability and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the County, the Village and concerned neighborhood residents have met periodically in an attempt to coordinate a smooth transition or development of the park for the County's wetlands project; and,

WHEREAS, the Council took prior action, including passage of Resolution 06-90, dated August 7, 2006. This resolution and its recitals are incorporated by reference herein.

WHEREAS, in 2004, the County Parks Department applied for a grant from the "Special Areas Management Plan" (SAMP) Wetland Trust fund to construct the wetland at Bill Sadowski. The grant for \$95,000 was approved, with a match of \$35,500 from the Parks Department;" and,

WHEREAS, to date, much of the work accomplished at the site has been done using in-house county crews and equipment, at minimal cost. The County has indicated that they have a better idea of total project costs once the engineering has been completed. If project costs become an issue, the county advises that they seek additional funds from the grant source or other sources as necessary; and,

WHEREAS, key issues raised in the meetings between the County, Village and neighborhood residents included additional work needed to ensure the project is viable; and development of an accountable management plan, as the project moves toward completion; and,

WHEREAS, on January 31st, 2007, the Miami-Dade Parks Department, and the Sadowski Park Committee held a meeting, at which County Commissioner Katy Sorenson, Palmetto Bay Village Mayor Eugene Flinn, and council persons Dr. Ed Feller, and Shelley Stanczyk were present; and,

1 WHEREAS, at this January 31 meeting, representatives of the County advised that the
2 future of the project would be deferred to the Village of Palmetto Bay Village Council; and,
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4 WHEREAS, the parties communicated a desire to develop a management agreement for
5 the park and the Village Council desires to set reasonable and well-defined criteria for the project
6 that would enable the project to move forward to the next step in the process; protect the park
7 and its remaining tree canopy; its unique environmental nature as well as protect the neighbors
8 from any harm caused by the risk for any further seed sources of non-native, invasive species
9 spreading into the neighborhood, thus ensuring a well-maintained and protected park.
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11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE
12 COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:
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14 Section 1. All of the above whereas clauses are incorporated by reference.
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16 Section 2. The Village requests that the County prepare a Management Plan for Bill
17 Sadowski Park and a Management Plan for the Wetlands Project, said plans to be provided to the
18 Village for review and approval within 45 days. The management plans, similar in concept to
19 the Coral Reef Park Pine Rockland Management Plan, should include, at a minimum:
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- 21 • A description of the final scope and design for both the Park and the Wetlands
22 Project;
- 23 • A detailed description of all of the maintenance activities required to sustain the
24 park and project;
- 25 • A description of the remedial and prospective action taken in the remaining tree
26 canopy of the entirety of the Sadowski Park Nature Preserve to remove the threat
27 of further dissemination of seeds that may result in the infestation of exotic, non-
28 native invasive species for the surrounding neighborhoods. It is hoped that this
29 action will not result in the removal of any additional indigenous or planned tree
30 canopy.
- 31 • A commitment that should the project not be completed, or should the County
32 not maintain the Park or Project in accordance with the Plan, that the areas will
33 be fully restored to their natural wooded condition. Sufficient budget earmark
34 shall be set aside by County Parks for restoration, if needed.
- 35 • A statement of objective criteria agreed to by all parties that will delineate
36 whether the projects are successful in initial completion as well as providing
37 adequate notice of the ongoing maintenance of the projects.
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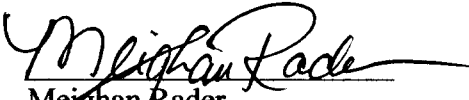
39 Section 3. The village council requests the assistance of Commissioner Sorenson in
40 expedited the development and final execution of the management plan for the Bill Sadowski
41 Park and Nature Center.
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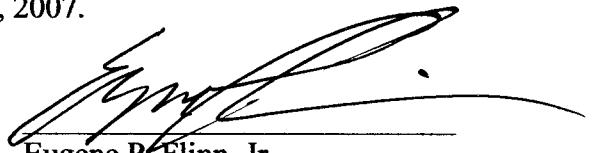
43 Section 4. The County and its Parks Department shall demonstrate that the long-term
44 budgeting needs of these programs are guaranteed.
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1 Section 5. Upon receipt of satisfactory Management Plans and demonstration of
2 budget, the village council will then hold a public meeting with its residents when the resolution
3 is proposed in order to garner public input and determine future of the project. The public
4 hearing will be set time certain at 7:30 p.m. at the Council meeting in which this item will be
5 heard.
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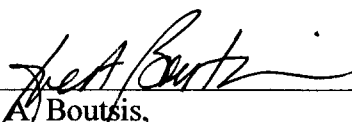
7 Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

8 PASSED and ADOPTED this 5th day of February, 2007.

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10 Attest: 
11 Meighan Rader
12 Village Clerk


Eugene P. Flinn, Jr.
Mayor

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16 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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20 Eve A. Boutsis,
21 Nagin Gallop Figueredo, P.A.
22 Office of Village Attorney

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25 FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

26 Council Member Ed Feller NO
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28 Council Member Paul Neidhart YES
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30 Council Member Shelley Stanczyk YES
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32 Vice-Mayor Linda Robinson YES
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34 Mayor Eugene P. Flinn, Jr. YES
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