

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF PINECREST, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO ONGOING EFFORTS BY THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES TO LIMIT PEDESTRIAN/BIKE ACCESS AT SNAPPER CREEK LAKE PARKWAY; EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO COUNTY ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION THAT A PEDESTRIAN GATE MAY BE INSTALLED WITH THE REQUIREMENT THAT IT IS NOT LOCKED AT NIGHT; AND URGING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO NOT APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF A PEDESTRIAN GATE AT THE SNAPPER CREEK LAKE PARKWAY TO THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables adopted Resolution 2020-177 authorizing the negotiation of an Interlocal Agreement with Miami-Dade County for the installation of a pedestrian gate at the canal-side entrance of Snapper Creek Lake Parkway in the Snapper Creek neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables has in the past requested the transfer of ownership of the Snapper Creek Lake Parkway from Miami-Dade County to the City of Coral Gables, and such transfer may cause the imposition of restrictions on residents of nearby communities, including Pinecrest, that enjoy this green space; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council adopted Resolution 2020-56 opposing these efforts by the City of Coral Gables, and the City of Coral Gables continues to pursue the gate installation at aforementioned location, which would continue to impede the county path's use by Pinecrest's residents; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Pinecrest's Transportation Master Plan encourages pedestrian and bike connectivity throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, if approved by Miami-Dade County, this action will limit pedestrian and bike access for walkers and cyclists from the Red Road Linear Park and the Old Cutler Trail via the Snapper Creek neighborhood and may also encumber access to Matheson Hammock Park and the Old Cutler Trail for residents of Pinecrest; and

WHEREAS, the Village Manager received an email dated February 24, 2022, which notes the county administration's position to install a gate with the requirement that it is not locked at night;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF PINECREST, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Village Council hereby expresses opposition to ongoing efforts by the City of Coral Gables to limit pedestrian/bike access at the Snapper Creek Lake Parkway with the installation of a gate.

Section 2. That the Village Council hereby opposes the county's administration position that a pedestrian gate may be installed with the requirement that it is not locked at night.

Section 3. That the Village Council hereby urges the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners to deny any requests for the transfer of the Snapper Creek Lake Parkway to the City of Coral Gables or the installation of a pedestrian/bike gate.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of March, 2022.

Joseph M. Corradino, Mayor

Attest:

Priscilla Torres, CMC
Village Clerk

Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency:

Mitchell Bierman
Village Attorney

Motion by:
Second by:

Vote:

Priscilla Torres (OVC)

From: Yocelyn Galiano (OVM)
Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 10:13 AM
To: Priscilla Torres (OVC)
Subject: FW: Pedestrian Gate - Coral Gables Issue

On Feb 24, 2022, at 3:40 PM, Yocelyn Galiano (OVM) <ygaliano@pinecrest-fl.gov> wrote:

Dear Mayor Corradino and Councilmembers:

Recently, my office was contacted by a resident who was curious about the matter of the pedestrian bridge over Snapper Creek and the proposed gate to be closed at night on the Coral Gables side, which we opposed.

I contacted Commissioner Regalado's office for an update and received the information below. Seems the City of Coral Gables will seek that a gate be installed, to give the appearance of security --- with the condition that the gate never be actually locked.

On the surface, this might be a good compromise. Let me know your thoughts on the matter and I am happy to share with the Commissioner. She has not made a final decision on the matter, so if we have consensus from Council, I can inform her staff prior to the final decision.

Let me know if any of you wish to put this on the March agenda for discussion if you are opposed to the proposed course of action. Remember not to reply all.... Just respond to me. Thank you.

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Yocelyn Galiano, ICMA-CM, LEED GA Village Manager

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From: Servalli, Alejandro (DIST7) <Alejandro.Servalli@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2022 3:28 PM
To: Zobeyra Vargas (OVM) <zvargas@pinecrest-fl.gov>; Yocelyn Galiano (OVM) <ygaliano@pinecrest-fl.gov>
Cc: Hernandez, Cynthia (DIST7) <Cynthia.Hernandez@miamidade.gov>
Subject: RE: Village of Pinecrest

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Thanks for the call.

Notes:

County administration is ok to install a gate and the only requirement is that it is not locked at night.

CG Residents around the gate agree for a gate that is not locked at night.

The City of Coral Gables I believe will support their resident and pay for the gate.

Commissioner Raquel still needs to form an opinion.

FYI: Cynthia from our office is leading this case. CC here.

Thank you

Best