

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-69

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA REQUESTING A \$200,000 FRDAP (FLORIDA RECREATION DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM) GRANT FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DIVISION OF RECREATION AND PARKS, BUREAU OF DESIGN AND RECREATION SERVICES, TO ASSIST IN CONSTRUCTING PUBLIC RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE SUNSHINE RANCHES EQUESTRIAN PARK; COMMITTING THE TOWN COUNCIL TO INCLUDE THE PROPOSED PROJECT IN THE TOWN'S FIVE (5) YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE TOWN OFFICIAL TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE BUREAU OF DESIGN AND RECREATION SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) has announced that it is accepting applications from municipalities to provide grants for the "CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC RECREATIONAL FACILITIES;" and

WHEREAS, Broward County Board of County Commissioners has recently donated a 20-acre vacant parcel of land located in the Sunshine Ranches neighborhood for the purpose of providing outdoor recreation including equestrian facilities linked to the Town's proposed Comprehensive mixed-use Greenway Trails system to preserve and enhance the Town's "Rural Lifestyle;" and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, Town Council and residents of the Town of Southwest Ranches support the FRDAP goals and objectives for constructing outdoor recreation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Town, with a population of 7,000 residents, is the newest municipality within Broward County, since this is the second year of incorporation, and has not had the opportunity to provide parks or open space lands linked by equestrian trails; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the Town, and surrounding residents have met and agreed that the proposed design of the equestrian park satisfies the needs of the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council recognizes the importance of placing the construction of the park facilities in the five-year capital improvement schedule.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida:

Section 1: The Florida Department of Environmental Protection Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) is hereby requested to consider and include the Town's request for \$200,000 with a \$200,000 Town match to assist the Town in completing the park's development.

Section 2: The Town Administrator of the Town of Southwest Ranches is instructed to include the location of the Park in its pending Greenway Trail Plan and the construction of the park's FRDAP improvements in its pending five-year Capital Improvement Schedule.

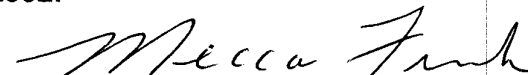
Section 3: The Town Administrator of Southwest Ranches is authorized to submit the grant application to FRDAP before its September 13, 2002 deadline and to be responsible for managing the project's implementation and monitoring.

Section 4: All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

Section 5: If any clause, section, or other part or application of this Resolution is held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, in part or application, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Resolution.


Section 6: This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida this 12th day of September, 2002.



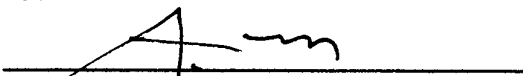
Mecca Fink, Mayor

Attest:



Arielle Haze Tyner, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:



Gary A. Poliakoff, J.D., Town Attorney