

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: November 2, 2021

☒ Consent ☐ Regular
☐ Ordinance ☐ Public Hearing

Department: Parks and Recreation

Submitted By: Parks and Recreation Department

Submitted For: Parks and Recreation Department

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to adopt: A resolution approving the naming of a park road within Canyon District Park as Ben Ferencz Way.

Summary: At the County Commission meeting on October 19, 2021, the Board directed staff to develop a resolution for the naming of a future roadway within Canyon District Park to Mr. Benjamin Ferencz. Mr. Ferencz graduated from Harvard Law School in 1943 and enlisted in the United States Army where he earned numerous medals during World War II. In 1945, Mr. Ferencz was assigned to General Patton's Third Army to establish a War-Crimes branch and was present during or soon after the liberation of several concentration camps. Benjamin Ferencz was later tasked by General Taylor to be the Chief Prosecutor in the Nuremburg War Trials, known as the biggest murder trial in history, where he led the prosecution of 22 members of the SS Einsatzgruppen, a group that murdered more than a million people. All 22 on trial were convicted and 13 of them received death sentences.

Following the war, Mr. Ferencz participated in the establishment of reparation and rehabilitation programs for the victims of Nazi atrocities, Reparations Agreement between Israel and West Germany and the establishment of an international court to prosecute perpetrators of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity. Benjamin Ferencz has dedicated his life to peace and helping the victims of war crimes. He is the last surviving individual of all the prosecutors at the Nuremburg Trials and currently resides in Delray Beach. District 5 (AH)

Background and Justification: Benjamin Berell Ferencz was born in 1920 in Hungary and moved to the United States as a young child. He was an investigator of Nazi War Crimes after World War II and the Chief Prosecutor for the US Army at the Einsatzgruppen Trial, where all 22 defendants were convicted. He later became an advocate of the international rule of law and the establishment of an International Criminal Court. After years of advocating for peace around the world and working as a lawyer in private practice, he was an adjunct professor of international law at Pace University from 1985-96.

At the direction of the Board, staff developed a resolution approving the naming of a roadway within the soon to be completed Canyon District Park to Benjamin Ferencz.

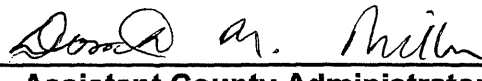
Attachment: Resolution

Recommended by:


Department Director

10-21-21
Date

Approved by:


Assistant County Administrator

10/22/2021
Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

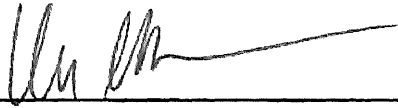
A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenues	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
NET FISCAL IMPACT	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Is Item Included in Current Budget:			Yes	<u>X</u>	No
Does this item include use of federal funds?			Yes	_____	No <u>X</u>

Budget Account No.: Fund _____ Department _____ Unit _____
Object _____/Revenue Source _____ Program _____

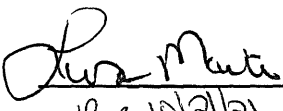
B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:


There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: 


III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Development and Control Comments:

 10/21/21
BR 10/21/21 OFMB QAT 10/21/21

 10/22/21
Contract Development & Control
10-22-21 TW

B. Legal Sufficiency:

 10/22/21
Assistant County Attorney Kori A. Lehl

C. Other Departmental Review:

Department Director

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment

RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE
NAMING OF A PARK ROAD WITHIN CANYONS DISTRICT
PARK TO BEN FERENCZ WAY**

WHEREAS, Benjamin Berell Ferencz, after his graduation from Harvard Law School, enlisted in the United States Army where he earned numerous medals during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Ferencz was assigned to General Patton's Third Army to establish a War-Crime branch; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Ferencz was later tasked by General Taylor to be the Chief Prosecutor in the Nuremburg War Trials, known as the biggest murder trial in history, where he led the prosecution of 22 members of the SS Einsatzgruppen, a group that murdered more than a million people. All 22 on trial were convicted and 13 of them received death sentences; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Ferencz participated in the establishment of reparation and rehabilitation programs for the victims of Nazi atrocities, Reparations Agreement between Israel and West Germany and the establishment of an international court to prosecute perpetrators of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity; and

WHEREAS, After years of advocating for peace around the world and working as a lawyer in private practice, he is the last surviving individual of all the prosecutors at the Nuremburg Trials and currently resides in Delray Beach.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

A road in the soon to be completed Canyons District Park will be forever known as Ben Ferencz Way.

This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Dave Kerner
Vice Mayor Robert S. Weinroth
Commissioner Maria G. Marino
Commissioner Gregg K. Weiss
Commissioner Maria Sachs
Commissioner Melissa McKinlay
Commissioner Mack Bernard

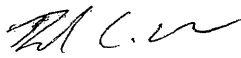
The Mayor thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2021.

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Joseph Abruzzo, Clerk of the Circuit Court &
Comptroller

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By:  _____
Assistant County Attorney
For: P. Hebert