



THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Jim Scholl, City Manager
FROM: Marcus Davila, Director of Community Services
VIA: Greg Veliz, Assistant City Manager
DATE: May 15, 2017
SUBJECT: Approving the naming of Jonathan Wells Field at Cozumel Park

ACTION STATEMENT: Approving the naming of Jonathan Wells Field at Cozumel Park. The artificial field that is being installed at the current Cozumel Park has been requested to be named in memory of Jonathan Wells.

BACKGROUND:

Cozumel Park was original named by Commissioner Jose Menendez on June 1, 1970. Cozumel Park is currently under a full renovation to include a new playground, splash pad, basketball court resurface and the installation of an artificial field.

Cozumel Park has proven to be a true neighborhood park for Key West and it's families. One child that grew up within the fences of Cozumel Park was Jonathan Wells. Jonathan Wells, passed away at the age of 14 due to a tragic accident. Cozumel Park was one of Jonathan's favorite places. In addition to his daily basketball games, Jonathan and his family celebrated his 3rd, 4th and 5th birthdays at the park along with a party to celebrate his first communion with his classmates. Jonathan was an all-star athlete in baseball, football and basketball. Jonathan was a first pick during a pick up basketball game at the Cozumel Park Court by his peers. Jonathan would ask to go to Cozumel Park from a young age and once he was big enough he would go to the park to meet up with friends.

Jonathan is remembered as a loving, compassionate and giving young man, who saw the good in everyone. The Community Services Department would like to dedicated the artificial field in the name of Jonathan for all his friends, family and other park patrons to remember him for these attributes.

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION: To dedicate the artificial field at Cozumel Park in the name of Jonathan Wells.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There will be no financial impact to the project.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the dedication and naming of the field to Jonathan Wells.

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