

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY
OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, RENAMING THE RAINBOW
TOT LOT LOCATED AT 4001 N. HILLS DRIVE TO
"RICHARD BLATTNER MINDFULNESS PARK."

WHEREAS, Subsection 155.14(H) of the Code of Ordinances provides for City Commission approval of the naming and renaming of streets and City facilities and for the establishment of application fees and procedures by resolution of the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2022, the City Commission, by Resolution Number R-2022-303, implemented a new Naming Policy and Procedures ("Naming Policy"); and

WHEREAS, the Rainbow Tot Lot is located at 4001 N. Hills Drive; and

WHEREAS, the park currently contains a few pieces of playground equipment geared towards children aged 2-5 years and is nearing its end of life expectancy; and

WHEREAS, recently the City installed a brand new playground at Mara Berman Giuliani Park, located at 4151 N. Hills Drive, which is only a block from the Rainbow Tot Lot; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends the removal of the playground equipment from the Rainbow Tot Lot and repurposing the park; and

WHEREAS, a virtual public meeting was held on April 10, 2024 to get feedback from the neighborhood, with the consensus from the meeting being that residents would like it to become a "Mindfulness Space" with shade, green space, benches and chairs, chess and checker tables, and improvements to the swale in front of the park; and

WHEREAS, since the park will no longer have a tot lot, it makes sense to change the name; and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2024, Commissioner Gruber proposed renaming the "Rainbow Tot Lot" to the "Richard Blattner Mindfulness Park"; and

WHEREAS, the request received City Commission support for the renaming; and

WHEREAS, the Naming Policy provides that any proposed naming that is initiated by a City Commissioner shall be placed on a publicly noticed City Commission agenda for consideration without having to first be evaluated by the Naming Review Committee; and

WHEREAS, City Commission members who propose the naming are encouraged to seek community input for the proposed change.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are incorporated in this Resolution.

Section 2: The City Commission renames the Rainbow Tot Lot, located at 4001 N Hills Drive, to the "Richard Blattner Mindfulness Park."

Section 3: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

JOSH LEVY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PATRICIA A. CERNY, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DOUGLAS R. GONZALES
CITY ATTORNEY