

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2022-374

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: May 10, 2022

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, TEU

Date of Analysis: May 12, 2022

Type of Action: Park naming

Bill Summary: The bill names a new city park on Heckscher Drive in Council District 2 as “Seiden Park” in honor of the family donating the property for the park site.

Background Information: The property, consisting of 2.68 acres of land on the south side of Heckscher Drive adjacent to Nichols Creek just east of I-295 behind Blount Island, is owned by Relentless HD LLC, a corporation formed by the Seiden family of Aventura, Florida. The land is low-lying and grassy, bordering a tidal creek and marshland. Although zoned PUD and in a CGC land use category, the property is undeveloped. The corporation wishes to donate the land to the City for recreational purposes, contingent on the park being named “Seiden Park” in honor of the donating family. The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department proposes to develop the site for picnicking, a short nature trail, a marsh overlook, and potentially a kayak launch site. A Phase 1 environmental assessment has identified no significant issues with the property.

Policy Impact Area: Parkland acquisition

Fiscal Impact: The Property Appraiser shows the just market value as \$338,733. Park development costs are as yet undetermined depending on the scope of the amenities.

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