RESOLUTION No. 06 – 30

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA APPROVING A PROPOSED ALTERNATE SITE PLAN, PURSUANT TO THE JOINT USE AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A PARENT DROP-OFF AT DORAL MEADOW PARK FOR THE EUGENIA B. THOMAS K-8 CENTER; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the current drop-off and pick-up times at Eugenia B. Thomas Elementary School requires that parents park their vehicles in the Doral Meadow Park parking lot and walk their children into and out of the school; and

WHEREAS, the overall plan (Phase I) creates a condition that is unsafe, and staff feels that the alternate plan is a much safer and overall better plan; and

WHEREAS, Staff has reviewed the plans and respectfully recommends approval of the "proposed alternate plan" subject to the following conditions and as listed in Exhibit "A":

- The applicant shall submit a detailed landscape plan to the Planning and Zoning Director for approval. Applicant shall install said landscaping according to plan.
- The applicant shall submit a traffic and pedestrian access plan to the Parks and Recreation Director for approval prior to construction.
- 3. The applicant shall ensure that use of the parking lot remains available throughout construction and at all times thereafter for park patrons.
- 4. The applicant shall re-stripe the Doral Meadow parking lot, provide curbing where necessary, and all necessary signage prior to using the drop-off.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Doral, Florida hereby approves the proposed alternate site plan, pursuant to the joint use agreement with Miami-Dade County School Board, subject to the conditions listed above and included in Exhibit "A."

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Vice Mayor Cabrera who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Van Name and, upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez
Vice Mayor Pete Cabrera
Councilman Michael DiPietro
Councilwoman Sandra Ruiz
Councilman Robert Van Name
Yes

PASSED and ADOPTED this 14th of June, 2006.

UAN CARLOS BERMUDEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND

LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

JOHN HEARN, ESQ., KITY ATTORNEY

Eugenia B. Thomas MLC Drop Off Plan

7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Staff will set up cones for safe arrival, assist with traffic flow and secure all safety cones after arrival.

2:45 p.m. – 3:20 p.m. 1:45 p.m. – 2:20 p.m. (Wed.) Staff will prepare for safe dismissal, set safety cones and secure cones after dismissal.

- A Staff member will stand at the entrance of the drop-off/pick-up area and direct traffic into the drop off/pick-up area. This person is responsible for the flow of traffic in the drop-off/pick-up area and will also monitor pedestrians, giving the right of way as pedestrians gather to cross on the side walk.
- Cones will be set along 58 Street leading into the drop off/pick-up area as well as into the park's parking lot. Cones will also be set to direct vehicles to turn right where they will drive west to make the U turn at the next median to return to 114 Avenue. The cones will prevent vehicles from making a left turn directly in front of the park entrances and obstructing the flow of traffic after dropping off students.
- Staff will stand along the sidewalk of the drop off/pick-up area to assist students arriving and dismissing and will also keep the traffic flowing, not allowing any one to park in this area.
- A staff member will stand at the north side of the parking lot to monitor the traffic flow and direct traffic as parents and guest leave the drop-off/pickup area. Staff will alternate traffic flow from the drop-off/pick-up area and the park's traffic to ensure traffic flow in both areas.
- All personnel will be in continuous contact by walkie talkie in order for the traffic to flow continuously as we presently do in our two drop off areas.
 - In order to avoid parents having to go to multiple drop-off/pick-up areas, we allow older siblings to join the younger sibling at the drop-off/pick-up areas. This will assist parents in only making one drop-off/pick-up at the school.
- The same routine presently being utilize during our arrival and dismissal will be implemented in order to stagger the traffic flow and maintain safety for all of our students, the following areas are designated for arrival and dismissal by grade level:

<u>Pre-K</u> students will report directly to designated classrooms where they will be supervised by staff. Parents will pick up students in the primary drop-off/pick-up area directly in front of the school (114 avenue). Personnel will assist in maintaining safety and traffic flow.

1st & 2nd grade students will be dropped-off/picked-up in the primary area directly in front of the school (114 Avenue). Personnel will assist in maintaining safety and traffic flow.

<u>3rd & 4th grade</u> students will be dropped off and picked-up in the north drop-off/pick-up area. Personnel will assist in maintaining safety and traffic flow.

5th & 6th grade students will be dropped-off and picked-up in the new MLC drop-off/pick-up area. Personnel will assist in maintaining safety and traffic flow.

Students in 1st to 4th grades arriving will be directed to the designated areas to line up on the basketball court and pavilion in the elementary building where supervision will be available starting at 7:30 a.m. Students in grades 5-6 will be lined up on the P.E. court at the MLC building. All students will wait for their teachers' arrival.

All students are to be dismissed and escorted out of the building by the classroom teacher five minutes prior to dismissal time to line up and wait for parent pick-up. Supervised dismissal activities take place as follows: Pre-k to 1st grade will dismiss at 2:00 p.m. daily; 2nd to 6th students will be dismissed at 3:00 p.m. except on Wednesdays, all students dismiss from 2:00 p.m.

During arrival and dismissal teachers will be assigned to specific areas to assist. Students will get into and out of their vehicle on the right hand side of the vehicle only and will not be allowed to place any items in the vehicle's trunk for their safety and in order to move traffic flow quickly.

Students departing by bus will be escorted to the bus area by school personnel approximately 5 minutes before dismissal time. Designated school personnel will supervise and ensure that students board their buses accordingly.

Students walking home will be escorted to the designated exit.

I am requesting the assistance of the City of Doral Police and School Board Police Departments in order to ensure the safety of all students. With their assistance in monitoring the traffic and the park area, we can further ensure everyone's safety. Our parents will be notified several times during the school year of the procedures to follow and Administration will stress procedures to the students over closed circuit and during classroom visitation. All staff will enforce the procedures.

