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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager 

DATE: December 11, 2013

SUBJECT: **REFERRAL TO THE TENNIS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING A JERRY MOSS (“WALL OF FAME”) PLAQUE AT THE FLAMINGO PARK TENNIS CENTER**

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION

Refer to Tennis Advisory Committee for discussion and recommendations on plaque language and criteria for recognitions for Jerry Moss “Wall of Fame.”

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

A request for discussion was initiated by Commissioner Wolfson and was first heard by the Neighborhoods/Community Affairs Committee on April 27, 2010. Present at the April 2010 meeting were Commissioner Tobin and Libbin. After discussion and general agreement that Mr. Moss is deserving of a plaque, the Committee recommended that the design allow for recognition of others in the future.

Discussion was also held at the September 30, 2013 Neighborhood/Community Affairs Committee regarding the plaque and recognition of Mr. Moss. Present at the September 2013 meeting were Commissioner Libbin, Commissioner Tobin and Commissioner Exposito. Upon referral from commission, staff was directed to explore placing a plaque at the Flamingo Park Tennis Center to honor Jerry Moss. It was also suggested that a Wall of Honor/Fame or similar be placed on the Tennis Facility at Flamingo Park. The design of the plaque would be one which allows for the names of others to be placed on the “Honor List”. Staff recommended that the Tennis Advisory Committee discuss and recommend criteria for future persons to be considered for the honor. Commissioner Libbin made the motion to send to the item to the Tennis Advisory Committee for discussion.

Jerry Moss began playing tennis at a very early age, winning tournaments at Flamingo Park Tennis Center on Miami Beach. He entered his first tournament at age 10, reaching the finals, and was just under 12 when he won his first national tournament, the Orange Bowl Junior Championship. Mr. Moss progressed through the junior ranks, U.S. Boys’ Singles Champion (15 and Under), U.S. Singles and Doubles Champion (18 and Under), member of the U.S. Davis Cup team, until entering the University of Miami in 1958.

As a Hurricane he earned All-American honors two years, was team captain in 1959 and had a career record of 70-1 playing #1 singles and doubles. His biggest win came after leaving UM, when he defeated the worlds #1 ranked player, Rod Laver, in the 1961 Masters Championship.

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