

A Legend's Changing Legacy

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Maurice A. Ferré Park will stay undeveloped



In the 1960s, the Port of Miami was relocated to Dodge Island. By 1976, Bicentennial Park opened in the port's former location on Biscayne Boulevard.

In the past seven years, the Pérez Art Museum Miami and the Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science have risen within the park's 31.2 acres --aptly renamed Museum Park, while the park itself has undergone renovations, including a \$10 million baywalk, promenades, and a reopened Metromover Museum Park Station.

In December 2018, the city commission unanimously voted to rename Museum Park in honor of former six-term Mayor Maurice A. Ferré, Miami's first Hispanic and the nation's first Puerto Rican mayor, who passed away from cancer on September 19.

Ferré was elected to the Florida House in 1967, then served as Miami mayor from 1973-1985, making him the longest-serving mayor in the city's history. He also served as a city commissioner, a Miami-Dade County Commissioner, chairman of the Downtown Development Authority, and more recently as a member of the Florida Transportation Commission.

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