



CITY OF FORT PIERCE

100 NORTH US HWY 1
FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA 34950
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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT

Name of Board or Boards for which you are applying: Arts and Culture Advisory Board

Name: <u>Doretha Hair Truesdell</u>	Phone: <u>772-252-4088</u>
Home Address: <u>2804 Dunbar St. Ft Pierce, FL 34947</u>	How long at this address? <u>7 years</u>
City/Zip Code: <u>2804 Dunbar St. Ft Pierce, FL</u>	
Are you a citizen of the United States?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Occupation: <u>Artist</u>	
Do you own a business that operates within the City of Fort Pierce?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, list the address and nature of said business: <u>2804 Dunbar St. Ft Pierce FL 34947</u> <u>Self employed Highwomen Artist</u>	
Do you now or in the future plan to do business with the City of Fort Pierce?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, in what capacity?	
Are you employed by a business that is located within the City of Fort Pierce?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, state the business and location:	
Do you have special training or knowledge in the area of:	
Architecture: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Engineering: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Real Estate Brokering: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Contracting: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Land Development: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Other:	
Describe your education, background, training and knowledge – (feel free to attach a resume): <u>Resume Attached</u>	
Are you currently a member of a Commission-appointed board/committee?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, please specify:	
Have you ever been convicted of a felony?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, what was the nature of the crime(s) you were convicted of:	
Referred by: <u>Commissioner Rufus J Alexander III</u>	Applicant Email Address: <u>dhair@aol.com</u>
Date: <u>4/2/2018</u>	Applicant's Signature: <u>Doretha Hair Truesdell</u>

APPLICATIONS EXPIRE 6 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF SUBMISSION. PLEASE REAPPLY AS OFTEN AS DESIRED.

Please return form to: City Clerk's Office – 100 North US Hwy 1, Fort Pierce, Florida 34950

fax (772) 467-3841 or via email at lcox@city-ftpierce.com



Doretha Hair Truesdell began painting with her now deceased husband Alfred Hair, Sr. in 1965 when they moved into their Dunbar Street home in Fort Pierce, Florida. She had recently graduated from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) in 1964 with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Education and a minor in Art Education. She later received her M.ED in 1974 from Florida A & M University.

Doretha worked during the day and painted the backgrounds of her husband's paintings at night until she received help from her now deceased younger brother Carnell Smith who came to live with them. They began producing from 10 to 20 paintings a day and hiring salespeople.

Doretha began teaching in the St. Lucie County School System in 1967. She still painted Alfred's background for his paintings. She stopped teaching after one year and began painting under her own name producing around 75 to 100 Florida landscape paintings on Upson Board until her husband was murdered at the age of 29 in a bar in Fort Pierce, Florida. They had four children together ranging in age from 7 weeks to 6 years at the time of his death.

She taught for 13 years in the State of Florida before marrying John Truesdell, Jr. and moving to New Jersey. She held a variety of jobs and retired from Federal Express after 21 years as a customer service manager and moved back into her Dunbar Street House.

She is a founding member and president of the non-profit Original Florida Hall of Fame Highwaymen, Inc. Her deceased husband Alfred Hair and the Highwaymen were inducted to the Florida Hall of Fame in 2004.

Doretha is still producing her art and speaking at various venues on the Life of the Highwaymen in segregated Florida in the fifties and sixties. Her art is widely sought after and collected by art enthusiasts throughout the country.

She is Treasurer and Lifetime Chair of Arts and Culture for the 104 year old Fort Pierce Woman's Club and a Board Member of the Backus Museum.