

RESOLUTION NO. 18-R63

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF THE **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE, INC. OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, IN ITS INITIATIVE TO RENOVATE AND DEVELOP THE LINCOLN THEATER; PROVIDING FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE COMMITTEE TO FURTHER ITS EFFORTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Theater located at 1132 Avenue D is a contributing structure to the Historic Lincoln Park District; and

WHEREAS, restoration of this treasured landmark would be a catalyst for the revitalization of the Historic Lincoln Park District by providing a venue that will host community activities, entertainment as well as a museum to recognize the rich cultural heritage of Fort Pierce; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Theater property is deemed historical as it was the only theater which provided an exclusive entertainment venue for the City's African American community during the early through middle twentieth century; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Pierce desires to recognize the importance of the contribution and continuing importance of the Lincoln Theater as one of the Nation's few remaining African American historic theaters; and

WHEREAS, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Committee, Inc. of St. Lucie County, Florida desires to develop and restore this significant historic amenity to preserve and promote arts, cultural heritage, and creativity within the City of Fort Pierce and is taking steps toward the restoration; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that a valid public purpose will be served, and that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Fort Pierce, that the City support such endeavor; and

WHEREAS, we pledge to support this effort by researching grant opportunities and supporting grant applications that facilitate the renovation and restoration of the Lincoln Theater.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, as follows:

SECTION 1. The City of Fort Pierce supports the goals and objectives of the Committee in restoring the Lincoln Theater.

SECTION 2. The City will assist the Committee in researching grant opportunities which can be used for the purpose of funding the restoration of the Lincoln Theater.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity of that section does not affect other provisions or applications of this act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are severable.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, this Resolution has been duly adopted on this 17th day of December, 2018.



Linda Hudson, Mayor Commissioner

ATTEST:



Linda W. Cox, City Clerk

(SEAL)

Approved as to Form
And Correctness:



Ben Bryan, Jr., Esq.
Interim City Attorney