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## Nominator

Name Lincoln Park Main Street

Address, City, State, Zip 1234 Avenue D Fort Pierce, Florida 34950

Phone (772) 462 - 2481 Email [lincolnparkmainstreet@live.com](mailto:lincolnparkmainstreet@live.com)

## Nomination

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Name being nominated Albert T. Stone

### If a person:

A. Address, City, State, Zip (or former if deceased) 317 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Fort Pierce, FL

B. Date of Death (if deceased) March 1968

C. List specific years of involvement (Example - 01/10-12/17) 1932 – 1967

D. Identify the general area of contribution made by the nominee.

a. (Example - Health, Education, Business, Environment, Civic, Other) Civic and Business

b. Summarize the type of contribution (accomplishments and community involvement) that the nominee made. (more detail in #1 and #2) During the early 1900s when there were only a few families living in Fort Pierce, the area's first families, led by Francina Duval, began a campaign to establish a school for their children. The first school that opened for blacks was located on North Eighth Street in the area known as Cobb's Bottom. Mrs. Duval was also the first African American to cast a vote in 1922.

(Examples – Neighborhood or geographic; Natural or geological features; National, State, and local leaders; Historical figure, place, or event; Individuals who have made significant monetary contributions or have contributed outstanding service to the community).

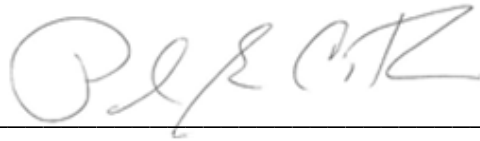
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Name being nominated Annie Kate Jackson

### If a person:

A. Address, City, State, Zip (or former if deceased) 433 N. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Fort Pierce, FL

B. Date of Death (if deceased) July 18, 2021

C. List specific years of involvement (Example - 01/10-12/17) 1970 – 2014

D. Identify the general area of contribution made by the nominee.

a. (Example - Health, Education, Business, Environment, Civic, Other) Civic and Business

b. Summarize the type of contribution (accomplishments and community involvement) that the nominee made. (more detail in #1 and #2) Annie Kate was the first black and first black woman employed by the City of Fort Pierce with the City Clerk's office.

(Examples – Neighborhood or geographic; Natural or geological features; National, State, and local leaders; Historical figure, place, or event; Individuals who have made significant monetary contributions or have contributed outstanding service to the community).

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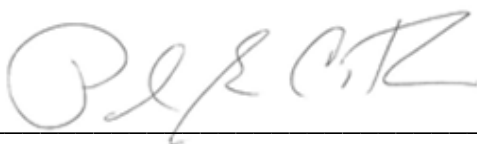
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Annie Kate held many First positions in her life. She was a First black woman to be employed with the City Clerk's office in Fort Pierce, First black account clerk for Fort Pierce Utilities Authority, First black legal secretary in the State Attorney's office of the 19th Judicial Circuit of Florida, First black female personnel director for the public defender's office of the 19th Judicial Circuit of Florida and the black female from SLC to serve with the third statewide grand jury of Florida. These firsts have made Ms. Jackson's life's work unique in that most people have only "one" first in their career and/or lifetime; but Ms. Jackson continued to demonstrate the many strengths it takes to consistently obtain many firsts. The community of Lincoln Park was on display during every landmark firsts made by Ms. Jacksn.

2. Describe the type of contribution (accomplishments and community involvement) that the nominee made. (Examples – Neighborhood or geographic; Natural or geological features; National, State, and local leaders; Historical figure, place, or event; Individuals who have made significant monetary contributions or have contributed outstanding service to the community).

Kate retired from DOT in 2012, but she continued to work within her community as an after school tutor, and within her church as the church clerk. Throughout Annie Kate's life in Fort Pierce, she served the community through various associations such as a reporter and editor of the Chronicle Newspaper (the first newspaper owned and operated by an African American), a member of Member of Treasure Coast Charmettes since 1971.

Annie Kate served as: President, Recording Sec., Corresponding Sec., Financial Sec. and National Sgt.-at- Arms. She was the founder of local chapter's fund raiser, 'The Purple Tea'. Funds raised go to Local Chapter of American Cancer Society along with wigs for cancer patients. At the 60th convention she received an award for 45 years of service to the organization.

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Name being nominated Charles Edward Bolen

### If a person:

A. Address, City, State, Zip (or former if deceased) 707 N. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Fort Pierce, FL

B. Date of Death (if deceased) September 27, 1994

C. List specific years of involvement (Example - 01/10-12/17) 1957 – 1990

D. Identify the general area of contribution made by the nominee.

a. (Example - Health, Education, Business, Environment, Civic, Other) Publisher-Owner/Operator of Chronicle Newspaper

b. Summarize the type of contribution (accomplishments and community involvement) that the nominee made. (more detail in #1 and #2) *Publisher of First African American owned and operated newspaper in Fort Pierce in 1957.*

(Examples – Neighborhood or geographic; Natural or geological features; National, State, and local leaders; Historical figure, place, or event; Individuals who have made significant monetary contributions or have contributed outstanding service to the community).

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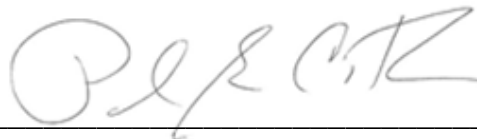
The lives of African Americans came to life when C.E. Bolen, publisher of the first African American owned and operated newspaper began circulation in Fort Pierce in 1957, The Chronicle. Publisher Bolen's vision highlighted news, events, and critical issues facing the African American community.

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Bolen convinced noted author, folklorist, and anthropologist Zora Neale Hurston to work for him writing a weekly column. Hurston's coverage included stories on community concerns, race relations, hoodoo, black magic, as well as other local features. \n\n According to a February 14, 1990 Fort Pierce Tribune article, C.E. Bolen had this to say about his experience with Zora: "I found Zora in Cocoa, where she was doing some writing for the Pittsburgh Courier, I think. I said, 'Why don't you come to Fort Pierce and work for me?' and she did... She amazed me. You could learn a lot from talking to her... She carried a lot of useful information with her to her grave."

For nearly 40 years, Mr. Bolen owned, operated and published the Chronicle Newspaper, reporting the lives, activities, events and history of the Black community in Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County. Everything news worthy was reported in the Chronicle first, it served as the black community's voice.

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Name being nominated Charles Oliver Hines

### If a person:

A. Address, City, State, Zip (or former if deceased) 1606 N. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Fort Pierce, FL

B. Date of Death (if deceased) September 7, 1992

C. List specific years of involvement (Example - 01/10-12/17) 1970 – 1991

D. Identify the general area of contribution made by the nominee.

a. (Example - Health, Education, Business, Environment, Civic, Other) Educator - Government

b. Summarize the type of contribution (accomplishments and community involvement) that the nominee made. (more detail in #1 and #2) Before he completed his high school studies, he enlisted in the Army and served a tour of duty of two years during the Korean conflict. After discharge from the Army, he returned to St. Lucie County and received his high school diploma from Lincoln Park Academy and enrolled at Florida A&M University. Actively involved in athletics since the age of 12, either as an athlete or a supervisor. All of his athletic career was in the state of Florida with the exception of the two years he spent in the military service.

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Coach Hines dedicated 33 years to the St. Lucie County School District and very active with organizations involving youth in the community. He was affiliated in organizations including St. Anastasia Church, Alphi Phi Alpha Fraternity, Knights of Columbus, American Legion and several professional organizations involving his work life. Hines served on the board of directors for the Drug Abuse Treatment Association and as coordinator for the Positive Esteem Program (RAIDE).

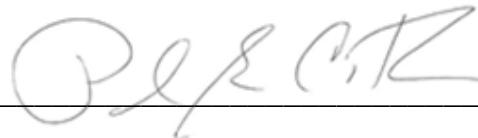
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Hines has made outstanding achievements as an athlete in high school, college, and the army. As a coach he garnered many district and conference honors. He has served as a super role model, encouraging many athletes to further their education as well as athletic abilities. He has served St. Lucie County in athletic for 33 years. During his tenure he was football coach at Lincoln Park Academy and Dan McCarty High School; football coach, wrestling coach, and athletic director at Fort Pierce Central High School; and football coach, athletic director, and assistant principal in charge of athletics at Fort Pierce Westwood High School.

While at Fort Pierce Central High School, Hines started the first wrestling program in St. Lucie County, culminating a record of 94-11. He also was selected to serve as one of the coaches for the South All-Star football team in 1972. As athletic director at Fort Pierce Central High School, he was instrumental in bringing girls sports back to the county. When Fort Pierce Westwood High School opened, he was transferred there to organize the athletic program, serving as head football coach and athletic director, and later became Assistant Principal. During his second year as football coach at Fort Pierce Westwood High school, his team was selected as one of the most improved teams in the state of Florida by the Coca-Cola/Dunkel rating system. In his third year at Fort Pierce Westwood High School, his football team won the district and Suncoast Conference championships, which entitled the team to be in the first round of the state playoffs. Hines has been active in many community organizations dealing with the youth of St. Lucie County. His numerous successes have been credited to his affiliation with these youths as an elementary school teacher, scoutmaster, little league coordinator, recreation director and YMCA director.

In 1991, Coach Hines was inducted into the Florida High School Athletic Association.

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Name being nominated Charlie Frank Matthews, Sr.

### If a person:

A. Address, City, State, Zip (or former if deceased) P.O. Box 2593 Fort Pierce, FL

B. Date of Death (if deceased) \_\_\_\_\_

C. List specific years of involvement (Example - 01/10-12/17) 1970 – Present

D. Identify the general area of contribution made by the nominee.

a. (Example - Health, Education, Business, Environment, Civic, Other) Civic and Civil Rights

b. Summarize the type of contribution (accomplishments and community involvement) that the nominee made. (more detail in #1 and #2) Community activist, always advocating for the rights of African Americans in the Lincoln Park community. As NAACP Chair, the branch was one of the most award-winning branches for large memberships; championing the causes of Civil Rights, Housing, Education, Unfair Labor Practices and Police Brutality.

(Examples – Neighborhood or geographic; Natural or geological features; National, State, and local leaders; Historical figure, place, or event; Individuals who have made significant monetary contributions or have contributed outstanding service to the community).

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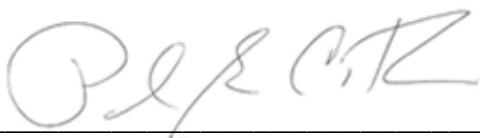
Mr. Matthews has served on more than 20 boards and committees for the City of Fort Pierce, 14 as Chairman. During his leadership in the field of Civil Rights, he has served with great honor as a leader, 25 years as NAACP Branch President, convened under his leadership, three Florida State Conference Conventions were held in Fort Pierce. Mr. Matthews is very successful in galvanizing the community for support of civil and human rights of residents in Lincoln Park through signed petitions in opposition of initiatives and policies that do not align with the community at large.

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Mr. Matthews coached Little League and helped to develop a Charter known as Northside Bat and Ball League, which is still active. His love for the city’s disadvantaged youth played a major role in the development of Horatio Grisby, Sr. Baseball field, coached a championship team named “The Challenger” (keeping with the Astronaut Space Program). He also served as Executive Secretary of the Northside Bat and Ball Club. He is presently a lifelong member of the Lincoln Park Recreation Board of Directors and serving as Chairman.

He has received over three hundred service awards with distinction during his professional career: The Outstanding Citizen of the Year, Most Active Citizen in the News, Black History Awards and Shakers and Makers of Political Affairs, Outstanding Congressional Achievement Award, and Who’s Who of the South. There are many awards and achievements from his years of dedication and involvement in the area of Civil Rights, Civil Liberties, and Political and Voting Rights.

Mr. Matthews currently serves as Chairman of the Fort Pierce Utility Authority, Chairman of the City of Fort Pierce Community Redevelopment Advisory Board and President of the Lincoln Park Recreation Board. He is the Past President of the Saint Lucie County NAACP serving longer than any other President.

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Name being nominated Cora Mae Lucas Monroe

### If a person:

A. Address, City, State, Zip (or former if deceased) 3110 Avenue R, Fort Pierce, FL

B. Date of Death (if deceased) February 2, 2020

C. List specific years of involvement (Example - 01/10-12/17) 1957 – 1990

D. Identify the general area of contribution made by the nominee.

a. (Example - Health, Education, Business, Environment, Civic, Other) Educator and Administration, Civic, Human Relations Work

b. Summarize the type of contribution (accomplishments and community involvement) that the nominee made. (more detail in #1 and #2) *Honored by the Florida Education Association and Club Utilitas for having received the highest honor in Human Relations Work in the State of Florida.*

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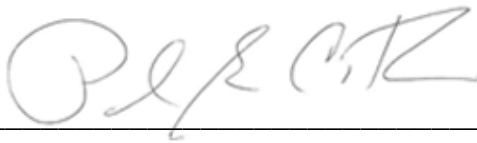
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After being a teacher and guidance counselor for 32 years, in 1980 Cora retired but even then could not leave her work with the students and continued on as a volunteer encouraging them to go on to college and helping to obtain the financial help they needed. Seeing the great need for these students to be tutored and helped with their homework, she started working with groups of 20-25 teenagers, meeting them in the library using their own textbooks and serving them cookies and milk.

2. Describe the type of contribution (accomplishments and community involvement) that the nominee made. (Examples – Neighborhood or geographic; Natural or geological features; National, State, and local leaders; Historical figure, place, or event; Individuals who have made significant monetary contributions or have contributed outstanding service to the community).

Later space was found at C.A. Moore Elementary, then the Superintendent at the time stopped by to visit, liked what he saw she was doing and gave her the go-a-head and told the principal to give her whatever she needed. She set up a lab, used gerber food jars and hot plates, encouraged the youngsters to bring in their own frogs and tadpoles. Other members of Club Utilitas became interested and in 1986 they convinced the City Commission of the immediate need for a Teen Center. Land was donated and Cora's brother, Ike Lucas volunteered to supply the labor. A public meeting was called to enlist pledges of financial assistance. Many clubs, individuals and businesses responded, and they have continued this support over the years thanks to Cora's efforts.

Cora along with her late husband served the community of Fort Pierce in many capacities and also operated the first African American owned flora shop, "The Flower Patch" in Fort Pierce. The couple also owned and operated a restaurant, El Chico's. Cora's affiliations, awards, and recognitions include a charter member of Eta Eta Omega Charter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Charter Member and President of the Fort Pierce Chapter of the Links, Inc.; a member of the Library Advisory Board and Director of Club Utilitas Teen Center/Daycare and Tutoring Program.

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Name being nominated Clarence Brown

### If a person:

A. Address, City, State, Zip (or former if deceased) 3103 Avenue R, Fort Pierce, FL

B. Date of Death (if deceased) \_\_\_\_\_

C. List specific years of involvement (Example - 01/10-12/17) 1970 – 2010

D. Identify the general area of contribution made by the nominee.

a. (Example - Health, Education, Business, Environment, Civic, Other) Other - Government

b. Summarize the type of contribution (accomplishments and community involvement) that the nominee made. (more detail in #1 and #2) *When the City of Fort Pierce decided to redevelopment of the Northwest Section of Fort Pierce, it was a huge undertaking. The decision to move forward with revitalization efforts began in 1978, when the City Manager and Director for Building and Zoning (now Planning) came together with Planner and Grant writer Clarence Brown to devise a project approach and plan.*

(Examples – Neighborhood or geographic; Natural or geological features; National, State, and local leaders; Historical figure, place, or event; Individuals who have made significant monetary contributions or have contributed outstanding service to the community).

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The infrastructure revitalization program encompassed four components: comprehensive street lighting; housing rehabilitation; fire hydrants; and recreation. Mr. Brown would team up with City Engineer to identify streets to be repaved and/or re-surfaced, and the respective costs to be implemented in the upcoming fiscal year. The work created a Street Pavement Plan for northwest Fort Pierce, especially Avenue M and Avenue D. Although Avenue D was and still is a county road, because it was located in the city limits, the City maintained Avenue D then and now.

2. Describe the type of contribution (accomplishments and community involvement) that the nominee made. (Examples – Neighborhood or geographic; Natural or geological features; National, State, and local leaders; Historical figure, place, or event; Individuals who have made significant monetary contributions or have contributed outstanding service to the community).

From 1978 – 1986, 33-miles of infrastructure improvements were made, including street paving, storm drainage, sewer lines, water mains, curb and gutter, and standard five feet wide sidewalks. The workload called for 6 1/2 miles of road paving per year and a total of 15 miles of sidewalks. The target area was east to west from U.S. Highway 1 to Angle Road; and north and south from Orange Avenue to Avenue Q. The housing component offered five thousand dollar grants to homeowners to make improvements that would be forgiven after five years provided they remained in the property for at least five years. If the property owners moved, they were responsible for repaying the grant. The second part of the housing program was a three thousand dollar loan to be used for home improvements.

The installation of fire hydrants was the next phase of the project. The UA worked with the contractors to insure that every hydrant with a pumper truck would have a 600 feet circumference. The next phase was the comprehensive street lighting; this included all streets in the target area and especially Avenue D. Beautification and streetscape improved the area, but a nice recreation park was needed west of 25th Street in the target area. In 1979 the City used federal funds to purchase 4.1 acres of property at the northwest corner of 29th Street and Avenue M known as Pioneer's Park. The funds were also used to develop the park: \$60,000 for the land, \$350,000 to build the park; the city designed the facility, Utilities Authority installed the lighting; and the underground sprinkler system was installed by the City.

Mr. Brown received a Proclamation from the City of Fort Pierce with distinction as Housing Program Supervisor and as Community Development Coordinator for the acquisition and administration of over 6.67 million dollars in Community Development funds. He also received District XV Health and Human Services Board, Health and Rehabilitative Services – SLC appointed Clarence Brown to serve as a founding member of the board to assist with the organization of an entity that was community based, community owned and responsive to the needs of the citizens of District XV.

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Name being nominated Fred Charles and Francina Duval

### If a person:

A. Address, City, State, Zip (or former if deceased) 1930 Dundas Court, Fort Pierce, FL

B. Date of Death (if deceased) Fred Duval d: January 1946; Francina d: June 7, 1975

C. List specific years of involvement (Example - 01/10-12/17) 1908 – 1975

D. Identify the general area of contribution made by the nominee.

a. (Example - Health, Education, Business, Environment, Civic, Other) Civic, Education and Community

b. Summarize the type of contribution (accomplishments and community involvement) that the nominee made. (more detail in #1 and #2) During the early 1900s when there were only a few families living in Fort Pierce, the area's first families, led by Francina Duval, began a campaign to establish a school for their children. The first school that opened for blacks was located on North Eighth Street in the area known as Cobb's Bottom. Mrs. Duval was also the first African American to cast a vote in 1922.

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In 1906, the building next door to the storage shed was given to the African American community for their school, which had no name. Sometime before the 1920s, the school moved and was located on Means Court at 13th Street. The school became known as Means Court School. The school was K-8 grades and was open only seven months each academic year.

About 1921, parents began setting its sights on establishing a full, four-year high school for African Americans. In the early years, the school served as the center for activity for the small but growing black community of Fort Pierce. At that time, there was no place for the school to hold its basketball games; in an effort led by Francina Duval and members of the Parent Teachers Association; Dreamland Theatre outdoor court was secured until the group was able to convince the school board to build a basketball court for the school.

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Fundraising was nothing new to the parents as they began another campaign to raise funds. To raise the money to buy the land for the basketball court, Francina Duval sold 10-cent sandwiches to the students Monday through Friday from noon to 1:00 pm. In 1922, the school board agreed to build a concrete court at the corner of 13 Street and Means Court as an incentive to raise money for the basketball court. Whenever, there was a sporting event like a basketball game in Fort Pierce, it was heavily attended.

When the Negro public school closed for the academic year in April 1923, it was in need of funding and had only five teachers. Even then, a committee of parents was beginning work on the establishment of a high school. To understand what an audacious ambition this was, one has only to know that there was not a full, four-year high school south of Palatka, and there was not an accredited Negro high school in Florida. Furthermore, in 1921, there were only eighteen Negro pupils in the twelfth grade in the three four-year high schools in the entire state.

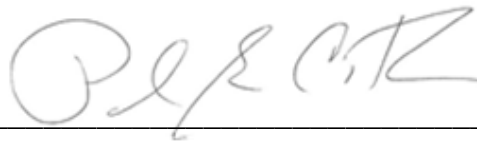
In September 1923, the school opened as a junior high school. There were five students classified as ninth graders. The following year, the citizens began talking about a senior high school. Principal Espy talked it over with the superintendent and invited him to meet with citizens to discuss the matter and he agreed. The well attended meeting was held at St. Paul A.M.E. Church. A plea was made to the superintendent for a four-year high school. He was told that their children had to go to college to get high school level work, and that the expense was a great burden.

Superintendent Riggs rose to speak, and stated that there were all kinds of high schools with quality degrees. He further stated he was not interested in a quack high school, but if the citizens really wanted to have a first class high school, and were willing to cooperate in the development of one, he would propose it to the school board. A first rate high school meant it would cost money for library books, materials, and supplies. Teaching materials, science equipment and home economics equipment would also have to be provided.

After he was seated, the citizens pledged \$1,600 to be paid during the following term if the senior high school was approved. Many were skeptical as to whether such a large amount of money could be raised, but the community surpassed their goal of \$1,600 by raising \$2,600 for the school year. Impressed with the local commitment, the school board approved the senior high school and Lincoln Park Academy was born.

Principal Espy kept academics at a high standard and insisted on certified teachers. Not long after, the school incorporated high school classes and became known as Lincoln Park Academy. This was the original site of Lincoln Park Academy, established in 1925 and accredited in 1929.

Signature of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_



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Address, City, State, Zip 1234 Avenue D Fort Pierce, Florida 34950

Phone (772) 462 - 2481 Email [lincolnparkmainstreet@live.com](mailto:lincolnparkmainstreet@live.com)

## Nomination

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Name being nominated Detective Jimmie Lee Blakely

### If a person:

A. Address, City, State, Zip (or former if deceased) 1302 Avenue E, Fort Pierce, FL

B. Date of Death (if deceased) August 1, 1995

C. List specific years of involvement (Example - 01/10-12/17) 1952 – 1980

D. Identify the general area of contribution made by the nominee.

a. (Example - Health, Education, Business, Environment, Civic, Other) Police Officer – Community Patrol

b. Summarize the type of contribution (accomplishments and community involvement) that the nominee made. (more detail in #1 and #2) Sergeant Blakely was the first African-American citizen employed as a police officer in the City of Fort Pierce.

(Examples – Neighborhood or geographic; Natural or geological features; National, State, and local leaders; Historical figure, place, or event; Individuals who have made significant monetary contributions or have contributed outstanding service to the community).

### If other than a person:

A. Summarize the reason for this nomination (more detail in #3) \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Identify in detail the area of contribution made by the nominee and be specific – name either significance and/or impact to the community and/or individuals or group of people. (Example - Health, Education, Business, Environment, Civic, Other).

His indignation about the absence of an African-American police officer in the City of Fort Pierce led him to apply for a position with the Fort Pierce Police Department in 1952 during the days of segregation. Not unlike the discriminatory practices in other cities across the country, Officer Blakely was required to only work in the northwest section of the city. He retired from the police force in 1980 after serving twenty-eight years.

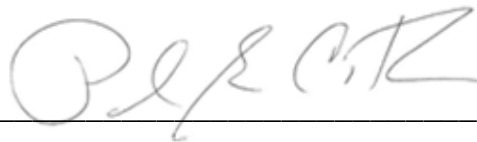
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During this tenure with the police department, he organized the Lincoln Park Police Benevolent Association that was responsible for bringing many well-known singers and performers to the city. This Association and Mr. Baker (owner of Baker's Bar and Grill) were responsible for bringing many well known singers and performers such as Dee Dee Sharpe, Sam and Dave, and Redd Foxx to name a few. This Association was also instrumental in bringing annual fairs and carnivals to the community. These activities were the sole entertainment available to the northwest community during this period of time.

Mr. Blakely organized the first Mini-City Junior Police Program. This program taught youth good safety habits and allowed them to practice on one of four "little police cars" that were available on the driving range located at the Lincoln Park Community Center. Additionally, as a police officer in the northwest community, Officer Blakely was often called to act as mentor, disciplinarian, and surrogate father for many families. During this period of time, the adage "It takes a Village to Raise a Child" was indeed a way of life for the citizens living in the northwest community.

In his continued quest to help, he established Blakely's Bail Bonds and assisted defendants in getting to and from court. He was known to serve as a mentor and surrogate father to many families.

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## Nomination

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Name being nominated Lyons Family: Wilson and Alice Lyons; William Lyons

### If a person:

A. Address, City, State, Zip (or former if deceased) 806 Avenue D, Fort Pierce, FL

B. Date of Death (if deceased) Wilson 1969; Alice 1952; William ???? ; Emma 1987

C. List specific years of involvement (Example - 01/10-12/17) 1902- 1987

D. Identify the general area of contribution made by the nominee.

a. (Example - Health, Education, Business, Environment, Civic, Other) Civic, Business and Community

b. Summarize the type of contribution (accomplishments and community involvement) that the nominee made. (more detail in #1 and #2) *In 1902, Wilson and Alice Lyons, along with siblings William Lyons settled in Fort Pierce as one of eight black families. William Lyons traveled with his brother and sister-in-law to Fort Pierce. William opened the first co-op grocery store in the Lincoln Park area.*

(Examples – Neighborhood or geographic; Natural or geological features; National, State, and local leaders; Historical figure, place, or event; Individuals who have made significant monetary contributions or have contributed outstanding service to the community).

### If other than a person:

A. Summarize the reason for this nomination (more detail in #3)\_\_\_\_\_

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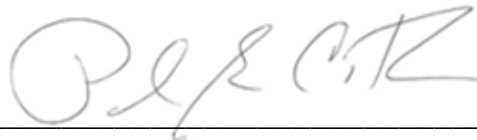
First Historical Marker placed in Lincoln Park on February 7, 1982 at the home of the Wilson and Alice Lyons, the first home built in on Avenue D in 1908. Walter Lyons, son of Wilson and Alice and his sibling, Emma Lyons Burns along with descendants gathered for the installation of the historic marker. Wilson and Alice built their home on deepest, wooded site in the area and raised their four children, Abel, Emma, Walter, and Mary, who died at an early age.

2. Describe the type of contribution (accomplishments and community involvement) that the nominee made. (Examples – Neighborhood or geographic; Natural or geological features; National, State, and local leaders; Historical figure, place, or event; Individuals who have made significant monetary contributions or have contributed outstanding service to the community).

Sometime after 1903 Wilson purchased the property while working at the East Coast Lumber yard. He purchased material to build his home out of his weekly salary or pay for it on time, each night, he and his wife Alice would build or add on to the house. The house was completed around 1908 or before, according to deeds at the courthouse, this property was paid in full and Wilson received the deed in 1910. There was no road to this address, Wilson had to cut a path from North 7<sup>th</sup> Street and now Avenue D to his home in order to carry the lumber on his bike. Later the kitchen and front porch was added. Wilson would purchase three more lots (Lot 3, 4, 5 Block F, Fee & Mays Addition). Wilson later went to work for Mr. P.P. Cobb and did so until he died. Wilson and Alice would care for Mr. Cobb until his death.

In 1903, William donated the land to build Mount Olive Baptist Church and was one of the church's first deacons.

Signature of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_



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## Nomination

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Name being nominated Honorable Ralph Lorenzo Flowers

### If a person:

A. Address, City, State, Zip (or former if deceased) 1561 SE Coply Street, Port St. Lucie, FL

B. Date of Death (if deceased) August 22, 2014

C. List specific years of involvement (Example - 01/10-12/17) 1970 – 2014

D. Identify the general area of contribution made by the nominee.

a. (Example - Health, Education, Business, Environment, Civic, Other) Education and Law, Civil Rights

b. Summarize the type of contribution (accomplishments and community involvement) that the nominee made. (more detail in #1 and #2) *Young Attorney sued the St. Lucie County School Board desegregation issues in the 1970s several times; Hillcrest Memorial Garden for refusal to bury African American Soldier during Vietnam Conflict.*

(Examples – Neighborhood or geographic; Natural or geological features; National, State, and local leaders; Historical figure, place, or event; Individuals who have made significant monetary contributions or have contributed outstanding service to the community).

### If other than a person:

A. Summarize the reason for this nomination (more detail in #3) \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Identify in detail the area of contribution made by the nominee and be specific – name either significance and/or impact to the community and/or individuals or group of people. (Example - Health, Education, Business, Environment, Civic, Other).

In 1970, a St. Lucie County all-white cemetery offered to bury local casualties of the Vietnam conflict for free. The family of Poindexter Williams, a Fort Pierce man killed in action, was denied burial because he was black. Flowers won the case. In 1970, the U.S. Justice Department filed suit against the district for its refusal to adopt a comprehensive integration plan. Flowers piggybacked on the federal suit with a case of his own, defending several black students accused of creating unrest about segregation. Federal Judge C. Clyde Atkins in August 1970 ordered the district to desegregate its schools, and a month later the new Fort Pierce Central High School opened for white and black students.

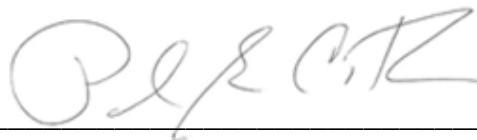
Atkins created a biracial committee of six whites and six blacks to oversee the integration process. For almost three decades, Flowers represented the group to the court. Its members came to be known as the “involverners”. During the battle for desegregation, Flowers sued the school board no less than seven times.

2. Describe the type of contribution (accomplishments and community involvement) that the nominee made. (Examples – Neighborhood or geographic; Natural or geological features; National, State, and local leaders; Historical figure, place, or event; Individuals who have made significant monetary contributions or have contributed outstanding service to the community).

In 1972, Father Richard Marquess-Barry sought out Attorney Flowers and laid out his thoughts about the plight of Blacks in Fort Pierce and enlisted Ralph’s help in righting the injustices Blacks had suffered for years. Attorney Flowers was 32 years old and Father Barry was 28 years old at the time. From that first meeting, a lifelong friendship developed between the two of them. Their friendship and work made life better for Blacks in St. Lucie County.

Later, in 1973 Flowers he was appointed as the last city judge in Fort Pierce, a position he held until it was phased out in 1976. Flowers was first black judge appointed anywhere in the 19th Judicial Circuit. His success in the Poindexter Williams case brought many phone calls.

Signature of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_



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## Nomination

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Name being nominated Robert Jefferson, Sr.

### If a person:

A. Address, City, State, Zip (or former if deceased) 2300 Valencia Avenue, Fort Pierce, FL

B. Date of Death (if deceased) December 23, 1983

C. List specific years of involvement (Example - 01/10-12/17) 1950 – 1983

D. Identify the general area of contribution made by the nominee.

a. (Example - Health, Education, Business, Environment, Civic, Other) Education and Administration

E. Summarize the type of contribution (accomplishments and community involvement) that the nominee made. (more detail in #1 and #2) *First African American Integrated High School Principal during the height of integration, calmed the riots and fighting commanded respect.*

a. (Examples – Neighborhood or geographic; Natural or geological features; National, State, and local leaders; Historical figure, place, or event; Individuals who have made significant monetary contributions or have contributed outstanding service to the community).

### If other than a person:

A. Summarize the reason for this nomination (more detail in #3) \_\_\_\_\_

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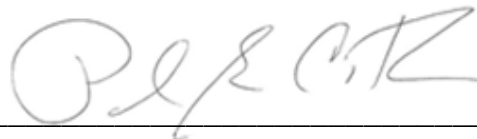
Mr. Jefferson started a new era of sports and spectators alike in St. Lucie County, especially in football and basketball. Bob Jefferson, as coach of the "Fighting and Fleeting Greyhounds" revolutionized those two sports. His name became a household word over the State of Florida. His teams were the first of their race to play at Jaycee Field. He purchased the first set of uniforms and he taught his boys and girls to be competitors. But more importantly, he instilled the desire to get an education and service to their community in his fellows.

He was appointed the first Dean of Boys at LPA in 1957. In 1962 when the position of Assistant Principal became available, Jefferson applied and was appointed first at LPA, later at Dan McCarty Annex. In 1970, he became Principal at LPA. The problems of integration and race relations at the recently formed Fort Pierce Central High School, once again gave Jefferson the opportunity to shine. Superintendent D.R. Seelinger and the St. Lucie County School Board made an unprecedented move which shook the minds of the community. Bob Jefferson was appointed Principal at Fort Pierce Central High School. The Southern Association Accreditation and Educational Standards termed his appointment and the immediate results as a "Miracle."

2. Describe the type of contribution (accomplishments and community involvement) that the nominee made. (Examples – Neighborhood or geographic; Natural or geological features; National, State, and local leaders; Historical figure, place, or event; Individuals who have made significant monetary contributions or have contributed outstanding service to the community).

In the year prior to Jefferson being appointed Principal at Central, there was resistance from some of the students to desegregation, and one day a number of students walked out of class. There were disturbances, the police were called, and then school buses were called early, and the students sent home. There was sporadic fighting in the days that followed. It was an inauspicious start for school desegregation. The following year, Jefferson was named principal of Fort Pierce Central. Students of both races admired Jefferson. Jefferson was a strong disciplinarian and believed in respect for authority. His mere presence commanded respect. His ability to relate to students and raise their level of expectation, attributed to his success in calming the contentions of integration in high school and bridging the communities of white and black of Fort Pierce. He will forever be remembered for his contributions to the lives of youth, their families, the Fort Pierce community and St. Lucie County.

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Name being nominated Vernon H. Floyd

### If a person:

A. Address, City, State, Zip (or former if deceased) 3110 Avenue R, Fort Pierce, FL

B. Date of Death (if deceased) \_\_\_\_\_

C. List specific years of involvement (Example - 01/10-12/17) 1955 – 1985

D. Identify the general area of contribution made by the nominee.

a. (Example - Health, Education, Business, Environment, Civic, Other) Educator and Administration, Civic, Human Relations Work

b. Summarize the type of contribution (accomplishments and community involvement) that the nominee made. (more detail in #1 and #2) Honored by the Florida Education Association and Club Utilitas for having received the highest honor in Human Relations Work in the State of Florida.

(Examples – Neighborhood or geographic; Natural or geological features; National, State, and local leaders; Historical figure, place, or event; Individuals who have made significant monetary contributions or have contributed outstanding service to the community).

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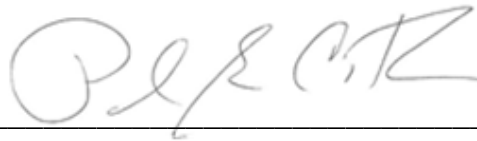
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After being a teacher and guidance counselor for 32 years, in 1980 Cora retired but even then could not leave her work with the students and continued on as a volunteer encouraging them to go on to college and helping to obtain the financial help they needed. Seeing the great need for these students to be tutored and helped with their homework, she started working with groups of 20-25 teenagers, meeting them in the library using their own textbooks and serving them cookies and milk.

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Later space was found at C.A. Moore Elementary, then the Superintendent at the time stopped by to visit, liked what he saw she was doing and gave her the go-a-head and told the principal to give her whatever she needed. She set up a lab, used gerber food jars and hot plates, encouraged the youngsters to bring in their own frogs and tadpoles. Other members of Club Utilitas became interested and in 1986 they convinced the City Commission of the immediate need for a Teen Center. Land was donated and Cora's brother, Ike Lucas volunteered to supply the labor. A public meeting was called to enlist pledges of financial assistance. Many clubs, individuals and businesses responded, and they have continued this support over the years thanks to Cora's efforts.

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## Nomination

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Name being nominated Rufus J. Alexander, Jr.

### If a person:

A. Address, City, State, Zip (or former if deceased) 2901 Avenue M, Fort Pierce, FL

B. Date of Death (if deceased) November 11, 2000

C. List specific years of involvement (Example - 01/10-12/17) 1970 – 1999

D. Identify the general area of contribution made by the nominee.

a. (Example - Health, Education, Business, Environment, Civic, Other) Civic and Community

b. Summarize the type of contribution (accomplishments and community involvement) that the nominee made. (more detail in #1 and #2) Prominent leader in the black community was a member of the pioneer Alexander Lyons family, the first black family to settle on Avenue D. Alexander was a native of Fort Pierce and was the first black postal employee in the county. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving for 26 years during World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam.

(Examples – Neighborhood or geographic; Natural or geological features; National, State, and local leaders; Historical figure, place, or event; Individuals who have made significant monetary contributions or have contributed outstanding service to the community).

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1. Identify in detail the area of contribution made by the nominee and be specific – name either significance and/or impact to the community and/or individuals or group of people. (Example - Health, Education, Business, Environment, Civic, Other).

According to his family and friends, Alexander organized, contributed, initiated and supported many causes within the community, the United States and abroad. He was a frequent contributor of letters to the editor published published in the Tribune.

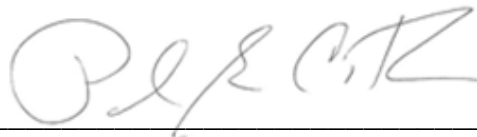
Among the local projects that Alexander was involved in were the Sheraton Plaza Park and Lighting District; Paradise Park playground, swimming pool and clubhouse; the Lighting District of 25<sup>th</sup> Street; the enclosing of the Belcher Canal Bridge to protect school children; and the paving of Avenues R, S and T north of 25<sup>th</sup> street and most streets north of Moore's Creek.

2. Describe the type of contribution (accomplishments and community involvement) that the nominee made. (Examples – Neighborhood or geographic; Natural or geological features; National, State, and local leaders; Historical figure, place, or event; Individuals who have made significant monetary contributions or have contributed outstanding service to the community).

Alexander participated in a program to raise funds to enlarge the child care center next to the Lincoln Park Community Center and to purchase playground equipment and toys. He organized the annual sickle-cell anemia fund-raising drive and was involved in other community activities and projects that focused on children and minority issues. Alexander engaged in numerous letter-writing campaigns to local, state and national political leaders to address individual and community issues and made countless contributions to promote higher education among minority youths in the community.

He got involved with the community and youth, in particular he advocated for the development of Pioneer's Park. He didn't just stop at writing letters to the City Manager and Mayor but to whomever would lend an ear. And once the park was developed, Mr. Alexander personally watched over the park, when kids were at play, he would often give them food and water. After hours when the park was closed and teens would try and engage in deviant behavior, Mr. Alexander would chase the would-be vandals away. He served as a self-appointed park keeper and trustee. His primary concern was to preserve the park and the for safety of the children.

Signature of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_



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Name being nominated Willie J. "Britt" Stockton

### If a person:

A. Address, City, State, Zip (or former if deceased) XXXXX Fort Pierce, FL

B. Date of Death (if deceased) June 19, 1977

C. List specific years of involvement (Example - 01/10-12/17) 1955 – 1977

D. Identify the general area of contribution made by the nominee.

a. (Example - Health, Education, Business, Environment, Civic, Other) Civic and Civil Rights

b. Summarize the type of contribution (accomplishments and community involvement) that the nominee made. (more detail in #1 and #2) Community activist, always advocating for the rights of African Americans in the Lincoln Park community. A military veteran and fruit contractor, Mr. Stockton was President of the Quarterback Club and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). The Quarterback Club had orange and black jackets and supported the Lincoln Park community and the school by raising funds, chaperoning at various community and school activities, served as Game Marshalls at football games.

(Examples – Neighborhood or geographic; Natural or geological features; National, State, and local leaders; Historical figure, place, or event; Individuals who have made significant monetary contributions or have contributed outstanding service to the community).

### If other than a person:

A. Summarize the reason for this nomination (more detail in #3) \_\_\_\_\_

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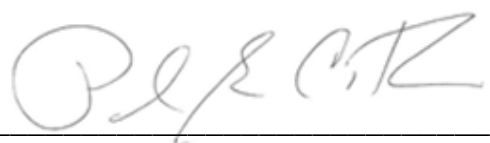
In the 1970s, Mr. Stockton lead a boycott of Max Market, the corner of Orange Avenue and 23rd Street for not placing blacks in leadership roles. He organized a picketing of the A&P Grocery Store for not promoting blacks. Mr. Charlie Frank Matthews was already employed and was promoted, and eventually promoted to Store Manager for A&P stores. A&P management bought in two other blacks on cashier and in produce. Mr. Stockton fought county government for not having blacks on staff, often attended meetings, and speaking on the inequality of blacks in hiring and unfair treatment.

Stockton’s enterprising efforts reached beyond social issues, he was concerned about the whole community, economics, social, recreation, and transportation. He had a minibus line, the city developed routes for his bus system and placed bus stops in the Lincoln Park area. The focus was on 29th street and trips would be to the grocery store, drug store, and retail shops. The system also featured a schedule. Mr. Stockton and the Quarterback Club’s impact on the Lincoln Park Community is evidenced some more than 40 years later.

2. Describe the type of contribution (accomplishments and community involvement) that the nominee made. (Examples – Neighborhood or geographic; Natural or geological features; National, State, and local leaders; Historical figure, place, or event; Individuals who have made significant monetary contributions or have contributed outstanding service to the community).

The Quarterback Club met with the Sheriff to set up Citizen Patrol in Lincoln Park and the Northwest section of Fort Pierce. They even had a car. Mr. Stockton was the driving force behind the Horatio Grisby, Sr. Field being cleared and organized for baseball with a diamond shape and bases. Before, the land was filled with sand spurs and overgrown grass. In this effort, he joined the forces of both the Quarterback Club and the NAACP to organize and appear in masses at the City Commission meeting with petitions in hand to demand the city set aside dollars in the budget.

Stockton organized a women’s softball team in St. Lucie County that gave people in Lincoln Park area something to look forward to on Saturday and Sundays. He felt there was a direct role in keeping people in of participating in sports. He was instrumental in controlling block voting. Stockton endorsed candidates who would eventually win. It was believed the press was trying to influence the black community in elections, and Stockton let it be known that Lincoln Park community picks their own candidates.



Signature of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_

# Lincoln Park Main Street Pioneer Park Nomination Form

This Nomination Form is to establish a systematic and consistent approach for nominating members from the Lincoln Park Community for the inclusion of their name and life's work in a bronze plaque at Northwest Pioneers Park. The criteria for nomination are explained in the document "Guidelines for Northwest Pioneer Park Honored Pioneer Plaques".

## Nominator

Name Lincoln Park Main Street

Address, City, State, Zip 1234 Avenue D Fort Pierce, Florida 34950

Phone (772) 462 - 2481 Email [lincolnparkmainstreet@live.com](mailto:lincolnparkmainstreet@live.com)

## Nomination

The nominator must answer the following questions and submit this form to the City Clerk by \_\_\_\_\_

Name being nominated Zanobia Bracy Jefferson

### If a person:

A. Address, City, State, Zip (or former if deceased) 2300 Valencia Avenue, Fort Pierce, FL

B. Date of Death (if deceased) January 2, 2016

C. List specific years of involvement (Example - 01/10-12/17) 1950 – 2015

D. Identify the general area of contribution made by the nominee.

a. (Example - Health, Education, Business, Environment, Civic, Other) Art Education and Civic

E. Summarize the type of contribution (accomplishments and community involvement) that the nominee made. (more detail in #1 and #2) Developed the first art program at Lincoln Park Academy, taught many of the Highwaymen Artist to paint; mentored Alfred Hair inside and outside of school.

a. (Examples – Neighborhood or geographic; Natural or geological features; National, State, and local leaders; Historical figure, place, or event; Individuals who have made significant monetary contributions or have contributed outstanding service to the community).

### If other than a person:

A. Summarize the reason for this nomination (more detail in #3) \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Identify in detail the area of contribution made by the nominee and be specific – name either significance and/or impact to the community and/or individuals or group of people. (Example - Health, Education, Business, Environment, Civic, Other).

Ms. Jefferson contributed in the field of the arts in St. Lucie County both in the classroom and in the community. Her love for the arts and her commitment to teaching youth and adults alike the values of art and culture has transcended the lives of many. When Ms. Jefferson started teaching at Lincoln Park Academy, there was no art department. It was due to her efforts that an art program was developed. She recognized Alfred Hair's potential as an artist and helped mentor him both inside and outside school. According to Zanobia, teachers liked Alfred, as he was personable and wanted to succeed. Because they didn't have paints in the school at the time, she taught him and her other students to work with pastels. Alfred showed artistic potential, and at his mother's request, Zanobia worked with Alfred on Saturdays. However, at that time, Alfred wasn't serious about becoming an artist. He had other things to do on Saturdays.

2. Describe the type of contribution (accomplishments and community involvement) that the nominee made. (Examples – Neighborhood or geographic; Natural or geological features; National, State, and local leaders; Historical figure, place, or event; Individuals who have made significant monetary contributions or have contributed outstanding service to the community).

Zanobia taught some of the students who would later come to be known as the Highwaymen. While she saw the most promise in Alfred Hair, she also educated other future Highwaymen, including James Gibson, Isaac Knight, Carnell Smith, Johnny Daniels, Willie Daniels and one of the Buckner boys (she's not sure which one, since her students were identified by last name only). Sometime later, Bean Backus went to the Lincoln Park Academy counselor offering his services as an art teacher. The counselor contacted Zanobia, and she suggested that Alfred become Bean's student. Alfred Hair was the only Highwayman who took formal lessons from the well regarded white landscape artist.

When the artists Zanobia Jefferson helped mentor were first called "Highwaymen," she disapproved of the name and was quick to say so. Regardless of the name that marked them, as her students gained national attention and grew as artists, she took pride in their accomplishments. She attended their exhibitions, hung their work in her home, and readily responded to invitations to talk about them. As a teacher, she always knew that their success was her success.

Another major contribution of Ms. Jefferson is the organizing and development of the Lincoln Park Black Arts Festival in 1984. The festival displayed the cultural heritage of Lincoln Park and the arts of the Treasure Coast and it's artists. The festival drew many attendees from the surrounding area and presented a fresh perspective in the resurgence of the arts via paintings, sculptors, folklore, music, and print. An accomplished sculptor, Jefferson taught art at Lincoln Park and later Fort Pierce Central for more than 40 years. She retired in the 1990s, but continued to be deeply involved in the arts on the boards of the Backus Gallery, the St. Lucie County Cultural Affairs Council and the Sunrise Theatre.

Signature of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_

