

CITY OF FORT PIERCE

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSIONERS

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Agenda

- **14th Street Renaming**
- **NW Pioneers Park Honored Pioneer Plaques Program**

14th Street Renaming



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Renaming/dual-naming 14th Street

1 message

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Thu, Jan 18, 2024 at 3:33 PM

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Mike,

The PAC reviewed the submissions for renaming/dual-naming 14th Street today. We concluded that there were no completed nomination forms submitted, and, therefore, no change to consider. Only one correspondence even used the nomination form as required, and it was not completely filled out. Please let me know if you require further information on this item.

I know that the instructions for making a nomination are on the website; however, the Committee wondered if it might be possible to answer email responses with the nomination form required attached.

Best Regards,
Charlene Adair
PAC Chair

3/8/21

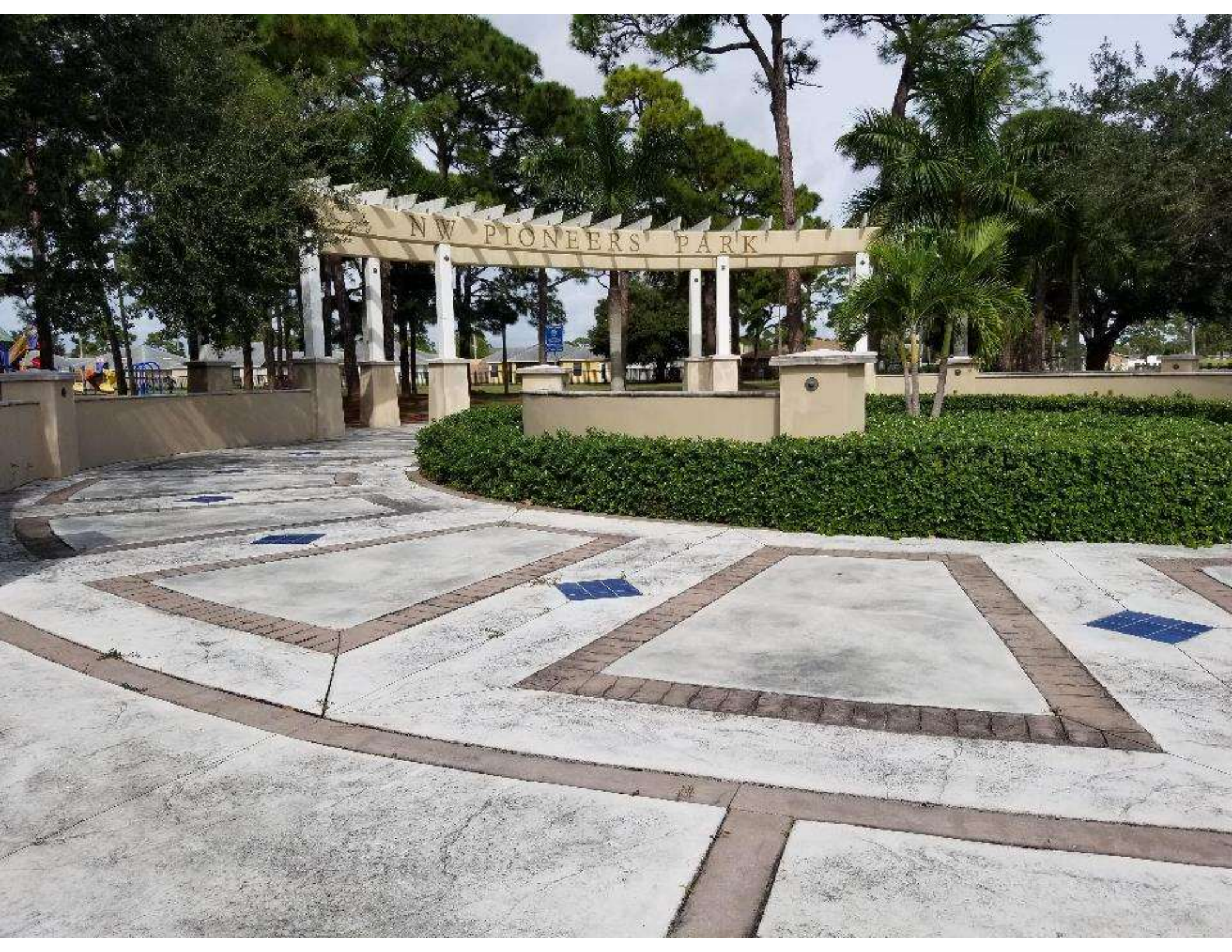
NW Pioneers Park (29th St. & Avenue M)

How did the Parks Advisory Committee get involved?

- **Two submissions were received to rename this park to “Rufus J. Alexander, Jr.”.**
- **The Parks Committee presented conclusions on 2/10/20 stating that the original intent of the park was to honor many pioneers, and that Mr. Alexander could be considered as one of those pioneers honored. The Commission determined that the name for the park should remain as is.**
- **This review led us to understand the intent of this park when named on 2/17/81.**

Conclusions from the Parks Committee:

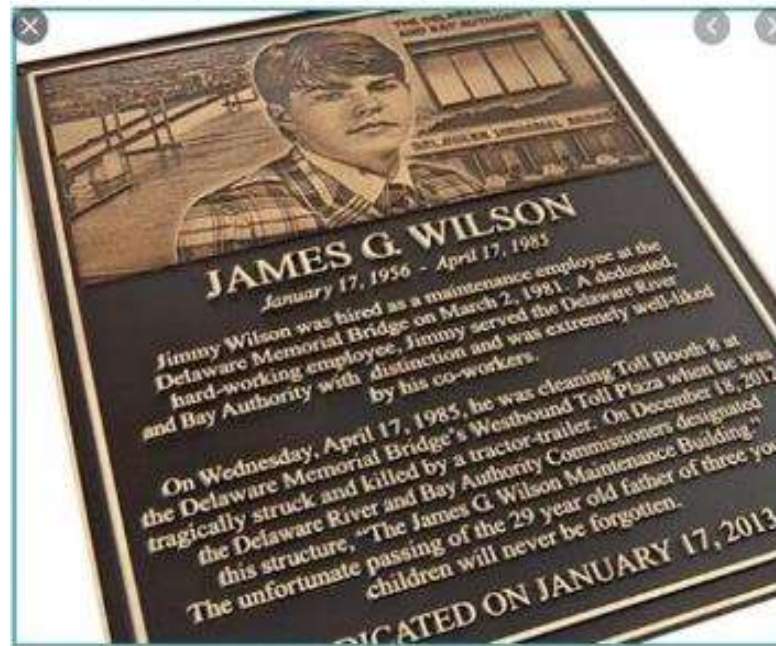
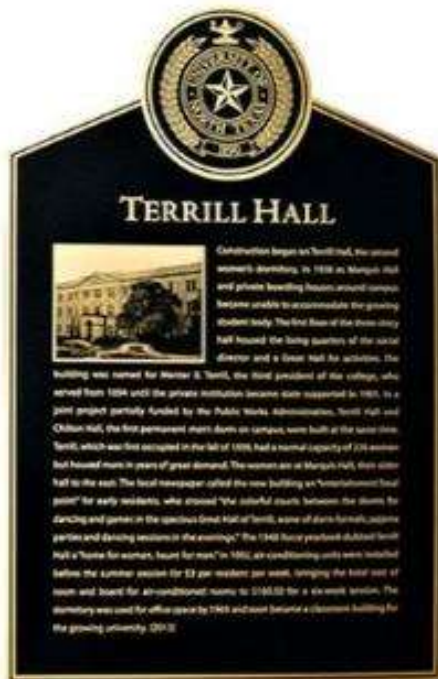
- **We support the idea of honoring pioneers who helped develop and protect Lincoln Park.**
- **The park design includes 22 spaces in the circular entrance for plaques, and more could be added to the wall. Originally, the design called for engraving the concrete, but that is no longer feasible.**
- **We recommend that a process be developed to name these pioneers and honor each of them with a bronze plaque in this beautiful park to complete this project after 43 years.**
- **An appropriate group should be assigned to manage this project. Lincoln Park Main Street has expressed interest in this effort and has prepared a draft list of possible honorees.**
- **It appears that grants may be available to help with the cost.**



2/28/21: NW Pioneers Park

- We recommend bronze plaques on posts for beauty and durability.
 - Healy Plaques provided information and many options for the plaques. For example, an 18 X 24 bronze plaque with an etched portrait and an 8' X 1' post mount would be \$2257 plus shipping. This provides a basis for budget development.

Examples of possible designs include:



Post Mounts



Steps since 3/8/21

5/3/21: At Commission meeting, presentation of Lincoln Park Main Street's recommendation for honorees of plaques.

6/7/21: At Commission meeting, procedure & 14 nominations presented by LPMS; questions about some nominations to be resolved; PAC not involved in review of nominations.

4/21/22 & 5/19/22: PAC did not receive updates from LPMS as scheduled.

9/6/22: At Commission meeting, LPMS presented new guidelines & matrix questions plus 16 nominations. After discussion, City Manager Nick Mimms explained that a policy must be established including who receives and reviews policy which may require a resolution; public input should be included.

4/17/23: Commission approved new resolution 23-R33, which includes "Guidelines for the NW Pioneer Park Honored Pioneer Plaques Program" as in agenda item. This process includes an open call for submissions and a review by the PAC.

10/10/23: Open call for submissions published for public input with a deadline of 10/30/23.

1/18/24 & 2/15/24: PAC vetted 16 submissions as attached to agenda item - all received from LPMS. No additional public nominations received.

Steps since 3/8/21 continued

4/8/24: PAC is now presenting these 16 nominations for consideration by the Commission at this Commission Conference Agenda meeting.

Next Step: Approval of nominations and a plan to create and install plaques as planned 43 years ago at a Commission meeting.



Discussion and Questions