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FORT PIERCE
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE *Florida*

TO: MARSHA COMMOND, SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR, PUBLIC WORKS
FROM: ANDREA H. DUENAS, ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY
THROUGH: SARA HEDGES, CITY ATTORNEY
RE: RESOLUTION DUALY NAMING N. 14TH STREET-LILLIAN P. OWENS
CAO RLS FILE: 24-291
DATE: JULY 31, 2024

This Request for Legal Services seeks review of a Resolution renaming a segment of North 14th Street in honor of Lillian P. Owens.

This City's procedure for naming public facilities is set forth in its Guidelines for the Naming of Public Facilities (attached). The procedure requires an open call for submissions; a completed Nomination Form; vetting of submissions by the Parks Committee; presentation of vetted submissions to the Commissioners with notes from research; discussion during Conference Agenda; and selection of the name by the Commissioners at a Commission meeting.

While I was able to review the public records and determine that it appears the procedures were followed, this Office was not provided with any documents supporting the renaming. As such, this Office is relying on the Department's representation that the Guidelines for the Naming of Public Facilities were followed, the Parks Advisory Committee vetted the submission(s), and the Parks Advisory Committee's notes and research were properly submitted to the City Commission for consideration. If the Guidelines were not followed in all respects, you are required to do so prior to this Resolution being placed before the City Commission.

I have reviewed the City Commission meeting held July 15, 2024, where the City Commission requested:

- (1) that the renamed street be named in the same manner as the street named in honor of Fannie Lewis-Darden; and
- (2) that the length of the renamed street be the same as Lewis-Darden Street.

I have located Resolution 20-262, which renamed a portion of North 29th Street lying between Avenue Q and Orange Avenue as "Fannie Lewis-Darden Street (North 29th Street)." Accordingly:

- Addressing the name issue, the renamed stretch of road should be "**Lillian P. Owens Street (North 14th Street)**", to comply with the directive given to you by the City Commission.
- Addressing the length issue, like Lewis-Darden Street, the street named for Lillian P. Owens will run from Avenue Q to Orange Avenue (see attached map highlighting renamed stretch of 14th Street and Ms. Owens's home at 1608 North 14th Street). You must have an official map of the street segment to be renamed created and attached to the Resolution as Exhibit "A". Please see Resolution No. 20-R62 for an example (attached).

Language has been added to the Resolution and revisions have been made to track the procedural history of this renaming. Blanks have been left where you must fill in information that this Office was not able to easily find in the public records. I uploaded a redline version so you can see the changes, and for your convenience, I also uploaded a “changes accepted” version.

With these changes, the blanks filled in by you, and the map for Exhibit “A” created and attached, the Resolution is approved as to form and correctness.

If you have any questions about how to proceed, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

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GUIDELINES FOR THE NAMING OF PUBLIC FACILITIES

City of Fort Pierce, Florida

Purpose

The purpose of these guidelines is to establish a systematic and consistent approach for the official naming of public facilities in the City of Fort Pierce, including parks, facilities, recreational areas, streets, municipal buildings, and specialized areas.

Objectives

- Ensure that parks, facilities, recreational areas, streets, municipal buildings, and specialized areas are easily identified and located.
- Ensure that given names to parks, facilities, recreational areas, streets, municipal buildings, and specialized areas are consistent with the values and character of the area or neighborhood served.
- Encourage public participation in the naming, renaming, and dedication of parks, facilities, recreational areas, streets, municipal buildings, and specialized areas.
- Encourage the dedication of lands, facilities, or donations by individuals and/or groups.
- Advance the reputation of the City as well as increase the understanding and public support for its programs.

Criteria

The practice of the City of Fort Pierce is to name parks, recreation areas, facilities, streets, municipal buildings, and specialized areas through an adopted process utilizing the above objectives, emphasizing community values and character, local and national history, geography, the environment, civics, and service to the City of Fort Pierce. Therefore, the following criteria shall be used in determining the appropriateness of the naming designation:

- Neighborhood, geographic, or common usage identification;
- A historical figure, place, event, or other instance of historical or cultural significance;
- National, state, and local leaders or heroes, both past and present;
- Natural or geographical features, such as plant materials, streams, rivers, lakes, and creeks;
- An individual, living or deceased [a] who has made a significant land and/or monetary contribution to the park, recreation area, facility, or municipal building, or [b] who has had the contribution made "In Memoriam" and when the name has been stipulated as a condition of the donation;
- An individual, living or deceased, who has contributed outstanding civic service to the City;

Facilities, specialized areas, or amenities may have a name different from that of the larger park, recreation area, facility, or municipal building.

When feasible, the process to name parks, recreation areas, facilities, streets, municipal buildings, and specialized areas should begin within twelve (12) months after the City has acquired title to the land and/or formally accepted the dedication.

Names that are similar to existing parks, recreation areas, facilities, streets, municipal buildings, and specialized areas should not be considered in order to minimize confusion.

Renaming

The City reserves the right to change the name of a park, recreation area, facility, street, municipal building, or specialized area to maintain consistency with these guidelines. However, renaming carries with it a much greater burden of process compared to initial naming. Tradition and continuity of name and community identification are important community values. Each request to rename must meet the criteria of this policy, but meeting all criteria does not ensure renaming.

Procedures

The steps to name a public facility include but are not limited to:

1. An open call for submissions by the City of Fort Pierce including a deadline for submission;
2. A completed "City of Fort Pierce Nomination Form" submitted to the City Clerk for each nomination by any citizen, group, or organization;
3. Submissions vetted by the Parks Committee, including all facts and backgrounds listed on the nomination form plus any other research deemed appropriate;
4. All vetted submissions presented to the Commissioners for review with notes from the research;
5. Commissioners discuss these submissions during a Conference Agenda meeting. The Commission may accept or reject the Committee submissions. In the latter event, the Commission shall refer the call for submissions back to the Committee.
6. Commissioners select the name by vote at a Commission Meeting.

City of Fort Pierce Naming of Public Facilities Nomination Form

This Nomination Form is to establish a systematic and consistent approach for the official naming of public facilities in the City of Fort Pierce including parks, facilities, recreational areas, streets, municipal buildings, and specialized areas. The criteria for nomination are explained in the document "Guidelines for the Naming of Public Facilities".

Nominator

Name _____

Address, City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Nomination

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

Name being nominated _____

If a person:

A. Address, City, State, Zip (or former if deceased) _____

B. Date of Death (if deceased) _____

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

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

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

E. Summarize the type of contribution (accomplishments and community involvement) that the nominee made. (more detail in #1 and #2) _____

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) _____

1. Identify in detail the area of contribution made by the nominee and be specific – name either facilities or specialized areas. (Example - Health, Education, Business, Environment, Civic, Other).

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).

3. Describe in detail why the name being nominated is related to this facility, including any background, details, or other relevant information.

Signature of Nominator _____

Return the completed forms by email or mail to:

Email: lcox@cityoffortpierce.com

Mail: Linda Cox, City Clerk, City of Fort Pierce, 100 N US Highway 1, Fort Pierce, FL 34950

RESOLUTION NO. 20-RXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE **PORTION OF NORTH 29TH STREET LYING BETWEEN ORANGE AVENUE AND AVENUE Q AS "FANNIE LEWIS-DARDEN STREET"**; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on November 16th, 2020, the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce approved renaming a segment of North 29th Street in recognition of local resident, Fannie Lewis-Darden; and

WHEREAS, Fannie Lewis-Darden achieved prominence in her significant, positive contribution to the local community, and to the City of Fort Pierce for over fifty years; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission is pleased to honor Fannie Lewis-Darden by commemorating a dual-street designation in her recognition for the segment of North 29th Street extending from Orange Avenue to Avenue Q as shown on Exhibit A (attached); and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, that the portion of North 29th Street lying between Orange Avenue and Avenue Q be dually designated as "**Fannie Lewis-Darden Street (North 29th Street)**."

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Resolution has been duly adopted on this 21st day of December 2020.

Linda Hudson, Mayor

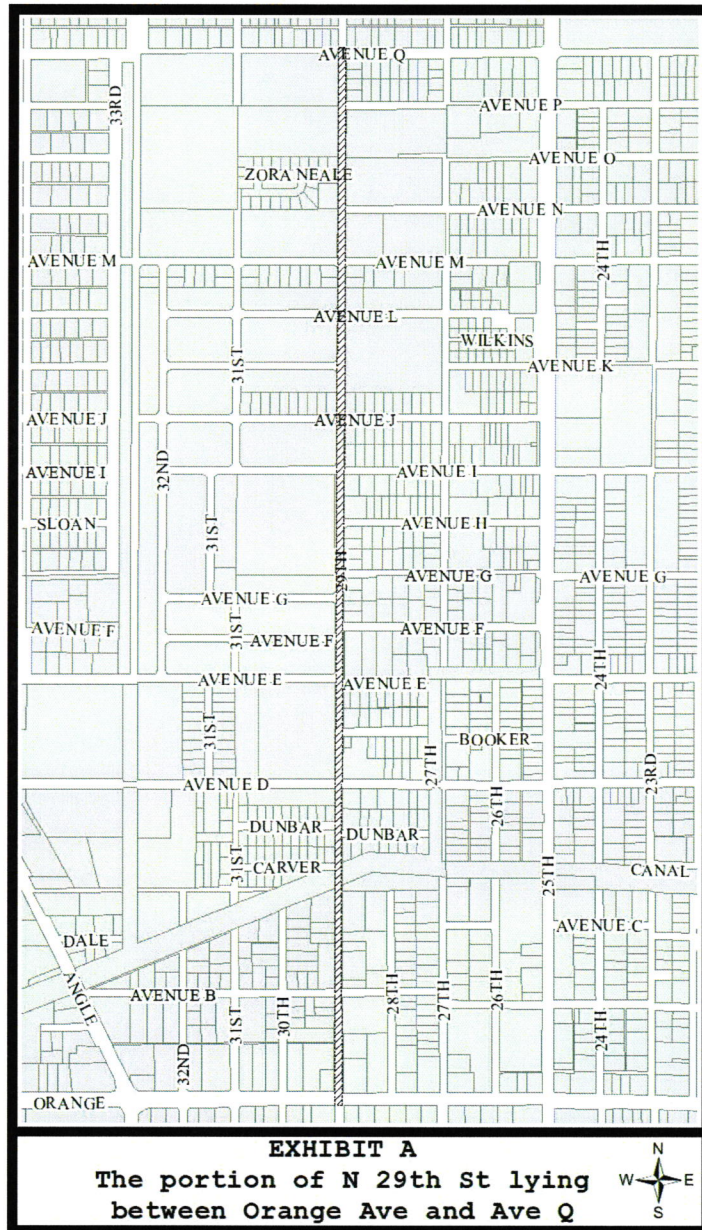
ATTEST:

Linda Cox, City Clerk

Approved as to Form
And Correctness:

Peter Sweeney, Esq.
City Attorney

Exhibit A



The portion of North 29th Street lying between Orange Avenue and Avenue Q be dually designated recognized as “Fannie Lewis Darden Street (N. 29th Street).”