

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-R33**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA; **ESTABLISHING THE NW PIONEER PARK HONORED PIONEER PLAQUES PROGRAM; ADOPTING GUIDELINES FOR SELECTING NW PIONEER PARK HONORED PIONEER PLAQUE HONOREES**; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission wishes to establish a program allowing for the placement of bronze plaques at the entrance of NW Pioneer Park honoring the historical contributions of pioneering members of the Lincoln Park Community who have contributed to its rich heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, this program shall be known as the NW Pioneer Park Honored Pioneer Plaques Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission recognizes the need to establish a systematic and consistent approach for nominating and selecting Honorees for inclusion through set guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission desires that this Resolution create such guidelines to establish the criteria and procedures by which the City Commission shall select NW Pioneer Park Honored Pioneer Plaques Program Honorees for inclusion; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission desires to have all Honoree nominations made utilizing a standard NW Pioneer Park Honored Pioneer Plaques Program Honoree Nomination Form; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission acknowledges that the guidelines may be amended from time to time by Resolution.

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

**SECTION 1.** The NW Pioneer Park Honored Pioneer Plaques Program is hereby established.

**SECTION 2.** The Guidelines for NW Pioneer Park Honored Pioneer Plaques Program, which are attached at "Exhibit A," are hereby adopted by the City of Fort Pierce.

**SECTION 3.** The NW Pioneer Park Honored Pioneer Plaques Program Honoree Nomination Form, attached as "Exhibit B," is hereby adopted by the City of Fort Pierce.

**SECTION 4.** The provisions of this Resolution are declared to be severable and if any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Resolution shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Resolution, which shall remain in effect, it being the intent that this Resolution shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.


**SECTION 5.** All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 6.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Commission.

**IN WITNESS HEREWITH,** we hereunto set our hands and affix the Official Seal of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

  
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Linda Hudson, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Linda W. Cox, City Clerk

Approved as to Form  
And Correctness:

  
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Tanya Earley, Esq.  
City Attorney

## EXHIBIT A

### GUIDELINES FOR THE NW PIONEER PARK HONORED PIONEER PLAQUES PROGRAM

#### **Purpose**

These guidelines aim to establish a systematic and consistent approach for the NW Pioneer Park Honored Pioneer Plaques Program.

#### **Inclusion of Honorees on Bronze Plaques**

The City of Fort Pierce started the process of naming the NW Pioneer Park in 1981. Since that time, the park has been re-dedicated, and it is the City of Fort Pierce's wish to include names of individuals who have impacted the history, development, and progression of the Lincoln Park Community. These individuals' names will be placed on a bronze plaque at the entrance of NW Pioneer Park, highlighting their contributions, accomplishments, and life's work within the Lincoln Park Community. It is the intent of the City of Fort Pierce to maintain consistency with these guidelines. Tradition and continuity of individual names and community identification are important community values. Each nominated Honoree that is selected for a plaque must meet the criteria of this policy. Meeting all criteria, however, is not intended to and does not ensure name inclusion on a plaque.

#### **Objectives**

- Ensure plaques are easily identified and located.
- Ensure that the reputation and background of the Honorees are consistent with the values and character of the Lincoln Park Community.
- Encourage Lincoln Park Community participation in the nomination of Honorees.
- Advance the reputation of the Historic Lincoln Park Community.
- Showcase and highlight the history and contributions of the Lincoln Park Community residents.
- Increase awareness of the Lincoln Park Community's rich heritage.

#### **Criteria**

The selection process, while utilizing the above objectives, is designed to emphasize community values, community character, local and national history, geography, the environment, civics, and service to the Lincoln Park Community. Therefore, the following shall be considered in determining the appropriateness of each nomination received:

- A historical figure or other instance of historical or cultural significance within the Lincoln Park Community.
- Local leaders or heroes, both past and present, within the Lincoln Park Community.
- An individual, living or deceased, who has:
  - Made a significant impact in the Lincoln Park Community through their civic-minded involvement and activities; and
  - Contributed to the educational and social development of the youth in the Lincoln Park Community; and
  - Gone above and beyond what is required; and
  - Given of their time and talent for a significant amount of time in the Lincoln Park Community.
- An individual, living or deceased, who has contributed outstanding civic service to the Lincoln Park Community.
- An individual who was an early settler in the Lincoln Park Community.
- An individual who has already been honored with a plaque under these guidelines or whose name is already on a City-owned park or other facility is ineligible for nomination.

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### **Procedures**

The steps for nomination and inclusion of an Honoree in the NW Pioneer Park Honored Pioneer Plaques Program include, but are not limited to:

1. An open call for submission of Honoree nominations under the NW Pioneer Park Honored Pioneer Plaques Program will be requested by the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, which may include a deadline for submission.
2. A completed NW Pioneer Park Honored Pioneer Plaques Program Honoree Nomination Form will be submitted to the City Clerk's Office for each nomination.
3. Each NW Pioneer Park Honored Pioneer Plaques Program Honoree Nomination Form will be sent to Lincoln Park Main Street for review and research by the Pioneer Park Committee of all facts and backgrounds of the nominated Honoree, consistent with these guidelines.
4. Lincoln Park Main Street and the Pioneer Park Committee will provide all information and research to the Public Works Department.
5. The Honoree nominations will be placed on an agenda for the Parks Advisory Committee to review and provide their factual findings to the City Commission, consistent with these guidelines.
6. A representative from Lincoln Park Main Street shall attend the Parks Advisory Committee meeting and may attend the City Commission meeting to present their factual findings for each of the nominated Honorees.
7. The Honoree nominations will be placed on the City Commission Agenda for final determination as to the inclusion of a nominated Honoree in the NW Pioneer Park Honored Pioneer Plaques Program, consistent with these guidelines.