



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#25-0214

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

DATE: March 4, 2025

TITLE: Motion Approving Recommendation from the Walk of Fame Committee for 2025 Walk of Fame Inductees - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a motion accepting the recommendations from the Walk of Fame Committee for the 2025 Inductees into the City of Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame.

Background

The City of Fort Lauderdale established the Walk of Fame in 2010 at the inaugural Great American Beach Party to pay tribute to the legendary Connie Francis on the 50th Anniversary of “Where the Boys Are,” the 1960 film which made Fort Lauderdale an overnight sensation and a “must see” destination for visitors.

Wal of Fame honorees are recognized by making sustained, positive impacts in one or more of the areas listed below but not limited to:

- Providing a positive outlook for the future of our youth,
- Contributing to the quality of life for our citizens,
- Fostering the spirit of our community,
- Bringing positive recognition to the City, locally or nationally,
- Making Fort Lauderdale a place to live, work or play,
- Encouraging people to visit Fort Lauderdale as a destination of choice.

The Walk of Fame Committee met on January 29th to consider nominations for the 2025 Walk of Fame (Exhibit 2). After discussion, the committee voted unanimously to recommend the following individuals for induction into the City of Fort Lauderdale’s Walk of Fame:

Robert Bekoff
Kathleen Cannon
Richard Gray
Paul Michael Sallarulo

Upon confirmation by the City Commission, the honorees will be officially notified of their selection. As part of the awards program, each honoree receives a commemorative paver that is placed in the Walk of Fame to memorialize their outstanding accomplishments. The Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame is located on the beach along the east side of A1A at Las Olas Boulevard. The induction ceremony for this year's honorees is planned for the City's Great American Beach Party celebration.

Minutes from the February 16, 2024, Walk of Fame Committee are included for information only (Exhibit 3).

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact to the City associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- Goal 5: Build a Beautiful and Welcoming Community

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision Plan 2035: We Are Here*.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Walk of Fame Nominee Applications

Exhibit 2 – Walk of Fame Committee Draft Minutes – January 29, 2025

Exhibit 3 – Walk of Fame Committee Approved Minutes – February 16, 2024

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