



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

21-0578

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: August 17, 2021

TITLE: Resolution Approving NW 19th Court to be also known as “Rev. Dr. J.C. Eubanks Court” between NW 14th Avenue and the dead-end east of NW 12th Avenue - **(Commission District 3)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Commission adopt a resolution approving NW 19th Court to be also known as “Rev. Dr. J.C. Eubanks Court” between NW 14th Avenue and the dead end of the road east of NW 12th Avenue.

Background

Ashley Eubanks requested for the City to honor the late Rev. Dr. James Curtis Eubanks by designating a section of NW 19th Court as “Rev. Dr. J.C. Eubanks Court” through a Street Name Change application and petition in which 70% of all affected property owners currently residing on the existing street are in support of the proposed street name change. Rev. Dr. James Curtis Eubanks was a resident of Fort Lauderdale and Pastor of Community Church of God, a local church located at 1300 NW 19th Court.

Born on February 11, 1940, he was raised in Florida. Rev. Dr. Eubanks enlisted in the U.S. Air force at the age of 18, serving 21 years in the continental U.S. and a tour of duty in Vietnam. He was awarded several honors during his service, including the Joint Service Commendation Medal, three Air Force Commendation Medals, Vietnam Service Metal, Vietnam Cross of Clusters, and the National Defense Service Medal, just to name a few. Rev. Dr. Eubanks turned to a life of ministry and was ordained in 1985. He was a founding pastor of Community Church of Fort Lauderdale, which was first located in in a two-bedroom home until the establishment of the congregation’s current location at 1300 NW 19th Court. During his 30 years in ministry, he oversaw 18 different ministries, mentored pastors throughout Florida, and served as former Chairman of Florida State Credentialing Committee. Rev. Dr. Eubanks also volunteered as clergy at hospitals, jails, and prisons. It is for the described reasons, and many others, that his family and the community impacted by Rev. Dr. Eubanks are requesting to memorialize his legacy following his passing on June 24, 2020.

The street name signs will be created and installed by Broward County Traffic Engineering Division (BCTED) and the applicant will be responsible for all of the associated costs.

BCTED has identified two signs will need to be replaced at an estimated cost of \$563. The proposed street name, "Rev. Dr. J.C. Eubanks Court," will be a secondary name to NW 19th Court.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact to the City as the applicant will bear all of the associated costs related to this action.

Strategic Connections

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Neighborhood Enhancement focus area
- Goal 4: Build a thriving and inclusive community of neighborhoods.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision: We Are Community*

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Street Name Change Application and Petition of Support

Exhibit 2 – Proposed Location of Street Name Change

Exhibit 3 – Sign Mock-up

Exhibit 4 – Resolution

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