



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

#24-1149

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

FROM: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

DATE: January 7, 2025

TITLE: Resolution Approving the Secondary Street Name of NW 19th Avenue to also be known as “Raymond G Christie Avenue” between NW 3rd Court and NW 6th Street/Sistrunk Boulevard - (**Commission District 3**)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a resolution approving the secondary street name of NW 19th Avenue to also be known as “Raymond G Christie Avenue” between NW 3rd Court and NW 6th Street/Sistrunk Boulevard.

Background

In February 2024, Marion Christie-Campbell requested that the City honor the late Mr. Raymond G Christie by designating a portion of NW 19th Avenue as “Raymond G Christie Avenue” through a Street Name Change application. The application’s petition identified that 70% of all affected property owners currently residing on the existing street are in support of the proposed secondary street name. Raymond G Christie had been a resident of Fort Lauderdale’s Historic Dorsey Riverbend neighborhood since 1946.

Raymond G Christie was born on January 5, 1918, in Nicholls Town, located in Andros, an island in the Bahamas. Mr. Christie settled in Fort Lauderdale in 1946 and established himself as a prominent and successful businessman. He was the second black general contractor to be licensed in the City and played an integral part in the development of commercial and residential properties along Fort Lauderdale’s beach and in historic black communities, particularly in Dorsey Riverbend. Mr. Christie was honored by the Old Dillard Museum and was featured in the Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival documentary “Crossing the Waters: The Impact of Bahamian Pioneers in South Florida.” Mr. Christie was a cherished member of the Dorsey Riverbend community and often provided groceries for those in need. Mr. Christie passed on April 10, 1991.

The street name signs will be manufactured and installed by Broward County Traffic Engineering Division (BCTED) and the applicant will be responsible for all the associated costs. BCTED has identified 6 signs that will need to be replaced with an estimated cost of \$1,757. The proposed street name, “Raymond G Christie Avenue,” will be a secondary name to NW 19th Avenue (note: Broward County Manual on Uniform Control Devices

(MUTCD) do not include periods after initials).

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact to the City as the applicant will bear all the associated costs related to 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 2035* Vision Plan: We Are Community

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Secondary Street Name Change Application & Petition

Exhibit 2 – Quote and Sign Mock-up

Exhibit 3 – Location Map

Exhibit 4 – Resolution

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