



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

**#23-0930**

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

**FROM:** Greg Chavarria, City Manager

**DATE:** November 7, 2023

**TITLE:** Resolution approving NW 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue between NW 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Sistrunk  
Boulevard to be also known as “George A Dean II Avenue” - (**Commission  
District 3**)

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the City Commission adopt a resolution approving NW 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue between NW 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Sistrunk Boulevard to be also known as “George A Dean II Avenue”.

**Background**

The installation and maintenance of the street name signs within the City of Fort Lauderdale are the responsibility of the Broward County Traffic Engineering Division (BCTED). On August 3, 2023, BCTED notified the City of Fort Lauderdale of an unauthorized street name sign located at NW 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue between NW 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Sistrunk Boulevard (Exhibit 1). The street sign was installed with the primary name of “George A Dean II” and “NW 21 Avenue” as the secondary street name. BCTED staff could not locate any records for the installation of these street signs. BCTED is awaiting City direction to either replace the unauthorized sign with “NW 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue” or to approve a resolution authorizing the renaming.

City staff recommends that the City Commission approve the proposed resolution for the secondary naming of “George A Dean II Avenue”. If approved, BCTED will replace the current signage to meet the technical requirements with “NW 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue” as the primary name and “George A Dean II Avenue” as the secondary name as illustrated in Exhibit 2.

George A. Dean II, a pioneer in Fort Lauderdale African American History, served as the first Band Director at Dillard High School. He was born and raised in Key West, Florida and moved to Fort Lauderdale in 1943 to teach math at Dillard High School. A musician at heart, he taught himself to play all the instruments in the Woodwind family and sought to bring music to school. In 1946, Dillard High School introduced Band class led by George A. Dean II, enabling him to share his love of music with his students. George A. Dean II had a positive impact on the school, its students, and the greater community.

The estimated project costs should not exceed \$600. The signs and installation will be fully funded by the City of Fort Lauderdale. The Broward County Traffic Engineering Division requires that the City Commission adopt a resolution of support and after adoption, the estimated timeline for installation is 3-4 weeks.

**Resource Impact**

There is a fiscal impact associated with this action in the estimated amount of \$600.

Source:

*Funds available as of October 1, 2023*

ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-001-8040-515-30-3299	TRANSPORTATION PLANNING	SERVICES-MATERIAL/ OTHER SERVICES	\$28,525	\$28,525	\$600
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT →</b>					<b>\$600</b>

**Strategic Connections**

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

**Attachments**

- Exhibit 1 – Location Map
- Exhibit 2 – Sign Mock-Up
- Exhibit 3 – Resolution

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