



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

#19-1093

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: November 5, 2019

TITLE: Motion Approving Recommendations for the 2019 Citizens Recognition
Awards – **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a motion accepting the Citizens Committee of Recognition recommendations for the 2019 Citizen Recognition Awards.

Background

The Citizens Committee of Recognition met on July 10, 2019 to consider nominations for those citizens most deserving of recognition in 2019. Following discussion, the Committee voted to recommend the individuals listed below for the 2019 awards.

Citizens Committee of Recognition Recommendations for 2019 Awards

Citizen of the Year – Marcia Pinder

Distinguished Citizen – Gail Butler and Maestro James Brooks-Bruzzese

Honored Founder – Frank Stranahan

Exemplary Former City Employee – George Gretsas and Jack Lokeinsky

At its meeting on August 20, 2019, the City Commission reviewed the nominations and asked that the item be sent back to the Committee with a request to narrow the recommendations to one nominee per category. The Committee met on September 18, 2019 and, following discussion, voted unanimously to re-submit the original recommendations with the explanation that, on multiple occasions in the past, more than one nominee has been selected to be honored in the same category (see list below).

Distinguished Citizen

1979 - Susie C. Holly and August Burghard

1988 - Lewis W. Parker and John H. Monahan

2002 - The Honorable W. Herbert Moriarty and The Honorable Estella Moriarty

Citizen of the Year

1991 - Linda L. Gill and Raymond F. Letts

Honored Founder

1994 - Philip Dressler and J.H. Philpott
2007 - Thomas Wells and Richard Wells
2013 - Beauregard Cummings and Marti Huizenga
2016 - Dr. James Sistrunk and John F. Fuhrer
2018 - Ramola Motwani and Ramesh "Bob" Motwani

The nominee applications and back-up documentation is attached along with draft minutes from the July 10, 2019 meeting and Form 8B Memorandum of Voting Conflict, draft minutes from the September 18, 2019 meeting, and a complete list of past honorees for each category.

Upon confirmation by the City Commission, the honorees will be officially notified of their selection and staff will begin planning a recognition ceremony.

Resource Impact

There is no resource impact associated with this CAM.

Strategic Connection

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

- The Public Places Focus Area
- Goal 3: Build a healthy and engaging community
- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- Goal 4: Build a thriving and inclusive community of neighborhoods

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2015* Vision Plan: We Are Here and We Are Community.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Nominee Applications and Back-up Documentation
Exhibit 2 – Citizens Committee of Recognition DRAFT Meeting Minutes – July 10, 2019
Exhibit 3 – Citizens Committee of Recognition DRAFT Meeting Minutes – Sept. 18, 2019
Exhibit 4 – List of Past Honorees for each Award Category

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