

**City of Fort Lauderdale  
WALK OF FAME COMMITTEE  
City Hall, 8th Conference Room  
Thursday, September 26, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.  
APPROVED MINUTES**

**Committee Members Present**

Sonya Burrows, Chair  
Denyse Cunningham  
George Hanbury II  
Robert Lochrie, III  
Patrick Shavloske  
Lillian Small

**Staff Present**

Chaz Adams, Strategic Communications Manager  
Angela Sabina, Public Information Specialist  
Karen Newhart, Parks and Recreation  
Tim McGovern, Staff Liaison

***Welcome***

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

***Approval of Minutes***

**MOTION:** Shavloske/Lochrie. A motion was made to amend the May 24, 2019 Walk of Fame Committee minutes to the first version that was circulated minutes. Passed unanimously.

***Discussion of Award Criteria***

The Committee discussed the current award criteria. Chair Sonya Burrows emphasized the importance of people making an impact outside of their “respective fields.” Lillian Small questioned the “lifelong” component of the criteria. Patrick Shavloske spoke about how people can make a tremendous impact living in the community even if they only live here for a brief period of time. Denise Cunningham suggested removing “lifelong” from the award criteria. Robert Lochrie, III suggested that the criteria should be a sustained contribution and impact on the City of Fort Lauderdale. Shavloske mentioned adding criteria about bringing notoriety or fame to Fort Lauderdale due to the award’s Walk of Fame title. Lochrie suggested changing “lifelong” on the award application to “sustained impact.” The Committee agreed.

Chaz Adams gave the committee an overview about the Citizen Recognition Awards and spoke about the history of the Walk of Fame and the committee.

Chair Burrows suggested having the homeowner and civic associations submit Walk of Fame nominations since it would generate exposure for the award program. Lochrie supported the idea. Small discussed a vetting process for the nominees. Lochrie suggested that Borrows reach out to the homeowner and civic associations via email to

get nominations. Adams suggested that an announcement could be made at the next Council of Civic Associations meeting.

The Committee discussed how they do not want to accept incomplete applications or ones submitted with only attachments. Shavloske suggested that nominations should be resubmitted each year. The Committee agreed that nominations should be resubmitted and to not have any carryovers to subsequent years.

The Committee also discussed moving the award application deadline to January, meeting to discuss applications in February, and having subsequent meetings if further discussion is needed.

George Hanbury II asked if the committee members could nominate someone but abstain from voting. The Committee agreed.

Lochrie questioned how many awards the committee should give out annually. Hanbury suggested setting a maximum number so as not to diminish the award's significance. The Committee agreed to a maximum of four honorees per year with families being treated as one honoree.

A discussion was held regarding the 2019 Walk of Fame nominees the committee had previously sent forward to the City Commission. Adams explained that the agenda item got pulled and was placed on hold. Adams also explained how the City Commission directed the Committee of Citizens' Recognition to narrow down their nominations for one category since two people were nominated. The Committee agreed that they would like the City Commission to approve the 2019 Walk of Fame nominations or provide feedback. Adams discussed the importance of the Committee Chair and/or other members attending the City Commission meeting when the item is scheduled.

**MOTION:** Shavloske/Small. A motion was made to change the award criteria to read: Walk 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 the City of Fort Lauderdale a place to live, work, or play,
- Encouraging people to visit the City of Fort Lauderdale as a destination of choice.

Passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Shavloske/Hanbury. A motion was made to ratify the 2019 Walk of Fame selections previously made and recommend the City Commission recognize them as 2019 Walk of Fame honorees. Passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Shavloske/Small. A motion was made to limit the nominees to a maximum of four per year. Passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Shavloske/Cunningham. A motion was made to not accept incomplete Walk of Fame applications and to not allow carryovers of any applications to future years. Passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Hanbury/Cunningham. A motion was made to set all the motions from the May 24, 2019 Walk of Fame Committee meeting as the bylaws for future committees. Passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Shavloske/Small. A motion was made to set the 2020 Walk of Fame application deadline to Monday, January 13. The Committee will meet in February to discuss nominations and have subsequent meetings if needed. Nominees will be selected by April 1, 2010. Passed 5-1-0 (Lochrie absent.)

**MOTION:** Small/Shavloske. A motion was made to adjourn at 10:14 a.m. Passed unanimously.