

Meeting Date: April 28, 2015

Agenda Item

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REQUESTED COMMISSION ACTION:

Consent Ordinance Resolution X Consideration/ Discussion Presentation

Short Title: CONSIDERATION FOR THE DUAL NAMING OF FOURTH AVENUE TO ADD THE NAME OF "GRISHAM AVENUE" AS PER RESOLUTION 2003-38 (STREET NAMING POLICY)

Summary of Purpose and Why:

- (1) Origin of request for this action: Family of Harry David Grisham II & Fannie Payton Grisham
(2) Primary staff contact: Robert A. McCaughan
(3) Expiration of contract, if applicable:
(4) Fiscal impact and source of funding: None.

Table with 4 columns: DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION, DATE, DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION, DEPARTMENTAL HEAD SIGNATURE

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X City Manager

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ACTION TAKEN BY COMMISSION:

Table with 4 columns: Ordinance/Workshop, Resolution, Consideration, Results. Rows for 1st and 2nd Reading.

Fourth Avenue Renaming Request

April 1, 2015

Mr. Dennis Beach, City Manager
City of Pompano Beach
100 W. Atlantic Blvd.
Pompano Beach, FL 33060

2015 APR -7 AM 10:03

Subject: Request to Rename Fourth Avenue

Dear Mr. Beach:

We are writing this letter as an official request to rename the portion of Northwest Fourth Avenue that currently extends from Martin Luther King Boulevard/Hammondville Road or from Atlantic Boulevard, should future redevelopment warrants it, to Northwest Tenth Street as "Grisham Avenue".

Harry David Grisham II and Fannie Payton Grisham were business and family icons, not only in the surrounding community, but in the City of Pompano as well. Harry was one of the first Afro-American entrepreneurs in Pompano Beach and Fannie one of the first Educational Administrators. They both grew up and were educated in Pompano Beach Colored School during a period when Afro-American achievements were difficult to accomplish and too often went unrecognized. Still, while working for a Dry Cleaner in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, he married his childhood sweetheart, Fannie Payton. At age 21, he was bold and bright enough to open his own business, a small Dry Cleaning shop, on Northwest Sixth Street. After being honorably discharged from the Military in 1943, he returned home and reopened his shop. As the business grew, he built a new building at 407 NW Fourth Avenue that stands to this day.

Both Harry and Fannie loved this city and both lived here until their passing, Harry in 1993 and Fannie in 2002.

Harry was not only a very good businessman, he was also very civic minded, always finding ways to give back to his community. He painted all of his properties and vehicles red and white. As a businessman, he provided free uniform dry cleaning for the Police Departments in Pompano Beach, Margate, and several other surrounding communities. He had the only Dry Cleaning business that provided pickup and delivery from and to your home. During holidays he would send his pickup truck out in the communities to pass out small gifts, candies, chewing gum, etc. to the children in the neighborhood. At Easter time, he would have someone dressed as the Easter Bunny to sit in a chair in the bed of the company's pickup truck and pass out Easter candy and small gifts. At Christmas time, someone dressed as Santa, would pass out gifts to children and adult seniors. Initially, he financed these holiday junkets. As the trips extended further out of his neighborhood and became more popular, he was able to solicit the support of other merchants. As time passed, Harry was able to purchase other properties that he would rent. He often donated food, and sometimes housing, to the needy and homeless. He was once asked, "Why would you rent a small house to a family with four children?" His reply was, "Children have to have somewhere to stay." Although Harry did not finish high school, he recognized the value of education, so he financed his wife and four children's education, all graduating with Bachelor and higher college degrees. His wife, Fannie, received her Doctorate in Education.

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Dr. Fannie Payton Grisham was an educational icon. She and her childhood friend, actress Esther Rolle, spent many hours playing and studying together. When Esther would return home for a visit, they would spend hours reminiscing about the “good old days”.

Fannie first worked as a teacher and eventually became Assistant Principal of Blanche Ely High School under the tutelage of Mrs. Blanche G. Ely, her adopted Godmother. She later became Principal of Dillard Elementary School for one year, Lauderdale Manor Elementary for four years, and retired from Lincoln Park Elementary after nineteen years.

After retiring in June of 1985, Fannie continued to contribute to the education of other as a volunteer at Markham Elementary School, in Pompano Beach, for three years. She also tutored and counseled many of the youth and adult seniors in the community.

As well known as Fannie was in education, she was equally known in the Faith Based community. As a devout member of the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, she volunteered for the YES program, was a member of the Red Circle, Sunday School, B.Y.P.U. Choir, Progressive Club, Financial Secretary, General Program Chairwoman for funerals, Secretary of the Trustee Board, Chairwoman of the Circle Lydia, and Director of the Missionary Society.

Fannie also served as the President of the North Broward Federated Women’s Club.

Ask anyone in the community born before the nineteen seventies if they know the Grisham family and you will understand the impact this husband and wife team made on Pompano Beach. Blanche G. Ely, Esther Rolle, E. “Pat” Larkins, and many more were touched by the lives of one or the other of the dynamic duo of Mr. Harry David and Dr. Fannie P. Grisham, of 407 Northwest Fourth Avenue.

It is our sincere wish that the City of Pompano Beach would recognize the contributions of these two local Icons by renaming the street that they lived, worked, and literally died for through dedication and contributions to their community and the City of Pompano Beach.

Sincerely,



Pansy Grisham Mingo
(Daughter)



Clarence J. Grisham, Sr.
(Son)

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407 N.W. 4TH AVE.
POMPANO BEACH, FL 33060-6022

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RESOLUTION NO. 2003-38

**CITY OF POMPANO BEACH
Broward County, Florida**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, ENACTING A POLICY AS TO THE NAMING AND RENAMING OF STREETS AND PUBLIC FACILITIES WITHIN THE CITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission has received from time to time requests for the naming or renaming of streets within the City of Pompano Beach; and

WHEREAS, the City does not have a policy for the naming or renaming of streets; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Pompano Beach deems it advisable to implement a policy for the naming and renaming of streets; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1: That the City Commission of City of Pompano Beach hereby establishes a policy for the naming and renaming of streets and public facilities within the City of Pompano Beach as follows:

It shall be the policy of the Pompano Beach City Commission to recognize and honor of the name of individuals who have made a lasting significant humanitarian or extraordinary contribution on the local, state or national level through many years of service or individuals whose single action or achievement conveys great credit and recognition to the City. Further, such organizations who have provided invaluable services to the City and whose location in the city is of such importance as to bring credit and recognition to the city may be equally honored and recognized.

The City Commission may, in its sole and exclusive discretion, consider the naming of public parks, buildings or facilities for individuals, but shall reserve the naming of streets, roads, public ways,

or portions thereof, for individuals except in the most unusual circumstances when the City Commission finds that the naming shall serve the best interest of the City. In that event, the street, road, public way or portion thereof shall carry dual names and shall not result in creating a split street (part one name, part another). Renaming a segment of a street, road, or public way where a transition from one name to another at some geographic point would result, shall not be considered.

The City Commission may, in its sole and exclusive discretion, consider the naming of streets, roads, public ways, or portions thereof, for such organizations, but shall reserve the naming for individuals, except in the most unusual circumstances, when the City Commission finds that the naming serves the best interest of the City. In that event, the public park, building or facility, street, road, public way or portion thereof may carry dual names.

★ A formal written request must be submitted to the City Manager along with an application fee of \$500.00.

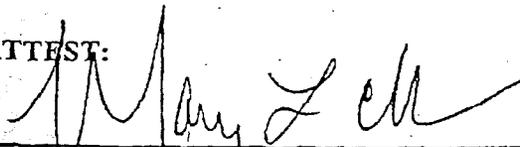
The naming of public parks, buildings, facilities streets, roads or portions thereof shall require a resolution adopted and approved by a majority vote of the City Commission.

SECTION 2: That the proper City officials and staff are hereby authorized to implement said policy.

SECTION 3: This Resolution shall become effective upon passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of October, 2002.


WILLIAM F. GRIFFIN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARY L. CHAMBERS, CITY CLERK

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