

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 10/12/21

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 21-0790

LOG NAME: 20STREET NAME CHANGE FOR LIZZIE DAVIS

SUBJECT

(CD 5) Adopt an Ordinance Changing the Name of Lizzie Davis Street Between Katy Street and Pollard-Smith Avenue to Russell Path Drive

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt an ordinance changing the name of Lizzie Davis Street between Katy Street and Pollard-Smith Avenue to Russell Path Drive.

DISCUSSION:

The street name change is being requested by the residents along Lizzie Davis Street. A map of the proposed street name change is attached and included. The application was signed by all adjacent property owners. Notice of the proposed street name change was sent on September 28, 2021 to ten adjacent property owners along both sides of the street as well as to all registered neighborhood organizations within 1/4 mile. A copy of the notice for the City Council hearing is included and attached.

The applicants will bear the cost of the design and installation of the new street signs in the amount of \$170.00. The Transportation and Public Works Department is responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City. Transportation and Public Works will use the funds provided by the applicants to design and install one sign bearing the new street name: Russell Path Drive.

In memory of the late James Edward Russell and Irene Hall Russell, the street name change would honor their legacy. The Russell family was one of the original families in the Stop Six neighborhood and resided there for over 60 years. In 1942, James and Irene Russell purchased their first property at 1700 Liberty Street and in 1955 they purchased a 2nd property located at 1701 Lizzie Davis Street. Their address was recently changed to 5130 Pollard-Smith Avenue, by Ordinance No. 24244-06-2020.

James Russell had one of the first barber shops in the Stop Six community located at 1527 Amanda Avenue. James Russell volunteered and worked at Kirkpatrick High School where he taught mechanics and also provided free haircuts for underprivileged children and families. Irene Russell was a unique seamstress who owned and operated Irene's Draperies for over 50 years. Irene's Draperies was the first custom drapery shop in the Stop Six community. Throughout her life, she designed custom draperies and top treatments for many churches, local businesses, and private homes in the Stop Six community, and to customers in surrounding cities.

The street name will take effect on October 13, 2021.

This project is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 5.

The Fire Department approved this street name change request.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that approval of this recommendation will have no material effect on City funds.

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