



# AGENDA ITEM MEMORADUM

**Town Clerk**

**June White**

Department

Department Director

COMMISSION MEETING DATE (*) - 7:00 PM	Deadline to Town Clerk
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oct 25, 2011	Oct 14th
<input type="checkbox"/> Nov 8, 2011	Oct 28 <sup>th</sup>
<input type="checkbox"/> Nov 29, 2011	Nov 10 <sup>th</sup>
<input type="checkbox"/> Dec 13, 2011	Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup>

\*Subject to Change

- Presentation     Reports     Consent     Ordinance  
 Resolution     Quasi-Judicial     Old Business     New Business

FY2011 DESIGNATED HIGH PRIORITY ITEM - PRIORITY TOPIC

## SUBJECT TITLE: Municipal Park

**EXPLANATION:** Richard Huff, Jr., great-grandson of Glenn Friedt, Sr. and grandson of Ted Friedt has requested that we return the Friedt name to the park that his family assisted in creating and display the name "Friedt Park".

Ordinance 81 (Exhibit 5) states that in 1955 Glenn and Lucy Friedt donated \$7,500 for the improvement and equipment of the park and recreational facilities of the Town. To show their gratitude to Glenn and Lucy Friedt, the Commission approved Ordinance 81 naming the park "Friedt Park and Recreation Center". Ordinance 2005-04 rescinded Ordinance 81 to not only honor the Friedt family but to honor other citizens as well. "Friedt Park and Recreation Center" was renamed to "Municipal Park". In addition, Ordinance 2005-04 named the playground area "Friedt Family Playground", the soccer field "Firefighters' Field", the tennis courts "Sylvia Neely Tennis Courts" and the bocce courts "Spicola Courts" with instruction that appropriate signage be installed at each of the recreational areas.

The Municipal Park sign contains a plaque dedicating the tennis courts in memory of Sylvia Neely and another plaque containing funding information (picture attached). Another sign is located at Spicola Memorial Park in memory of Michael S. Spicola (picture attached). There is no signage at the playground or at the soccer field.

We have contacted Mr. Huff. Please see his email attached (Exhibit 2).

**EXPECTED OUTCOME:** We are requesting Commission direction on whether they wish to make any changes in the Ordinance, before we order the signs for the playground and the soccer field.

- EXHIBIT(S):**
1. Letter Dated August 1, 2011 from Richard H. Huff, Jr.
  2. Email dated September 9, 2011 from Ricky Huff
  3. Pictures of Municipal Park sign and Spicola Memorial Park
  4. Ordinance 2005-04
  5. Ordinance 1955-81
  6. Resolution 1955-133

Reviewed by Town Attorney  
 Yes     No

Town Manager Initials JB

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Date: August 1, 2011

Dear Mayor Roseann Minnet:

My name is Richard Huff, Jr. I am an attorney in Clearwater, Florida and also the great-grandson of Glenn Friedt, Sr., and the grandson of Ted Friedt. As I am sure you are aware, the Friedt family played a vital and integral role in the development of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea (LBTS) into the well-known beach town it is today.

To be sure, as a brief background, I would like to highlight one of the many contributions, in time and money, the Friedt family has given generously to LBTS over the past 70 years. Beginning in the late 1930's, the Friedts owned property in what is now LBTS. After the Second World War, in the 1940's, the town had lost its charter and reverted to the County. Glenn Friedt, Sr., being one of the most heavily invested in the town, financed a charter committee, organized the formation of a charter, and subsequently took the charter to Tallahassee to be filed. Thus, the town of LBTS was incorporated. Additionally, Mr. Friedt, before taking the charter to Tallahassee, doubled the size of the town by convincing residents outside the previous town's border to agree to join LBTS. The impact of this beneficial act by Mr. Friedt, some 60 years ago, cannot be understated.

The reason for this letter is based on another gracious gift by the Friedts to LBTS—"Friedt Park." In the 1950s, Glenn Friedt, Sr. donated property and money to LBTS for the construction of a community park to include tennis, basketball, shuffleboard and horseshoe courts, among other amenities. After the park construction was completed, a sign was erected bearing the name "Friedt Park," which stood in honor of the Friedt's generosity to the LBTS community. It was understood that "Friedt Park" would keep its name in perpetuity.

In early 1991, another long-time LBTS resident family, the Anglins, asked LBTS to add their name to Friedt Park. After a drawn out process, and after the Friedt family proposed to share the naming of the park with the Anglin family, LBTS instead created a plaque for the Anglins. In 1991, LBTS recognized the generosity of the Friedt family by keeping the Friedt name on the park.

The park still remains today, directly west of your office. But, it no longer carries the name "Friedt Park," which it has for more than 50 years. Instead, it bears the name of

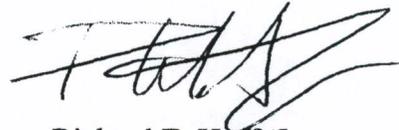
certain city officials that held office in LBTS at the time the funds were acquired to make improvements to the park.

Why was my family's name removed from the park it has adorned for more than 50 years because improvements were made? What has changed that makes the town that has benefited greatly from the Friedt's support now ignore that support?

I write to request you return the Friedt name to the park it created. I'm not asking for the current plaque and names to be removed; only that the name "Friedt Park" be properly and prominently displayed once again, honoring the family that created the park and played such a large role in the development of your town. My request is a very simple one to oblige. The expenditure of time and resources is completely unnecessary.

I look forward to hearing from you and appreciate your attention to this matter.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard E. Huff, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Richard E. Huff, Jr.

June White

EXHIBIT 2

**From:** rehuff@gmail.com on behalf of Ricky Huff <rhuff@huffaalaw.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 09, 2011 9:58 AM  
**To:** June White  
**Subject:** Re: Ordinance 2005-04 Re: Naming Park

Ms. White, CMC:

Thank you for contacting me and I appreciate the copies of the ordinances. I do take issue with the 2005 ordinance, however. Some may think it petty to protest the naming of a playground instead of the entire park, but principle and integrity play a role here. Before Glenn Friedt, Sr.'s donation for the park, there wasn't a park for the town to enjoy. Thus, the town recognized this gracious gift with Ordinance 81, in 1955. Before 1955, and for decades after Ordinance 81, Mr. Friedt made countless gifts and took countless efforts in order to improve the town of Lauderdale By The Sea. Until Ordinance 4, in 2005, the park maintained the Friedt name for 50 years.

While I understand the park needs capital from time to time for improvements, I don't believe future donations should decrease the importance of donations made previously. In other words, and I think it typical, new donations receive naming rights for specific improvements, such as the tennis courts for example; while the name of the original benefactor is left standing. Based on the current suggestion, I think it likely that with the next round of donations, a new ordinance will remove the Friedt name from the playground and move it to a single bench or swing, and so on.

I truly see this as a "do the right thing" issue for the town. In order to attract future generosity for improvement, donors will want to know that if the town provides naming rights, those rights won't be extinguished with the changing tides of new elected officials and new donors. I respectfully request you reconsider your position.

If you will please forward this email to Mayor Minnet and to Town Manager Hoffman for their consideration as well, I would greatly appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Ricky Huff

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any attachments) is strictly prohibited. If you have received this email in error, please notify the sender by email reply. Thank you.

On Thu, Sep 8, 2011 at 2:29 PM, June White <[junew@lauderdalebythesea-fl.gov](mailto:junew@lauderdalebythesea-fl.gov)> wrote:

As per our conversation, attached is the Ordinance that renamed Friedt Park and Recreation Center to Municipal Park.

We expect to place the signs as instructed in the Ordinance.

Hope to hear from you soon.

June

*June White, CMC*

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THIS COURT DEDICATED  
 TO THE MEMORY OF  
 SYLVIA J. NEELY  
 1918-1998

Funding for the park renovation and expansion provided by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection through the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program and the Town of Lauderdale By The Sea Town Commission

Oliver Parker, Mayor  
 John Yanni, Vice-Mayor  
 David Westels, Mayor Pro Tem  
 Marc Farn, Commissioner  
 Ed Kennedy, Commissioner

2008

TOWN OF LAUDERDALE BY  
**MUNICIPAL**  
**PARK**



MICHAEL S. SPICOLA  
MEMORIAL PARK  
1985

**ORDINANCE NO. 2005-04**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, FLORIDA, RESCINDING ORDINANCE 81 AND ADOPTING A NEW ORDINANCE TO HONOR THE FRIEDT FAMILY AND OTHER CITIZENS; RENAMING FRIEDT PARK AND RECREATION CENTER TO MUNICIPAL PARK; NAMING THE PLAYGROUND AREA "FRIEDT FAMILY PLAYGROUND" NAMING THE SOCCER FIELD "FIREFIGHTERS' FIELD"; NAMING THE TENNIS COURTS "SYLVIA NEELY TENNIS COURTS" ; NAMING THE BOCCE COURTS "SPICOLA COURTS" PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Town Commission finds that it is beneficial and proper to recognize the commitment of Glenn H. Friedt and Lucy Friedt , who were pioneer developers and respected civic leaders of the Town and other members of the community who through their generosity and commitment have improved the Town for the benefit of its residents, property owners and guests; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Commission wishes to recognize those citizens by naming public recreational facilities in their honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, FLORIDA THAT:

Section 1. The foregoing "WHEREAS" clause is hereby ratified as true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Ordinance 81 of the Town is rescinded and the following adopted in its place:

Friedt Park and Recreation Center is hereby renamed "Municipal Park"; the playground area is hereby named "Friedt Family Playground" in honor of the Glenn H. Friedt and Lucy Friedt; the soccer field is named "Firefighters' Field"; the tennis courts are named "Sylvia Neely Tennis Courts" in honor of Sylvia Neely; and the bocce courts are named "Spicola Courts" in honor of Michael S. Spicola.

Section 3. The Town Administration is directed to install appropriate signage for the park and each of the recreation areas described above.

Section 4. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 5. All ordinances, or parts of ordinance, in conflict herein are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed.

Section 6. This ordinance shall become effective, immediately upon final adoption.

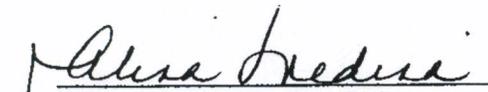
Passed on the first reading, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of Dec, 2004.

Passed on the second reading, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of Jan, 2005.

  
MAYOR OLIVER PARKER

	First Reading	Second Reading
Mayor Oliver Parker	<u>yes</u>	<u>yes</u>
Vice-Mayor Kennedy	<u>yes</u>	<u>yes</u>
Commissioner Clark	<u>yes</u>	<u>yes</u>
Commissioner Wessels	<u>yes</u>	<u>yes</u>
Commissioner Yanni	<u>yes</u>	<u>yes</u>

Attest:

  
Alina Medina, Town Clerk

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING AND NAMING THE MUNICIPAL PARK LYING IMMEDIATELY WEST OF BLOCK TWENTY THREE (23), LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 2, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FRIEDT PARK AND RECREATION CENTER.

WHEREAS, GLENN H. FRIEDT and LUCY FRIEDT were pioneer developers and are respected civic leaders of the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Florida, and have contributed materially to the growth and development of said Town, and

WHEREAS, said GLENN H. FRIEDT and LUCY FRIEDT have offered to contribute the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) for the improvement and equipment of the park and recreation facilities of the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Florida, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Florida, its citizenry, its churches and its other charitable institutions have heretofore received other generous gifts from said GLENN H. FRIEDT and LUCY FRIEDT and now desire to demonstrate their gratitude for the present and past generosity of said GLENN H. FRIEDT and LUCY FRIEDT by naming the aforesaid municipal park "FRIEDT PARK AND RECREATION CENTER", duly evidencing said dedication by appropriate plaque or marking to be placed on said park,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, FLORIDA:

1. That the municipal park located immediately West of Block Twenty-Three (23), Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, according to plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 6, page 2, of the Public Records of Broward

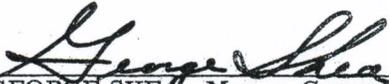
County, Florida, be and it is hereby dedicated and named "FRIEDT PARK AND RECREATION CENTER", as a testimonial of the gratitude of said Town and its citizenry for the generosity of GLENN H. FRIEDT and LUCY FRIEDT, pioneer developers and civic leaders of said Town.

2. The Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Park and Recreation Commission be and it is hereby authorized and instructed to place suitable plaques or markers on said park showing the name of said park and recreation center.

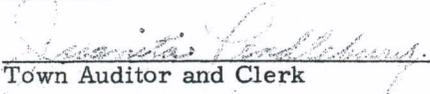
PASSED ON FIRST READING, by unanimous consent, June 14, 1955.

PASSED ON SECOND READING, by unanimous consent, June 14, 1955.

PASSED ON THIRD READING, by unanimous consent, June 14, 1955.

  
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GEORGE SHEA, Mayor-Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
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Town Auditor and Clerk

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE OFFER OF GLENN H. FRIEDT AND LUCY FRIEDT TO CONTRIBUTE THE SUM OF SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$7, 500. 00) TO THE TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, FLORIDA, FOR PARK AND RECREATION PURPOSES, PROVIDING THE MANNER OF ACCOUNTING FOR AND DISBURSING SAID GIFT.

WHEREAS, GLENN H. FRIEDT and LUCY FRIEDT, civic leaders, pioneer developers and highly respected citizens of the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Florida, have offered to contribute the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7, 500. 00) to said Town for the improvement of its park and recreation facilities, upon condition that said funds be expended solely upon the municipal park located immediately West of Block Twenty-Three (23), Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, according to plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 6, page 2, of the Public Records of Broward County, Florida, except such portion of said funds as may be required to purchase and install a back-stop on a baseball diamond to be located elsewhere; and upon further condition that said funds be set up in a separate ledger account, expendable only upon recommendations of the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Park and Recreation Commission, and

WHEREAS, said Town considers said offer a generous gesture on the part of GLENN H. FRIEDT and LUCY FRIEDT and desires to accept the same,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, FLORIDA, that:

1. The Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea accepts the offer of GLENN H. FRIEDT and LUCY FRIEDT to contribute to said Town the

sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7, 500. 00) for the improvement of the park and recreational facilities of said Town.

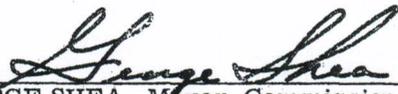
2. Said funds, contributed by MR. and MRS. FRIEDT, shall be expended solely for the improvement, construction and installation of recreation facilities upon the municipal park located immediately West of Block Twenty-Three (23), Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, according to plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 6, page 2, of the Public Records of Broward County, Florida, except such portion of said funds as may be required to purchase and install a back-stop for a baseball diamond to be located elsewhere.

3. Said funds shall be carried in a separate ledger account on the books of the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Florida, entitled "PARK AND RECREATION FUND", and shall be expended only upon recommendation of the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Park and Recreation Commission.

4. The Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Florida, hereby expresses its gratitude and appreciation to GLENN H. FRIEDT and LUCY FRIEDT for this contribution and their past generosity in public works within the Town.

5. The Town Auditor and Clerk be and she is hereby instructed to forward a copy of this Resolution to GLENN H. FRIEDT and LUCY FRIEDT, 3456 Denton Avenue, Detroit 11, Michigan.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Town Commission of the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Florida on the 14th day of June, 1955.

  
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GEORGE SHEA, Mayor-Commissioner