



20 N. Swinton Avenue  
Delray Beach, FL 33444

Agenda Item #:  
March 9, 2017

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~ CRA BOARD SUMMARY ~

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03 - SUPPORT FOR RENAMING SW 6<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE AS  
"JAMES LAMAR SHULER AVENUE"**

**Background:** At the February 23<sup>rd</sup> CRA Board meeting, the Board was made aware that Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler, widow of the late James Lamar Shuler, has submitted a letter to the City of Delray Beach requesting the naming of SW 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue from West Atlantic Avenue to SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street as James Lamar Shuler Avenue. The Board directed CRA Attorney and staff to prepare a resolution in support of the naming. The request is currently being processed by the City.

As highlighted in the attached request letter, Mr. Shuler was the founder and proprietor of Shuler's Memorial Chapel, Inc., that opened on May 26, 1985 at 606 West Atlantic Avenue, Delray Beach, Florida. The business operated in that location for more than 30 years. Mr. Shuler is one of the quintessential success stories of the West Atlantic community, having grown-up, lived, and operated a successful business there. He was a devoted community advocate and public servant. He served on many boards and organizations, including the Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency's Board of Commissioners, where he served for 5 years, and was Chairman for a period of that time. He supported the goals of the Community Redevelopment Agency to eliminate slum and blight in the community and to spur growth and economic development that would benefit the residents and overall community.

Mr. Shuler died on October 1, 2006, based on his contributions to the West Atlantic Community and to the City of Delray Beach, the attached resolution supports the designation or over-naming of SW 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, from West Atlantic Avenue to SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street, as "James Lamar Shuler Avenue". If approved, the Resolution will be forwarded to the Mayor, City Commissioners, and the City Clerk. The request would then be considered by the City's Planning and Zoning Board that would forward a recommendation to the City Commission for final action on the request.

**Recommended Action:**

Approve Resolution No. 2017-03 for renaming SW 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue to "James Lamar Shuler Avenue".

**Submitted By:** Kevin Matthews, Project Manager

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE DELRAY BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (“CRA”) REQUESTING THAT THE DELRAY BEACH CITY COMMISSION APPROVE THE REQUEST SUBMITTED BY DR. BARBARA CAREY-SHULER TO NAME SW 6<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE FROM WEST ATLANTIC AVENUE SOUTH TO SW 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET, “JAMES LAMAR SHULER AVENUE”; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Mr. James Lamar Shuler was born August 14, 1953, son of Marian Stewart Shuler and Cleveland Shuler, in Delray Beach, Florida, and grew up on “Frog Alley”; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Shuler attended grammar school at S.D. Spady Elementary School graduated from Atlantic High School in 1971, and graduated from Miami-Dade Community College in 1976 with a degree in Mortuary Science, and became a Licensed Funeral Director in 1977; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Shuler operated Shuler’s Memorial Chapel, which was located at 606 West Atlantic Avenue from May 26, 1985 until his death on October 1, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, Shuler Memorial Chapel continued to operate at that location for another decade; and

**WHEREAS**, during Mr. Shuler’s life, he served as Chairman of the Delray Beach CRA, Chairman of the West Atlantic Redevelopment Coalition, Inc., was a member of the Visions 2000 Committee for Delray Beach, and was a devoted member of Saint Paul AME Church in Delray Beach; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Shuler gave much of his time and effort to the Delray Beach Community and in support of the CRA’s redevelopment efforts as well as the CRA’s efforts to insure affordable housing in the West Atlantic Avenue area, as well as the entire City of Delray Beach; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of Mr. Shuler’s contributions, the Delray Beach CRA Board of Commissioners has reviewed the request from Mr. Shuler’s wife, Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler to name Southwest 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue from West Atlantic Avenue to Southwest 10<sup>th</sup> Street as “James Lamar Shuler Avenue”, and finds that the request is a worthy honor to bestow to Mr. Shuler; and

**WHEREAS**, the CRA Board of Commissioners desires to transmit its support of Dr. Carey-Shuler’s request to the Delray Beach City Commission.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein.

Section 2. The Board of Commissioners of the Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency hereby supports the request submitted by Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler to name Southwest 6th Avenue from West Atlantic Avenue to Southwest 10th Street as "James Lamar Shuler Avenue". The CRA Executive Director shall transmit copies of this Resolution, as approved, to the Mayor, City Commissioners, and City Clerk.

Section 3. All resolutions inconsistent or in conflict herewith shall be and are hereby repealed insofar as there is conflict or inconsistency.

Section 4. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Resolution 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 Resolution.

Section 5. This resolution shall become effective upon its passage and adoption by the City of Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ON THE \_\_\_\_ DAY OF MARCH, 2017.**

DELRAY BEACH COMMUNITY  
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
REGINALD A. COX, CHAIR

ATTEST:

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JEFFREY A. COSTELLO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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