

Rename Lee Square

Mayor Robinson presented the request to change the name of Lee Square to Florida Square. He presented a map of North Hill done in 1806 by Watson Survey. There were three parks in North Hill, Florida Square, Georgia Square, and Alabama Square. The only one whose name has been changed is Florida Square to Lee Square. The monument was in Florida Square for a long time before the name change.

Next year Florida will be celebrating 200 years of being a part of the United States. By renaming the square, the name would be more inclusive of all of our citizens. The square was renamed long after Robert E. Lee's death. Lee mentioned that he did not want something like that named after him, did not feel it would not be appropriate.

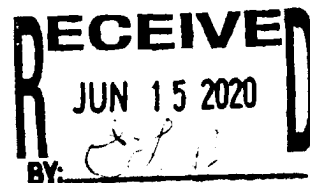
Member Escobar-Ryan asked what would be presented at the July 16 City Council meeting, renaming the park, or removing the Confederate monument? Mayor Robinson hopes to discuss both at once.

Member Del Gallo made the motion to rename Lee Square [to] Florida Square. Member Harrison seconded the motion. A general oral vote was taken. The vote passed 8-0 (Member Garza absent). There were no requests from the public to speak on the issue.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ericka Burnett, City Clerk
FROM: Brian Cooper, Parks and Recreation Director *BC*
SUBJECT: Rename Lee Square to Florida Square
DATE: June 12, 2020

I have been asked to begin the process of changing the name of Lee Square back to its original name of Florida Square. In advance of the 200th Celebration of becoming a part of the United States in July 2021, we would like the name to be more inclusive to all of our citizens. Also, we would like to restore the original historic name of the square to represent our home state, Florida.



Heidi Thorsen

From: Brian Cooper
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 12:20 PM
To: Heidi Thorsen
Subject: FW: Renaming Lee Square to Florida Square

Please print. And prepare a short memo to the clerk

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "Grover C. Robinson, IV" <GRobinson@cityofpensacola.com>
Date: 6/12/20 12:07 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: Brian Cooper <bcooper@cityofpensacola.com>
Cc: Kerrith Fiddler <KFiddler@cityofpensacola.com>, Keith Wilkins <KWilkins@cityofpensacola.com>, Don Kraher <DKraher@cityofpensacola.com>, Susan Woolf <swoolf@cityofpensacola.com>
Subject: Renaming Lee Square to Florida Square

Dear Brian,

Please begin whatever process to change the name of Lee Square to Florida Square. Please be sure to take all steps to prepare the measure for presentation to the City Council on July 16, 2020. This includes timely presentation to all citizens boards.

To purpose of this request is twofold. First, the purpose in provide a name which is more appropriate and inclusive to all of our citizens in advance of our 200th Celebration as part of the United States in July 2021. The second is to restore the original and historic name of the square to represent our home state, Florida.

Please begin this process and contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your time and assistance.

Grover

Sent from my iPhone