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WILTON MANORS STREET NAMES

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Whoever gives any thought to a street name? If you live somewhere where something historically important happened, many of the streets will be named for winning generals, politicians, or Indian chiefs. If it is a “planned” endeavor, there may be logic to street names. In Boston’s Back Bay, the cross streets are alphabetical, Arlington through Hereford. Streets may be named for local trees, flowers, or animals. Big sprawling grids, like New York, or areas like greater Fort Lauderdale generally number streets. Frequently, there is a “ground zero,” to establish what is northwest, northeast, southwest, and southeast.

Even using a very loose definition of “street” or “road,” there was not much going on in what is now Wilton Manors prior to about 1910. There were Seminole and Tequesta Indians, who would have had paths. In the early 1890’s, there were farms. More settlers arrived in 1892 when the county road from Lantana, on the shore of Lake Worth to Lemon City on the shore of Biscayne Bay, was completed. Stagecoaches ran from Lantana to the New River in Fort Lauderdale and from there to Lemon City.

There were bigger farms in Pompano and by 1910, there was a railway station at Mahannah Road (Northeast 24th Street). (Charles Mahannah had a farm fronting the street.) There had to have been roads from the farms to the train station. In 1913, the Dixie Highway, running roughly parallel to the Florida East Coast Railroad tracks, was completed through Broward County, linking the area to the northern states. Described as “rocky, rough, full of potholes, narrow,” it was the first major road opening up the southeast coast to the new automobile.

In October 1910, Frank Oliver, T.C. Moody and S.H. Weaver of Fort Lauderdale laid out a plat for a subdivision they also called Colahatchee (with an “A,” not an O), lying between the South and North forks of the Middle River, and which ran west from the Florida East Coast Railway tracks west to about NE 6th Avenue. Among the names of the east-west streets were Bay, Palmetto, Centre, Main, Pine and Lime. One of the north-south thoroughfares was Dade Avenue. The island was at that time part of Dade County. A note on the plat indicates that the Everglades were a mile west.

In April 1911, George M. Phippen platted a subdivision east of the Florida East Coast railroad tracks called Colahatchee (again with an “A”) It was very small, containing only 24 lots.

Edward J. “Ned” Willingham created his Wilton Manors plat in 1925. Most of the streets had Indian names but not those of Florida Indians. Willingham named other streets for

rivers near Macon. Though spelled incorrectly, Sewanee, a river that rises in South Georgia, also rated a street named after it. Ludowici Avenue was named for a town in Georgia. The logic of his naming rational has been lost.

Wilton Manors failed in 1926 when the housing market crashed. Willingham's son replatted the subdivision in 1928 to make the land easier to sell, removing most of the individual lots, leaving large blocks which would be more attractive to other subsequent developers. Most of his father's names were changed to numbers.

By 1954, most of what is now Wilton Manors was platted, but there were all sorts of discrepancies with street names changing from one sub-division to another. Resolution Number 11 of the City Council, in July 1954 fixed this. The fix was not perfect and at least Northeast 6th Avenue was changed back to Northeast 21st Court, just to the east of Wilton Drive, in 1957.

Comparison of the Willingham Senior and Junior Plats

Willingham Senior's Unit 1	Potential Origin	Willingham Junior's Amended Plat 1928
Prospect Road	Pre-existing	N.E. 26 th Street
Cherokee Avenue	Native American people	N.E. 25 th Street
Seneca Avenue	Native American people	N.E. 24 th Street
Iroquois Avenue	Native American people	N.E. 23 rd Street
Wabash Avenue	River in the mid west	N.E. 22 nd Street
Choctaw Avenue	Native American people	N.E. 21 st Court
Navajo Avenue	Native American people	N.E. 21 st Street
Apachee Avenue	Native American people	N.E. 1 st Avenue
Coweta Avenue	County in Georgia	N.E. 3 rd Avenue
Algonquin Avenue	Native American people	N.E. 5 th Avenue
Mohawk Avenue	Native American people	N.E. 6 th Avenue
Oconee Avenue	County in Georgia	N.E. 7 th Avenue
Chippewa Avenue	Native American people	N.E. 8 th Avenue
Ocmulgee Avenue	Native American people/ River in Georgia	N.E. 8 th Terrace
Sioux Avenue (northwest of Wilton Blvd)	Native American people	N.E. 9 th Avenue
Altamaha Avenue (southeast of Wilton Blvd)	River in Georgia	N.E. 9 th Avenue
Hiawasee Avenue	River in Georgia	N.E. 11 th Avenue
Suwanee Avenue	River in Georgia (usually spelled Suwannee)	Suwanee Drive
Ludowici Avenue	Town in Georgia	Nakomis Drive
Nakomis Avenue	Town in Georgia	N.E. 20 th Street N.E. 20 th Court N.E. 21 st Street
Candoga Avenue	Unknown	N.E. 6 th Terrace
Okolona Avenue	Area in Mississippi	N.E. 21 st Court (between N.E. 7 th Ave and N.E. 9 th Ave, southeast of Wilton Drive)

RESOLUTION NO. 11

A RESOLUTION CHANGING IDENTIFYING DESIGNATIONS OF PUBLIC STREETS IN THE CITY OF WILTON MANORS, BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO CONFORM TO AN OVERALL PLAN

WHEREAS, it has been deemed beneficial for all concerned to have an overall, coordinated plan of street designation to facilitate logical and continuous identification of street and building locations in the City of Wilton Manors, Broward County, Florida,

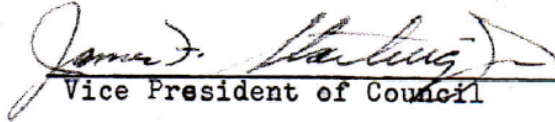
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILTON MANORS:

That the public street designations hereinafter listed in the following subdivisions located in the City of Wilton Manors, be changed and redesignated as follows:

1	<u>WILTON ESTATES</u> as recorded in Plat Book 33 at Page 6, of the public records of Broward County, Florida		
	N.W. 30th STREET	Changed to	N.W. 29th Street
	N.W. 29th STREET	Changed to	N.W. 28th Court
	N.W. 4th AVENUE	Changed to	N.W. Third Avenue
	N.W. 7th AVENUE	Changed to	N.W. Fifth Avenue
	N.W. 8th AVENUE	Changed to	N.W. Seventh Avenue
2	<u>MICKEL'S 3RD ADDITION</u> as recorded in 10, of the public records of Broward Plat Book 34 at Page County, Florida		
	N.W. 3rd AVENUE	Changed to	N.W. Sixth Avenue
	N.W. 3rd TERRACE	Changed to	N.W. Sixth Terrace
	N.W. 4th AVENUE	Changed to	N.W. Seventh Avenue
3	<u>CURVA DEL RIO</u> as recorded in Plat Book 32 at Page 35 of the public records of Broward County, Florida.		
	N.W. 8th AVENUE	Changed to	N.W. Seventh Avenue
	Rio Lane	Changed to	N.W. Eighth Terrace
4	<u>MICKEL'S 2ND ADDITION</u> as recorded in Plat Book 26 at Page 49, of the public records of Broward County, Florida		
	N.W. 4th AVENUE	Changed to	N.W. Third Avenue
	N.W. 6th AVENUE	Changed to	N.W. Fifth Avenue
5	<u>BEULALAND</u> as recorded in Plat Book 7 at Page 33, of the public records of Broward County, Florida		
	NEEL STREET	Changed to	N.W. 25th Street
	SMITH STREET	Changed to	N.W. 24th Street
	COUNTY BOULEVARD	Changed to	N. Andrews Avenue
	PALM AVENUE	Changed to	N.W. 3rd Avenue
6	<u>ALMAR ESTATES</u> as recorded in Plat Book 31 at Page 12 of the public records of Broward County, Florida		
	N.E. 30th STREET	Changed to	N.E. 29th Street
7	<u>SUNSET MANORS</u> as recorded in Plat Book 27 at Page 26 of the public records of Broward County, Florida		
	N.E. 28th STREET	Changed to	N.E. 27th Drive

	N. E. 29th STREET	Changed to	N.E. 28th Court
	N. E. 5th AVENUE	Changed to	N.E. 5th Terrace
8	<u>SUNSET MANORS 1ST ADDITION</u> as recorded in Plat Book 29 at Page 40 of the public records of Broward County, Florida		
	SUNSET DRIVE	Changed to	N.E. 26th Court
9	<u>TROPICAL MANORS</u> as recorded in Plat Book 33 at Page 31 of the public records of Broward County, Florida		
	N. E. 29th STREET	Changed to	N.E. 28th Street
	N. E. 30th STREET	Changed to	N.E. 28th Drive
	N. E. 5th AVENUE	Changed to	N.E. 5th Terrace
	N. E. 28th STREET	Changed to	N.E. 27th Drive
10	<u>WILTON MANORS UNIT I</u> as recorded in Plat Book 15 at Page 1 of the public records of Broward County, Florida		
	SUWANEE DRIVE	Changed to	N.E. 23rd Drive
	LUDOWICI DRIVE	Changed to	N.B. 22nd Drive
	N. E. 21ST COURT lying on S.W. Side of Blocks 18 20 and 21	Changed to	N.E. 6th Avenue
	N. E. 20TH COURT	Changed to	N.E. 20th Street
	N. E. 21ST STREET	Changed to	N.E. 20th Street
11	<u>THE PINES</u> as recorded in Plat Book 25 at Page 31 of the public records of Broward County, Florida		
	OKOLONA DRIVE	Changed to	N.E. 21st Drive
	N. E. 21ST COURT	Changed to	N.E. 20th Drive
12	<u>AMADALE</u> as recorded in Plat Book 29 at Page 6 of the public records of Broward County, Florida		
	AMADALE DRIVE	Changed to	N.E. 10th Terrace
13	<u>MANOR GATES</u> as recorded in Plat Book 33 at Page 14 of the public records of Broward County, Florida		
	N. E. 14th AVENUE	Changed to	N.E. 13th Avenue
	R/W Along S. BOUNDARY	Changed to	N.E. 25th Street
14	<u>MIDDLE RIVER PLAZA</u> as recorded in Plat Book 9 at Page 52 of the public records of Broward County, Florida		
	MEDLA BOULEVARD	Changed to	N.E. 24th Street
	LAWSON STREET	Changed to	N.E. 23rd Street
	KYLE AVENUE	Changed to	N.E. 13th Avenue
	RENDICH PLACE	Changed to	N.E. 15th Avenue
15	<u>MIDDLE RIVER ESTATES</u> as recorded in Plat Book 29 at Page 45 of the public records of Broward County, Florida		
	N. MIDDLE RIVER DRIVE FROM N.E. 26TH STREET AT BLOCK "A" TO LOT 33, BLOCK 1 EXCEPT LOTS 19 THROUGH 25, BLOCK 1	Changed to	N.E. 14th Avenue
	N. MIDDLE RIVER DRIVE AT LOTS 19 THROUGH 25, BLOCK 1	Changed to	N.E. 28th Place
	N. MIDDLE RIVER DRIVE FROM N.E. CORNER OF LOT 1, BLOCK 5 TO S.W. CORNER OF LOT 5, BLOCK 9	Changed to	N.E. 28th Drive
	N. MIDDLE RIVER DRIVE FROM S.W. CORNER OF LOT 5, BLOCK 9 TO S.E. CORNER OF LOT 52, BLOCK 1	Changed to	N.E. 17th Avenue
	N. MIDDLE RIVER DRIVE FROM S.E. CORNER OF LOT 52, BLOCK 1 TO N.E. 19TH AVENUE	Changed to	N.E. Coral Gardens Drive
	R/W ON SOUTH BOUNDARY OF BLOCKS 9, 10 AND 11	Changed to	N.E. 28th Drive
	N.E. 16TH TERRACE	Changed to	N.E. 15th Terrace
16.	<u>CORAL GARDENS</u> as recorded in Plat Book 30 at Page 7 of the public records of Broward County, Florida		
	N. MIDDLE RIVER DRIVE FROM N.E. 26TH STREET TO N.W. CORNER OF LOT. 1, BLOCK 3	Changed to	N.E. Coral Gardens Drive
	HIBISCUS DRIVE	Changed to	N.E. 27th Drive
17	<u>SOUTH CORAL POINT</u> as recorded in Plat Book 33 at Page 48 of the public records of Broward County, Florida		
	N. E. 19TH PLACE	Changed to	N.E. 21st Street
18	<u>CORAL POINT</u> as recorded in Plat Book 31 at Page 27 of the public records Of Broward County, Florida		
	N. E. 23RD STREET	Changed to	N.E. 24th Street
	STREET R/W ALONG LOTS 12 THROUGH 25	Designated	N.E. 22nd Street

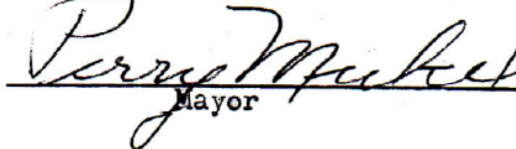
ADOPTED on this 13 day of July, A.D. 1954.


Vice President of Council

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City Clerk

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Mayor

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