

On Jan 6, 2023, at 2:06 PM, Stephan Ginez <stephan@gaythering.com> wrote:

Laura

I hope that 2023 will be a great year for you. You deserve it!

I am reaching out to you because I realized that the city did not do anything to permanently recognize Mark. We give street names, plaques etc to whoever wants it, and nothing was done for Mark.

I thought about what could be symbolic enough and I remembered the pedestrian bridge between Lincoln Ct and Dade Blvd for several reasons:

- Mark used that bridge all the times to go between his home and city hall. I remember him calling me or texting me when he was using that way to go to City Hall; most of the time to give me an update or ask me a question as he was then passing by the Gaythering.

-It links several neighborhoods (West Avenue, Belle Isle and Sunset Harbor). A bridge is the perfect symbol for Mark who made a point about reaching out to everyone.

-Mark was a walker and a pedestrian bridge is a great match to remember him.

-As people walk on that bridge, they are going a lot slower than anybody going on another bridge supporting vehicle. A recognition at that location (plaque or other) will be more noticed.

-Mark created the sustainability committee. There is no better symbol than a bridge over water to acknowledge his work regarding Sea Level Rise.

-This is also the beginning of the West Avenue and Mark was the only commissioner helping the residents not getting screwed with the new harmonization agreement. This is how we got a much better deal for residents of the West Avenue Neighborhood.

I wanted to share this thought with you and see what you think. I already reached out to WAVNA and BIRA members who are 100% on board and ready to issue a resolution. I would be happy to reach out to the Sunset Harbor Neighborhood Association too.

I am sure several of our commissioners will be happy to refer this to Neighborhood and or send it directly to commission.

I wanted to share this idea with you and make sure you are OK with it before we would initiate the process.

Let me know what you think.

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