

Dr. Walter L. Smith Sr. Honorary Street Name Sign

File No. CM22-75558

Motion: (Viera-Maniscalco) That Staff be requested to look into creating an honorary street naming after the late Walter L. Smith, at or around the Walter Smith library; further, that said request be brought back on January 5, 2023, under Staff Reports and Unfinished Business.

Dr. Walter L. Smith Sr. earned his master's degree at Florida A& M University and was named its seventh president. Mr. Smith's accomplishments include: defeating efforts to merge FAMU with UF, acquiring a \$10 million endowment, expanding FAMU athletic programs, and adding new degree programs. Under his leadership, FAMU expanded Black Archives and built new and improved facilities, including the expansion of Bragg Memorial Stadium.

Dr. Walter L. Smith Sr. was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Malawi, where he created higher education program for educators. Later in his career, he established Funda Community College in Soweto, South Africa. As an author, Mr. Smith wrote *The Magnificent Twelve* about Florida's 12 Black junior colleges. In 2002 the Dr. Walter L. Smith Sr. Library was established in Tampa. The privately owned library and museum is dedicated to enhancing the educational development of the people in his boyhood community.



Mobility Department recommends the installation of a double-sided Dr. Walter L. Smith street naming sign (SNS) consisting of a black legend and border on a white background below the existing legal SNS. Honorary SNS to be installed at the southwest corner of N. Albany Avenue and W. Cypress Street.

The installation is adjacent to, and across the street from, 905 N. Albany Avenue, Dr. Walter L. Smith Sr. Library.