

3/28/2017

**31-R-17**

**A RESOLUTION**

**Designating that Portion of Dewey Avenue  
Between Crain Street and Greenleaf Street with the  
Honorary Street Name Sign, "Gay Riseborough Way"**

**WHEREAS**, Gay Riseborough was born in Evanston and continues to be integral to the continued development of the arts community that flourishes in southwest Evanston; and

**WHEREAS**, Gay Riseborough owned the building at 1121-29 Florence and 1532 Crain and called it the "Studios on Florence" out of which she ran her arts-based businesses for over 20 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Gay Riseborough is a figure painter and teacher who has had her work shown in many exhibitions in and around Evanston. Her portrait of Margret Lurie hangs in the District 202 Boardroom; and

**WHEREAS**, Gay Riseborough was a faculty member of the Evanston Art Center and served two terms on the Evanston Arts Council; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2009, Gay Riseborough founded the Grandmother Park Initiative, a project to build a playground for small children. After raising over \$275,000 in grants and donations, the Initiative purchased the plot of land at 1125 Dewey and had it developed into a park (Grandmothers' Park) and donated it to the City of Evanston; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2016, Gay Riseborough added a "Little Free Library" to the park to serve neighborhood families.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT:**

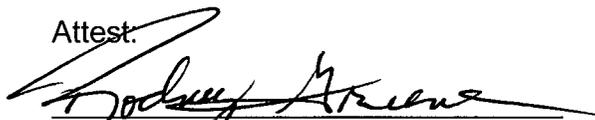
**SECTION 1:** The foregoing recitals are hereby found as fact and incorporated herein by reference.

**SECTION 2:** On behalf of the entire citizenry of the City of Evanston, the City Council hereby expresses appreciation for Gay Riseborough by designating that portion of Dewey Avenue between Crain Street and Greenleaf Street "Gay Riseborough Way."

**SECTION 3:** This Resolution 31-R-17 will be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

  
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Elizabeth B. Tisdahl, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Rodney Greene, City Clerk

Adopted: April 10, 2017