

**From:** [Don Gathers](#)  
**To:** [Council](#); [Council](#); [CLERK OF COUNCIL, x3113](#); [Thomas, Kyna N](#)  
**Subject:** Requested street renaming  
**Date:** Monday, June 15, 2020 4:01:01 PM  
**Attachments:** [Honorary Street Name Designation COMPLETED.docx](#)

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# City of Charlottesville

## Request for Honorary Street Name Designation

Applicant Name: Don Gathers

Applicant Address: [REDACTED]

Charlottesville, Virginia 22903

Applicant Telephone: [REDACTED]

(Daytime)

[REDACTED]  
(Evening)

1. Honorary Street names are restricted to:

Individuals

Organizations

Entities

Events

Of local and long lasting significance to Charlottesville

A. For whom/what are you recommending this designation?

***Black Lives Matter Charlottesville -----***

***For African Americans and all like minded individuals of Charlottesville seeking Justice, Equality, Equity and fairness.***

B. What is the reason for this recommendation? (Applicants should complete a short essay of approximately 500 words that provides justification for the proposed honorary designation. The completed essay should be attached to this application form).

***In an effort to support the movement against the continued oppression of Black and Brown people both here and throughout***

*the community, the State and the Country. And to continue to bring attention to the ongoing issue of Police misconduct throughout our communities, particularly, our communities of color.*

2. Location of Proposed honorary street name designation:

A. Street Name    Market Street (Example: Kirby Avenue)

B. Between    1<sup>st</sup> Street NE    and    9<sup>th</sup> Street NE  
                  (example: between Neil and Wright)

OR

All of the street \_\_\_\_\_

C. What is the proposed name?

***BLACK LIVES MATTER BOULEVARD***

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Please complete and mail the attached form to:

Clerk of City Council  
City of Charlottesville  
P. O. Box 911  
Charlottesville, VA 22902

**From:** [Myra Anderson](#)  
**To:** [Walker, Nikuyah](#); [Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Thomas, Kyna N](#)  
**Subject:** Honorary Street Name Proposal  
**Date:** Monday, June 8, 2020 6:40:01 PM  
**Attachments:** [Honorary Street Proposal-Black Lives Matter.pdf](#)

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Dear Mayor Walker and members of City Council

Please accept the attached Honorary street name Proposal for "Black Lives Matter" Avenue

Myra Anderson

# City of Charlottesville

## Request for Honorary Street Name Designation

Applicant Name: Myra Anderson

Applicant Address: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Applicant Telephone: (434) [REDACTED]  
(Daytime) (Evening)

1. Honorary Street names are restricted to:

Individuals

Organizations

Entities

Events

Of local and long lasting significance to Charlottesville

A. For whom/what are you recommending this designation?

Individual: Myra Anderson  
" Black Lives Matter

B. What is the reason for this recommendation? (Applicants should complete a short essay of approximately 500 words that provides justification for the proposed honorary designation. The completed essay should be attached to this application form).

Attached

2. Location of Proposed honorary street name designation:

A. Street Name 7th St (Example: Kirby Avenue)

B. Between Market and 7th  
(example: between Neil and Wright)

OR

All of the street \_\_\_\_\_

C. What is the proposed name?

Black Lives Matter Avenue

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P. O. Box 911  
Charlottesville, VA 22902

My reason for proposing an honorary street name "Black Lives Matter" is greatly influenced by recent local and national events. The past several months has exposed racial disparities and inequalities (once again), inspiring people all across the county to condemn acts of racism, discrimination and senseless violence, particularly against African Americans. This includes numerous protest and rallies right here in Charlottesville; a city that has its own dark history of racism and discrimination dating all the way back from slavery, to Jim crow, to Robert E statue debate, to August 12<sup>th</sup> -the Summer of Hate, to Black Lives Matter protest the past several weeks.

I believe the most recent protest in the city are part of the biggest collective demonstration of civil unrest around police violence that my generation has witness across the whole entire country. The unifying theme, for the first time in our country's long, ugly and dark history, is BLACK LIVES MATTER. This is extremely important, because currently there are still institutions and systems right here in Charlottesville that act as if black lives don't matter. The city made 4<sup>th</sup> street and honorary street named after one woman (Heather Heyer) to honor her fallen life. It's in that same spirit that I submit this proposal to you to honor the over 10, 000 Black lives in Charlottesville, who remain disproportionately impacted by structural and racism (overt and covert) and still live under an entire social structure centered around white privilege and disproportionate minority contact with the police. Due to the latter, I also propose the honorary street be one closest to the Charlottesville Police Department (or another area that is impactful the African American community)

Naming an honorary street of "Black Lives Matter " is NOT saying that other lives don't matter, but rather affirming that Black lives should matter as much as all (other) lives. Furthermore, a Black Lives Matter honorary street naming has already occurred in our nation's capital, so Charlottesville would not be the first. However, it would be the first time our city names to street to serve as acknowledgment of the historical racism, racial terror and trauma, and racial injustices Africans Americans have endured past and present. Finally and most importantly, an honorary street would send strong, resounding, powerful, validating message to African Americans city-wide who have been disproportionately impacted by police violence and systematic racism ....that we see you, we hear you, and we are committed to ensuring our city becomes more fair and more just.

Submitted by-Myra N Anderson

# City of Charlottesville

OFFICE OF  
AUG 03 2020  
CITY COUNCIL

## Request for Honorary Street Name Designation

Applicant Name: ALEX-ZAN, CHARLES E. ALEXANDER

Applicant Address: [REDACTED]

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA. 22903

Applicant Telephone: [REDACTED]  
(Daytime) (Evening)

1. Honorary Street names are restricted to:

Individuals

Organizations

Entities

Events

Of local and long lasting significance to Charlottesville

A. For whom/what are you recommending this designation?

OF LOCAL AND LONG LASTING SIGNIFICANCE TO  
CHARLOTTESVILLE

B. What is the reason for this recommendation? (Applicants should complete a short essay of approximately 500 words that provides justification for the proposed honorary designation. The completed essay should be attached to this application form).

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2. Location of Proposed honorary street name designation:

A. Street Name 4<sup>th</sup> STREET NW. (Example: Kirby Avenue)

B. Between West Main St. and PRESTON AVE.  
(example: between Neil and Wright)

OR

All of the street \_\_\_\_\_

C. What is the proposed name?

BLACK HISTORY PATHWAY

Please complete and mail the attached form to:

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City of Charlottesville  
P. O. Box 911  
Charlottesville, VA 22902

----- Forwarded Message -----

**Subject:**Honorary Name-Black History Pathway

**Date:**Fri, 31 Jul 2020 15:41:26 -0500

**From:**Charles Alexander <[alexzan@i-c.net](mailto:alexzan@i-c.net)>

**To:**[alexzan@i-c.net](mailto:alexzan@i-c.net)

4th Street was a thriving black community in the 60's,located in the heart of Charlottesville,Va. It comprised of least 140 families and 30 black businesses in and around the area. The area,particularly on the right when you leave W. Main St. was called The Hill,known to many today as Vinegar Hill. The name Vinegar Hill name came from George Toole,a neighbor who define the name from his Irish homeland- Vinegar Hill. On the left of 4th St. was Starr Hill-named by an African American woman who had moved from the Garrett St neighborhood. In 1964,The Hill was demolished as a part of Charlottesville's Urban Renewal Project. The city's political forces saw a run-down slum that developed on the hillside adjoining the downtown business district, disregarding an area of proud,dignified,fulled of life black folk who called The Hill home with no apologies. The destruction of The Hill had and today has a long lasting bitter effect on the sanity and economic well being of African American communities, around Charlottesville and beyond.

The 4th Street area has been and today continue to serve as a historical hub and beacon for many social and cultural events long after losing Zion Union Baptist Church/now Staples and many other viable residents and institution.(Universal Life Insurance-Mr. Eugene

Williams, Popular Hang-Out-Scott Deans/now The Quirk, J.F. Bell Funeral Services, Joker's Barbershop, Dr.'s Jackson and Johnson, Mrs Cora Dukes Daycare, Ebenezer Baptist Church and a block away-First Baptist Church and Mt. Zion Church/now Music Resource Center to name a few) Still standing strong and serving is Jefferson School Heritage Center/formerly African American Educational Centers-Jefferson Elementary and High School, Historic George Washington Carver Recreation Center, Ebenezer Baptist Church, J.F. Bell Funeral Services and Joker's Barbershop.

I've talked to quite a few African American residents/some from The Hill, our elders and others regarding the Honorary Name for 4th St. and the response has been very positive. (Names are available upon request) I'm requesting the name-BLACK HISTORY PATHWAY to honor our past celebrate the present and provide a legacy and PATH to the future. The Pathway will also connect with the A.M. Preston Honorary Street/Preston Ave. I've talked to life-long Starr Hill resident and National Artist -Frank Walker about assisting me in creating a Guide/Map and future markers that can be an Teaching/Learning vehicle for Charlottesville's children/youth that goes beyond just a Slogan! Black History Pathway can serve as instrument in preserving history and an invaluable for Charlottesville natives around the world and new incoming residents as well as a tourist destination that can compliment the Jefferson School Heritage Center. In closing "If you don't know where you are going, you may already be there" Thanks for your time and consideration and to learn more about the works of Mr. Alex-Zan..Please visit [Alex-Zan.com](http://Alex-Zan.com)



Alex Zan

ALEX-ZAN PRESENTS...

\* ANNUAL Black History Pathway! Events

# HARAMBEE FAMILY EVENTS



Month	Date	Event	Contact	Month	Date	Event	Contact
JANUARY		* Dr. M. L. King Events ... Visit Alex-Zan.com	Mr. Alex-Zan 434-202-0773	JULY	23-25	Chihamba African Culture Festival Washington Park 11 AM, UVA-Community Health Fair 10 AM	Lillie Williams 434-825-7870
FEBRUARY		UVa Office of African American Affairs Black History Month Events	OAAA@virginia.edu 434-924-7923	AUGUST	1	Westhaven Day 10:00 am - 6:00 PM	PHAR 434-984-3255
	8	* Greens Cook-Off Jefferson School Heritage Ctr. 3:00 - 5:00 PM	434-260-8720		22	Louisa Co. African American Awareness Festival Moss-Nuckols Elementary School 9:30 AM-4:30 AM	NAACP 434-960-3554
	10	Albemarle- Ch'ville NAACP Black Local History Honoring Burley's Legacy-Burley Middle School 5:30 PM	Berdell Fleming 434-293-9330	SEPTEMBER	8	Historic! The Triumph of the Charlottesville 12-1959 (TrailBlazers Day-Charlottesville City Schools-November)	Mr. Alex-Zan 434-202-0773
	TBA	Albemarle-Ch'ville NAACP Youth Div./UVa Founder's Day Program Time and Place TBA	Lynn Boyd 434-806-9449		TBA	Black Expo IX Park Time TBA	asureshot@gmail.com
MARCH	14	* Phenomenal Black Women Celebration Jefferson School Heritage Ctr. 3:00 PM	Tanisha Hudson 434-806-8952		19-20	Staunton African American Arts Festival Gypsy Hill Park	Staunton Parks & Rec. 540-332-3945
APRIL	27- May 3	Nine Pillar Hip Hop Cultural Festival Time and Place TBA	Cullen Wade 703-851-1062	OCTOBER	TBA	Annual J&B Bookfest! Time and Place TBA	Mr. Alex-Zan 434-202-0773
MAY	24	Declaration Day Daughters of Zion Cemetery	Bernadette Whitsett 434-465-7120	NOVEMBER	6-7	* Commemoration-African American Military Experience Carver Rec. Center Time TBA	Maxine Holland 434-295-6632
JUNE	19-20	* Juneteenth Celebration - Charlottesville Time and Place TBA	Maxine Holland 434-295-6632		26	Annual Turkey Bowl Venable Elementary School	Terrece Smith 804-252-0680
	20	Juneteenth Celebration - Fluvanna County Time and Place TBA	Ben Hudson 434-305-0958	DECEMBER	26	* Kwanzaa -African American Celebration (Local - TBA) Capital City Kwanzaa -Richmond, VA	Elegba Folklore Society 804-644-3900

# JAN. - DEC. 2020

Sponsors



ALL EVENTS FREE - Visit Alex-Zan.com

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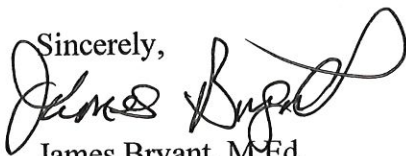
James Bryant  
325 10<sup>th</sup> Street Northwest  
Charlottesville, Virginia 22903

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to lend my support to the renaming of the 4<sup>th</sup> Street corridor to Black History Pathway in honor of our past and present black educators, businesses, churches and once thriving black community.

As a retired educator, who is a native of Charlottesville and attended Jefferson Elementary School (1960-1965). I remember vividly Vinegar Hill and many of the black businesses and the pride of many of the black residents who owned, worked and live in this community. I also remember when Vinegar Hill was demolished displacing many of those businesses and residents. It would be very fitting to add this important history as part of the Jefferson Heritage Center. So many of our students especially African-American students do not know the history of this great community so I am hoping in your deliberations that you will consider renaming the 4<sup>th</sup> Street corridor Black History Pathway to honor those who pave the way for those of us who have had and is having a positive impart in our communities.

Sincerely,



James Bryant, M.Ed.  
Professional School Counselor, Retired  
10<sup>th</sup> and Page Street Resident



**AAPC** of Charlottesville  
& Vicinity

DATE: Friday, August 28, 2020

TO: City Council of Charlottesville, Virginia  
c/o Kyna Thomas, Clerk of Council

RE: Official Designation of  
**'Black History Pathway'**

The **African American Pastors Council (AAPC)** is a Coalition of African American Pastors Representing over Twenty (20) Congregations in Charlottesville and the surrounding Six-County Region (*Albemarle, Fluvanna, Greene, Madison, Fluvanna, Louisa*) in Central Virginia. The Vision of the AAPC is to Empower Pastors through Information, Instruction, and Inspiration, Benefiting our Congregations and Communities.

The Purpose of This Communication is to Lend Our Unqualified Support to Efforts at **Designating Fourth Street NW in Charlottesville, Virginia as 'Black History Pathway'**. The Work of Charles Alexander in leading this Initiative is Representative of a Rich History of African-American Trailblazers in Communicating and Preserving Our Story of Persistence, Perseverance, and Purpose.

Therefore, We the African-American Pastors Council, applaud Mr. Alexander and His Partnership Collaboration for this Vision, and Join with Him in Promoting this Worthy Designation.

Done By The Order of the AAPC

*Lehman D. Bates, II*  
Rev. Lehman D. Bates, II  
President

*Alvin Edwards*  
Rev. Dr. Alvin Edwards  
Vice-President

*Carolyn M. Dillard*  
Rev. Carolyn M. Dillard  
Executive-Secretary

*C/o EBC 113 Sixth Street NW  
Charlottesville, Virginia 22903*

*(434)227-6465  
[www.aapcva.org](http://www.aapcva.org)*

**Fwd: Designated 4th Street-Black History Pathway...Hello Kim..I'd like have 2 copes...Thanks-Alex**

Charles Alexander <alexzan@i-c.net>  
Fri 8/28/2020 8:10 AM  
To: Orders <Orders@sirspeedycharlottesville.com>

**OFFICE OF**  
**AUG 28 2020**  
**CITY COUNCIL**

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**Subject:** Designated 4th Street-Black History Pathway  
**Date:** Wed, 26 Aug 2020 15:17:15 -0500  
**From:** Charles Alexander <alexzan@i-c.net>  
**To:** alexzan@i-c.net

Hello...I'd like to thank you for considering my application toward having 4th St. N.W. designated as -Black History Pathway. I personally was baptized at Zion Union Baptist Church(Now Staples) and attended Nursey School at Mrs Cora Dukes,a stone 's throw from the Residence Inn by Marriot entrance on 4th St. In recent weeks,I've talked to countless citizens from various ages, backgrounds and interest who are enthusiastic and excited about preserving and elevating the Starr Hill and The Hill(Known as Vinegar Hill) area. As mentioned in my application,Black History Pathway designation is beyond a slogan and can serve as an invaluable Teaching/Learning vehicle for past,present and future citizens,particularly our children and youth.The Pathway can further be a tourist destination and compliment the Jefferson School Heritage Center and potentially The New Hill Development. Although not required,I've gathered 200 plus signatures that fully support the Black History Pathway designation. The supporters range from former displaced residents,business owners and others who want to keep the legacy and some of Charlottesville 's Black History relevant. Some notable supporters are: Andrea Douglass, Director of the Jeff. School Heritage Center; Mr. Eugene Williams,Civil Rights Pioneer and former Business Owner;Former Educator and esteemed elder-Mrs. Teresa Walker-Price;

# Petition to DANTE-2<sup>nd</sup> St. NW - Black History Pathway! (HONORARY STREET DESIGNATION)

Petition summary and background	To honor past history (AREA) CELEBRATE THE PRESENTS PROVIDE A LEGACY / PARK FOR THE FUTURE!
Action petitioned for	

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Date
Eddie Harris	Eddie Harris	933 Charlton Avenue	Well needed	8-8-20
Shannon Guffey	[Signature]	935 Charlton Ave	Yes!!	8/8/20
ALEXANDER R. RENNITHOUS	[Signature]	935 CHARLTON AVE	TELL THEIR STORIES! ♥	8/8/20
Tina Vogt	[Signature]	754 Prospect	GOOD Idea	8/8/20
Erika [unclear]	[Signature]	Masspaul Ct 102	Needed!	8/8/20
Sylvia Mischal	[Signature]	385 Stone Creek Pt #101	GOOD TO hear	8-8-20
Barbara [unclear]	[Signature]	736 Crangdale		8-8-20
Juanita Brock	[Signature]	67 Ridge #3		8-8-20
Larry Carter	[Signature]	21 <sup>st</sup> Street Crossing		8-8-20
Mary Smith	[Signature]	923 Henry Ave	Good Idea	8-8-20
Martino Fontana	[Signature]	125 I-B Woodgate Court	Well needed for CVille	8-8-20
Deborah [unclear]	[Signature]	1147 Enick Court	Have you w/out Lord L.L.L.	8-8-20



Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Date
Melinda Washick	Melinda Washick	805 Prospect Ave		8/8/20
Robert L Green	Robert L Green	619 Altavista Ave		8/8/20
Claude Kenney	Claude Kenney	824 Page St		8/8/20
WILLIAM CARTER	William Carter	1056 page ST		8-8-20
Mary McQueen	Mary McQueen	1058 page St.		8-8-20
Elmore Williams	Elmore Williams	1058 Page St.		8-8-20
Welford Douglas	Welford Douglas	1100 Page St.		8-8-20
Porsche Stimpert	Porsche Stimpert	1335 Stoney Rd		8/8/20
Deanne Williams	Deanne Williams	112 Monticello Rd		8/8/20
Adria Eubank	Adria M Eubank	1104 Leonard Street	Good idea	8/8/20
Penelope Babson	Penelope Babson	1875 Woodlawn Rd	This is an excellent idea	8/8/20
Paul Jones	Paul Jones	Rewson Ln		8-8-20
Marilee	Marilee	2632 Ross St	OK	8-8-20
Mary Jones	M. J. Thomas	7576 Porter RD		8-8-20
J. J. Jones	Mary Jones	13 E. 12th Ln		8/8/20
Cynthia Richardson	Cynthia Richardson	322 6th St. S.W	Great Idea!	8/8/20

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Date
Robert Williams	[Signature]	2512 Commonwealth Dr.		8-8-20
Rosevelt Williams	[Signature]	106 Commonwealth Cir		8-8-20
[Signature]	Etta Gordon	213 Oak St.		8-9-20
[Signature]	Sean Dickerson	800 Rose Hill Dr Upper Marlboro, Md		8-9-20
[Signature]	Russ Walker	17305 Fayette Ln.		8-9-20
Mary Walker	Mary Walker	919, Forest St		8-9-20
Alfreda Robinson	A. Robinson	903 Page St.		8-9-20
[Signature]		315 10 <sup>1/2</sup> St N.W		8/9/20
BICK JONES	Ricky Jones	" "		8/9/20
Deanna P. Simms	Deanna P. Simms	1012 Long St. Charlottesville, Va.	Super ideal	8/11/20
Stacey Washington	Stacey Washington	610 9th St. SW. Apt. A Chville. Va. 22903	This is a wonderful idea and will make a major impact in our community	8/11/20
Crystal Harris	[Signature]	1337 Canton Ave Apt. 111 Chville, Va. 22902	Great Idea	8/11/20
Pauline Jones	Pauline Jones	1593 Black Cat Rd Keswick 22947	Awesome	8/11/20
Denise Starks Bell	Denise Starks Bell	5027 Green Creek Rd Schuyler VA.	This is such a great tribute Great work!	8/11/20
Sodora W. Jones	Sodora W. Jones	246 Pfister Ave Chville 22903 1510 Rose TER		8/11/20
Satori J. Jones	Satori Jones	Chville, VA 22902		8/11/20

**Petition to** NAME-2<sup>nd</sup> St. NW - Black History Pathway  
(HONORARY STREET DESIGNATION)

Petition summary and background	TO HONOR PAST HISTORY (AREA) CELEBRATE THE PRESENT & PROVIDE A LEGACY/PAGE FOR THE FUTURE !
Action petitioned for	

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Date
Teresa Price	Teresa Price	206 6 <sup>th</sup> St. N.W.	Impressive need	8-10-20
Frank Walker	Frank Walker	204 6 <sup>th</sup> St. N.W.	Historically Significant	8/10/20
Andrew Dyer	Andrew Dyer	716 Old Farm Rd.	Historically Significant	8/10/20
WORLD Feggan	WORLD Feggan	503 Brown St	Historically Significant	8-11-20
Gerrard Smith	Gerrard Smith	706 Mason St Apt A	History for us	8-11-20
Sarah Terrell	Sarah Terrell	913 Ridge St		8-11-20
<del>Quinn A. Felt</del>	Levernia Michale	1506 6 <sup>th</sup> St SE	History for us	8-11-20
Deborah Rogus	Deborah Rogus	3442 Montague Street	History	8-11-20
Kim Bellone	Kim Bellone	750 Harris St.	History	8-12-20
Simona Holloway	Simona Holloway	100 MOZIE P C'ville	JUST WANT PROGRESS FOR OUR PEOPLE	8-12-20
Robert King	Robert King	509 13 <sup>th</sup> Eville		8/17/20
Seirra Winn	Seirra Winn	233 4 <sup>th</sup> Street NW	History	8/12/20

**Petition to** NAME - 4th St. NW - Black History Parkway  
(HONORARY STREET DESIGNATION)

Petition summary and background: TO HONOR PAST HISTORY (AREA) CELEBRATE THE PRESENT & PROVIDE A BEAUTIFUL PARK FOR THE FUTURE!

Action petitioned for: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Date
Diana Webb		1515 OLD OVERSICKE CIRCLE	Yes! honor, respect, remembered	8/13/20
Earl Pendleton		105 Lanford Ave Chillum, VA	Yes	8/13/20
Setour Dillard	Setour Dillard	15 Trillium Ln Troy VA	Yes	8/13/20
BETTY BROOKS		906 - A South 1st	Yes	8/14/20
Kelly Gonzalez		912 - B South 4th	Yes	8/13/20
Penny Miles		906 - D South 1st	Yes	8-13/20
Leticia Ali		1110 E. MARK ST.	Yes	8/14/20
Rachael Ponder		1110 E. MARK ST.	Yes	8/14/20
Lisa Johnson		131 Vella Cir. Palmyra	Yes	8/14/2020
Jennifer Kelley		923 Henderson St	Yes!!!	8/14/2020
Charlotte Tennell		2111 michie Dr	lets Do it!!!	8/15/2020
Shakia Dean				

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Date
Charlene Underwood	Charlene Underwood	106 Ridge St. #312		8/15/2020
Mary Johnson	Mary Johnson	4 Arbor Crest Dr.		8-15-2020
Barbara Jordan	Barbara Jordan	50-A Arbor Crest		8-15-2020
Reba Jones	Reba Jones	107 Hartman Mill Rd		8/16/2020
Gordon Jones	Gordon Jones Sr.	" "		8/16/20
SAM. W. Jackson	Samuel d. Jackson	1105 Grove St.		8/16/2020
Wesley Smith	Wesley Smith	1839 Forest Hill Va		8/16/20
Paul Smith	Paul Smith	102		8/16/20
Edward Martin	Edward Martin	730 West St		<del>8-16-20</del>
Sharon Webb	Sharon Webb	1073 E Water St		8-16-20
Maggie Murphy	Maggie Murphy	223 Old Turner Mt - 22905		8-16-20
Jay Morris	Jay Morris	P.O. Box 25 Greene VA 22946		8/16/20
Alfred James	Alfred James	971 Livers St 22902		8-16/20
LARRY Henderson	Larry Henderson	923 Henry Dr		8-16-20
Tracy D. Smith	Tracy D. Smith	1904B Inglewood Dr		9.16.20
Alvin Morris	Alvin Morris	801 Anderson St.		9.16.20

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Date
Mary Carey	Mary Carey	406 Ockment St Charlottesville VA 22902		8/16/20
Gloria Newman	Gloria Newman	210 Cleveland Ave #B	Great Idea Our History is Rich	8/16/20
EMMA BOYLES	Emma Boyles	1109 Page St Charlottesville VA 22903		8/16/20
H. Emory White	Henry White	1055 Weybridge Ct	Good Idea	8/16/20
Berta Rue	Berta Rue	512 Ruggenmt Ave Charlottesville, VA 22903	Great Idea	8/17/20
Elaine Douglas	Elaine Douglas	1104 Leonard Street Charlottesville	Great idea	8/17/20
Mary F. Jackson	Mary F. Jackson	167 Old Paradise Rd Koussa VA 23092		8/18/20
JAMES HERTON	James Herton	P.O. Box 1690	Time For CHANGE	8/19/20
Ida Bennett	Ida Bennett	1757 Columbia Rd Zion Cross Rd VA	Great idea	8/19/20
Saundra Taylor	Saundra Taylor	2957 Valentine Mill Rd Gordonsville VA 22942		8/19/20
Jacklene Gaines	Jacklene Gaines	5541 Brookwood Rd Crozet VA 22932	Love the idea	8/19/20
ENKA VICCELLO	Enka Viccello	253 4th St NW Box 2 Charlottesville 22903	Yes!	8/19/20
Amie A. Carter	Amie A. Carter	502-11th St. N.W. Charlville	Great Idea.	8/19/20
Robert Carter	Robert Carter	1102 Page St		
Sharon D. Jones	Sharon D. Jones	1106 Page St. NW Charlottesville VA 22903		8/20/2020
Paul Lee	Paul Lee	816 Rose Hill Dr Charlville, VA 22903		8/20/20

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Date
Eugene Williams	<i>Eugene Williams</i>	620 Ridge Street		8-20-20
DARRY JONES	<i>Darry Jones</i>	772-E Prospect Ave.		8-20-20
Tom Adams	<i>Tom Adams</i>	727 N Baker St		8-20-20
Brittany Gilliam	<i>Brittany Gilliam</i>	107 Woodlark Dr. Cville, VA 22901		8/20/20
Ebony Hilton	<i>Ebony Hilton</i>	243 Huntley Ave, Cville VA 22903		8/20/20
Daphne Williams	<i>Daphne Williams</i>	4758 Bowers Way, 22911		8/20/20
Kristie Friday	<i>Kristie Friday</i>	1184 Pine Haven Ct. 22901	Awesome Idea!	8/20/20
Bianca Johnson	<i>Bianca Johnson</i>	1102 Leonard St.		8/20/20
Rebecca Mann	<i>Rebecca Mann</i>	1204 of Boundo Rd		8/20/20
Davrae Stokes	<i>Davrae Stokes</i>	3 Smokewood Dr. Palmyra VA 22963		8/20/2020
Christie Lutz	<i>Christie Lutz</i>	924 S. 1st St Apt D		8/20/20
ANGELA JOHNSON	<i>Angela Johnson</i>	408 E Garrett St	GREAT	8/20/20
Khalesha Powell	<i>Khalesha Powell</i>	922 South 1st Street		8/20/20
Cornesha Powell	<i>Cornesha Powell</i>	North Carolina		8/20/20
Sikara Powell	<i>Sikara Powell</i>	1st Street South		8/20/20
GEORGE R. JONES	<i>George R. Jones</i>	125 N. BAKER ST.		8/20/20

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Date
Angela Jones	Angela Jones	1807 Cedarhill Rd		8.20.20
Renne Harris	Renne Harris	Hardy drive		8.20.20
Monique Wilk	Monique Wilk	Prospect		8.20.20
Shanita Grady	Shanita Grady	Prospect		8-20-20
B. Lee	B. Lee			
David Cook	David Cook	4341 Presidents Rd.		8/20/20
Kelly Richardson	Kelly Richardson	322 6th St SW		8.20/20
Si. Folley	Sheronda Folley	508 Cleveland Ave	Great Idea!	8/20/20
A. Henderson	Alyson Henderson	106 A WALK PLACE	Great	8/20/20
Lisa Hill	Lisa Hill	220 Stripling Ave Charlotteville	Great	8/20/20
A Saetoe	A Saetoe	1009 Pagel Street		↓
D. Turner	D. Turner	2225 Commonwealth Dr		↓
Gaye Coe	Gaye Coe	767 Orangebl. Ave	wonderful idea	8/20/20
Montasia Woodsom	Montasia Woodsom	818 Mallside Forest Ct		8/20/20
Ashley Morris	Ashley Morris	520A Cleveland Ave	Awesome idea	8/20/20
ERICACRENSON	Erica Crensom	2304 n Berkshire Rd		8/20/20



Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Date
MARISSA BLAIR		1289 Swan Lake Dr, 22902		8/20/20
Shymon Lopez		200 Burnet St		8/20/20
Kawyaal Jay		200 Burnet St		8/20/20
H. Carter		111 Westfield		8/20
Middle Crenshaw	Middle Crenshaw	3116 Riverside Ave		8/20/20
Tyana Chapman		1395 Stone Creek Ln		8/20/20
Minniya Hedgeman	Minniya Hedgeman	" "		8/20/20
Cedasia Yates	C. Yates	<del>111</del> 91d Page St		8/20/20
Courtney Cammarer	Cammarer	107-B Hammond St		8/20/2020
Mark Briggs		P.O. Box 432 <sup>Chville</sup> <del>VA 22902</del>		8-21-20
Van Johnson	Van Johnson	P.O. Box 2709 <sup>Chville</sup> <del>VA</del>		8-21-20
Howard Smith	Howard Smith	903 PAGE ST		8-22-20
Tosyn Bell		52 Court		8-22-20
Lisa Mihic		4084 Cypress Pointe drive		8/21/2020
Nakesha White		1901 Branelywine Dr chville		8-21-2020
Laven Taylor	Laven Taylor	221 #5 Whitlock Rd		8/21/20

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Date
JOHN GAINES	John Gaines	214 9th St. NW		8/23/20
Sharronda Washugh	Sharronda Washugh	229 Rosser Ave		8/23/20
Shawn Harris	Shawn Harris	624 Ridge St		8/23/20
SHIRLEY JOGGANS	Shirley Joggans	1107 FOREST ST		8/23/20
Pamela Fey	Pamela Fey	398 Geneva Rd		8/23/20
Gwen JOHNSON	Gwen Johnson	1601 6th St. SE		8/24/20
Kim Bell	Kim Bell	1013 Druid Ave		8/24/20
Consuelo Morgan	Consuelo Morgan	978 Napier Loop Arlington Va. 22202		8/24/20
Mary Coleman	M. Coleman	708 Page St. City of Promise		8/25/20
Mary Nightengale	Mary Nightengale	303 10 1/2 St. N.W.		8/25/20
James Ford	James Ford	604 Brown Rd.		Aug/25
Anthony Lee	Anthony Lee	2599 Commonwealth DR	We need it.	Aug/25
Army Hughes	Army Hughes	763 prospect ave		Aug/25
Redric Coofe	Redric Coofe	230 Cherry Ave		Aug/25
Carl Coofe	Carl Coofe	830 Cherry Av.		Aug/25
Richard Crute	Richard Crute	830 Cherry Ave		8/25/20

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Date
Mike Anthony	Mike Anthony	C.ville 22901 1801 Enclave Wood DR		8-25-20
Very Brown	VB	110 Stafford Street Staunton VA 24401		8-25-2020
Mary Barber	Mary Barber	Ch'ville VA 22903 858 Nalle St		8-25-2020
Lakisha Johnson	Lakisha Johnson	1708 Cedar Hill Rd Ch'ville VA 22901		8-25-2020
Selishia Smith	Selishia Smith	1708 Cedar Hill Rd Ch'ville VA 22901		8-25-2020
Keary Chapman	Keary Chapman	844 MALLSIDE CT 800# 103 CIVIL 22901		8-25-2020
Lamonte Harris	Lamonte Harris	752 West Bottom Rd Bruno B (VA) VA 23072		8-25-2020
Annahri Porterfield	Annahri Porterfield	1374 Minor Ridge Court, charlottesville, VA 22901		8/25/2020
<del>James Lee</del>	<del>James Lee</del>	1304 CORKTON TOWN		8/25/2020
Michele Bulls	Michele Bulls	277 Windfield Circle Ch'ville VA. 22902		8/25/2020
Lucretia Vaughn	Lucretia Vaughn	10091 Field Lane Gordonsville, Va. 22942		8/25/2020
Kimberly Nixon	Kimberly Nixon	4735 Ellisville Dr Louisia Va 23093		8/25/2020
Keystal Falmer	Keystal Falmer	407 B Valley Rd ext Ch'ville Va 22903		8/25/2020
Martin Barks	Martin Barks	108 6th St. NW		8/26/20
Harriet Staught	Harriet Staught	174 Handmans Mill Rd		8/27/20
Ann W. Carter	Ann W. Carter	715 Orangedale Ave		8/28/20

## Petition to NAME - 4<sup>th</sup> St. NW - Black History Pathway! (HONORARY STREET DESIGNATION)

Petition summary and background	To honor past history (AREA) celebrate the present provide a legacy/path for the future!
Action petitioned for	

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Date
Josephine Morris	<i>Josephine Morris</i>	920 PAGE street	Jefferson school old church lived on 4 <sup>th</sup> St Zion Union	8/17/2020
Paulette Payne	<i>Paulette Payne</i>	314 Carlton Rd	my family lived there	8/19/20
Dr. Harriet Morrison	<i>Dr. Harriet Morrison</i>	920 PAGE Street	mother live on 4 <sup>th</sup> Commerce St <sup>went to Jefferson</sup>	8/25
Brenda Harris	<i>Brenda Harris</i>	1009 Ridge Street	Went to School there	8/24/20
Quincy L. Harris	<i>Quincy L. Harris</i>	1009 Ridge Street	my family lived there	8/27/20
Adelle Karace	<i>Adelle Karace</i>	65 Autumn Ridge Dr		8/26/20
Louise Jackson	<i>Louise Jackson</i>	8 Haversack Rd		8/26/20
Lucy Wallace	<i>Lucy Wallace</i>	110 Hartmanns Mill Rd.	went to school and grew up here	8/27/20
Clara Johnson	<i>Clara Johnson</i>	319 10 1/2 street NW	went to Jefferson school new on Commerce St	8/27/20
Mary J. Johnson	<i>Mary J. Johnson</i>	509 12 <sup>th</sup> NW	went to Jefferson school	8/27/20
Lindsay Johnson	<i>Lindsay Johnson</i>	110 Hartmanns Mill Rd		8/27/20
Sue Friedman	<i>Sue Friedman</i>	2524 Bardermill Pl.		8/27/20

# Petition to NAME- 4<sup>th</sup> St. NW - Black History Parkway Obituary Street Redesign

Petition summary and background	To honor past history celebrate the present & provide a legacy / Path for the future
Action petitioned for	

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Date
Patricia Blair	<i>P. Blair</i>	345 1/2 St. NW		8/27/20
Lakesha Pleasants	<i>Lakesha</i>	729 Orangedale Ave		8/27/20
Mary E Bantz	<i>Mary E Bantz</i>	756 " "		8-27-20
Barbara Edwards	<i>Barbara Edwards</i>	614 Beechwood Dr		8-27-20
Jahitha Jar	<i>Jahitha Jar</i>	1105 Cherry st		8-28-20
Myron Johnson	<i>Myron Johnson</i>	423 11th St NW		
Carnice Johnson	<i>Carnice Johnson</i>	" " "		
Latita Talbert	<i>Latita Talbert</i>	1109 6th ST SE	IN SUPPORT	8-29-20

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## Request for Honorary Street Name Designation

Applicant Name: Tanesha Hudson

Applicant Address: [REDACTED]

22902

Applicant Telephone: [REDACTED]

(Daytime)

(Evening)

1. Honorary Street names are restricted to:

Individuals

Organizations

Entities

Events

Of local significance to Charlottesville \*

A. For whom/what are you recommending this designation?

The families of Vinegar Hill (Black Community that suffered)

B. What is the reason for this recommendation? (Applicants should complete a short essay of approximately 500 words that provides justification for the proposed honorary designation. The completed essay should be attached to this application form).

Please read attached document.

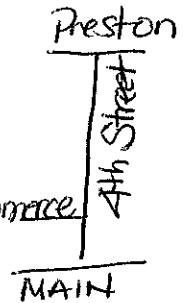
2. Location of Proposed honorary street name designation:

A. Street Name 4th Street (Example: Kirby Avenue)

B. Between Preston Ave and Main Street  
(example: between Neil and Wright)

OR

All of the street 4th + Commerce (section)



C. What is the proposed designation?

Vinegar Hill Way → 4th Street

Vinegar Hill Way will be the name honoring those who suffered from Urban Renewal taking their homes

Attached is some history + a image of a home that belonged to Cathy Johnson-Harris. Her home was located

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where Wendy's now sit.  
Facing 4th Street.

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4<sup>th</sup> Street was a prominent and thriving community for black people during the 1900's. In 1977 there was a Starr Hill Neighborhood association made up of mostly blacks at the time. Former Mayor Huja at the time was a city planner ~~and~~ and was part responsible for applying for a federal grant that was supposed to be intended to help the Starr Hill neighborhood association get more black businesses but it didn't work that way due to bank discriminating in lending. The Starr Hill Grant in 1977 was for Minority Economic development in Starr Hill. They were not successful getting more black businesses there because of lack of capital / money problems. Blacks didn't have any money to use for collateral. So Banks didn't take a risk on black businesses at the time because of that. The Banking discrimination then played a vital role in how Starr Hill area was taken from Black people and it's no different today in how neighborhoods become gentrified or blacks are priced / bought out.

With Blacks having no capital and no power at the time to fight these kinds of issues from the inside because no one black was on city council at the time. The first Black to run for City Council was Dr. Bernard Coles then after him came George Harding and Charles Johnson but they did not win the election. Then we had our first elected black council member named Charles Barbour. Ray Bell was the first black elected to the School Board. 4th Street from Preston Avenue on up to Main Street was a vibrant and often frequented route for people of color to grocery shop, get to work, go to the doctor or to simply go home. It also surrounds many of the historical black businesses from the past to present and The Jefferson School. The Jefferson School, Bell Funeral and Ebenezer are the only original buildings left everything else was raised and we now have McDonald's and Wendy's.

Then:

Inge's Store

Bell Funeral Home,

Dr. Jackson's Office (The corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and Commerce)

Mt. Zion Baptist Church (The Original Church)

Now:

Bell Funeral Home

First Baptist Church

Ebenezer Church

Far too often we don't hear and we're definitely not taught the Black history that we once had and still have in our community. I would like Vinegar Hill Way to be the honorary street name for 4<sup>th</sup> Street. From the Preston Avenue entrance up until the Main Street intersection. Each street that intersects on Vinegar Hill Way between these 2 intersections lead to a deep and telling story. I would hope that Charlottesville would honor those often left behind and make this happen. Acknowledging this street as Vinegar Hill Way is a small step in acknowledging the role Blacks played in making this city what it is. Attached is picture of Mrs. Kathy Johnson Harris house and her house was not slum nor was it run down and it sat in Vinegar Hill area at the time the city took it from blacks. Several conversations and documentaries have been made to tell this story and the city can honor the truth by renaming the street and telling the truth. Vinegar Hill is a part of this city's history and it's a deep scar that hasn't quite been healed.





Thank you for your time,  
Tanesha Hudson  
(434) 806-8952

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## Request for Honorary Street Name Designation

Applicant Name: Jacqueline Webber

Applicant Address: [REDACTED]

Charlottesville, VA

Applicant Telephone: [REDACTED]  
(Daytime) (Evening)

1. Honorary Street names are restricted to:

Individuals

Organizations

Entities

Events

Of local significance to Charlottesville

A. For whom/what are you recommending this designation?

Tony Bennett

B. What is the reason for this recommendation? (Applicants should complete a short essay of approximately 500 words that provides justification for the proposed honorary designation. The completed essay should be attached to this application form).

Tony Bennett brought the city together after a really rough period. He took the UVA basketball

team to the championship game in the NBA 2019 season and won it. It is not only his coaching skills that deserve being honored, but the humility, humbleness and sportsmanship that has inspired

admiration and devotion of the entire UVA and Charlottesville community. He is a modest man, and one of great integrity. After the divisions that surfaced in town after the KKK rally in 2017, Charlottesville needed a reason to feel proud of itself again. Mr. Bennett provided that, in spades. I also feel that he is not an individual who would engender angry feelings about the choice of naming a street after him, nor the contention and division that has followed many attempts of the city to bring people together.

2. Location of Proposed honorary street name designation:

A. Street Name Massie Road (Example: Kirby Avenue)

B. Between Emmett St. and Faulkner Road  
(example: between Neil and Wright)

OR

All of the street Faulkner Road

C. What is the proposed designation?

Tony Bennett Drive

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Charlottesville, VA 22902

# City of Charlottesville

## Request for Honorary Street Name Designation

Applicant Name: William Dozier wdozier@altamarle.org

Applicant Address: [REDACTED]

Charlottesville, VA 22902

Applicant Telephone: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
(Daytime) (Evening)

1. Honorary Street names are restricted to:

Individuals

Organizations

Entities

Events

Of local and long lasting significance to Charlottesville

A. For whom/what are you recommending this designation?

As a respectful gesture to all that Tony Bennett has done for the greater Charlottesville community, I am recommending that we name a small portion of 14th Street NW after him.

B. What is the reason for this recommendation? (Applicants should complete a short essay of approximately 500 words that provides justification for the proposed honorary designation. The completed essay should be attached to this application form).

Please see attached document.

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2. Location of Proposed honorary street name designation:

A. Street Name 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW (Example: Kirby Avenue)

B. Between Main Street W and Westland Street  
(example: between Neil and Wright)

OR

All of the street \_\_\_\_\_

C. What is the proposed name?

(Honorary) Bennett Way or, specifically, (Honorary) Tony  
Bennett Way

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Charlottesville, VA 22902

Tony Bennett deserves recognition for all he has done for the greater Charlottesville community. His latest achievement, leading the UVa men's basketball team to their first ever NCAA title, is the primary reason for this official honorary street name designation request, not because of the victory itself, but because of what that victory *represents*: a turning point for Charlottesville's reputation. Need I list the wealth of negative ways Charlottesville has been depicted on both a national and global scale in recent years? Our city's name, for better or worse, has become the shorthand referent for the Unite the Right rally. Local residents have had to deal with a constant barrage of negativity, misguided accusations, and slander as a result of that awful, tragic event. In the interest of brevity, I'll skip the many other negative national headlines which precede August 2017.

The night of April 8, 2019, Tony Bennett's team gave Charlottesville a chance to show the world the true nature of our community. It is not melodramatic to claim that a championship celebration has never been so needed. Our celebration here in Charlottesville was peaceful. It was the first major release our community has had in years. It brought everyone together: students, locals, visitors and (dare I say) maybe even a few Virginia Tech fans. Unity was witnessed on 14<sup>th</sup> Street that night, all thanks to Tony Bennett's team.

Unity is one of the five pillars of Tony Bennett's basketball program. The others? Humility, passion, servanthood, and thankfulness. Tony Bennett embodies these traits. He is one of the best ambassadors Charlottesville has to offer. I saw his character reflected not only in the wholesome celebration on 14<sup>th</sup> Street the night of April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019, but in his players as well. Furthermore, UVa's shocking loss to UMBC in last year's tournament, a historic first upset by a 16-seed (a bad way to make history), seemed to reflect what Charlottesville was going through at the time. The tournament win this year was made that much sweeter. It felt like redemption for Tony Bennett's program but, more importantly, it felt like a glimmer of hope for our community's reputation.

It is only right that the block of 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW, between Main Street and Wertland Street, be designated Bennett Way, in honor of Tony Bennett. The implication here is that we won the Tony Bennett way and that we do things the Tony Bennett way here in Charlottesville: humbly, and with great humility.

Seeing his name there on the corner will be a great reminder not only to the community, but to any passersby, what can come of the many positive traits the name Bennett represents. I am making this recommendation both personally and on behalf of the Charlottesville Albemarle Convention and Visitors Bureau (CACVB). I am the CACVB's Marketing Coordinator.

# City of Charlottesville

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## Request for Honorary Street Name Designation

Applicant Name: Cliff Fox

Applicant Address: [REDACTED]

Charlottesville, VA 22901

Applicant Telephone: [REDACTED] Soren  
(Daytime) (Evening)

1. Honorary Street names are restricted to:
  - Individuals
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  - Entities
  - Events
  - Of local significance to Charlottesville

A. For whom/what are you recommending this designation?  
Wilfred Franklin "88 Keys" Wilson, Jr.

B. What is the reason for this recommendation? (Applicants should complete a short essay of approximately 500 words that provides justification for the proposed honorary designation. The completed essay should be attached to this application form).  
His dedication to work at UVA hospital, service to our community and the joy he produced through his music career.



2. Location of Proposed honorary street name designation:

A. Street Name fbd (Example: Kirby Avenue)

B. Between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
(example: between Neil and Wright)

OR

All of the street \_\_\_\_\_

C. What is the proposed designation?

We need to celebrate members of our community that have not been recognized that represent values that can move us forward. This nomination is to celebrate "BB Keys" musical contributions + joy he helped produce throughout our community.

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Charlottesville, VA 22902

# City of Charlottesville

## Request for Honorary Street Name Designation

Applicant Name: Cliff Fye

Applicant Address: [REDACTED]

Charlottesville, VA 22901

Applicant Telephone: [REDACTED]  
(Daytime) (Evening)

1. Honorary Street names are restricted to:

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Of local significance to Charlottesville

A. For whom/what are you recommending this designation?

Theodore Gilbert "Creper"

B. What is the reason for this recommendation? (Applicants should complete a short essay of approximately 500 words that provides justification for the proposed honorary designation. The completed essay should be attached to this application form).

His incredible, mostly reformed & often hidden  
musical talent; and an unbelievable beautiful  
voice -

2. Location of Proposed honorary street name designation:

A. Street Name TBD (Example: Kirby Avenue)

B. Between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
(example: between Neil and Wright)

OR

All of the street \_\_\_\_\_

C. What is the proposed designation?

"Creeper" Theodore Gilbert's voice should be celebrated

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## Request for Honorary Street Name Designation

Applicant Name: Susan B. Craig

Applicant Address: [REDACTED]

Crozet, VA 22932

Applicant Telephone: [REDACTED]  
(Daytime) (Evening)

1. Honorary Street names are restricted to:
  - Individuals
  - Organizations
  - Entities
  - Events
  - Of local significance to Charlottesville

A. For whom/what are you recommending this designation?

Henry Martin

B. What is the reason for this recommendation? (Applicants should complete a short essay of approximately 500 words that provides justification for the proposed honorary designation. The completed essay should be attached to this application form).

To honor a gentleman who brought dignity to his station in life everyday. By all accounts he set an example to others and his good will brought kindness to those he served as well as those he encountered. He made the most of his life and respected all — and was respected back. We need his example in today's world,

William Henry Martin was born enslaved at Monticello, the Albemarle County estate of Thomas Jefferson. He recalled his birthdate as July 4, 1826, the day that Jefferson died. Martin's death certificate identifies his mother as Marla Carr, whom he never named but described as a Jefferson slave married to the master's body-servant. He claimed that Jefferson was his grandfather.

In 1827, Martin was likely sold with his mother at an estate auction to William Carr, whose family was related to Jefferson through his sister, Martha Jefferson Carr. During his childhood he served the Carr family at Bentivar, one of their Albemarle County estates, until about 1847 when Ferrel Carr died. Martin was then, at age 21, hired out to Mrs. Dabney Carr relative operating a boarding house just north of the University of Virginia. His duties included serving meals and hauling wood between Bentivar and the boarding house located on what later became known as Carr's Hill.

An obituary of Martin, written in 1915 by the university's librarian, John S. Patton, notes that during the Civil War the Carrs hired Martin out to Bolling Haxall, a wealthy Richmond industrialist, but that Martin ran away "in the guise of a Confederate soldier" and returned to Charlottesville. There he labored in the military hospital superintended by J. L. Cabell, a professor of medicine at the university. In an as-told-to recollection published in the yearbook *Corks and Curls* in 1914, Martin described how he tended wounded soldiers in the Rotunda. "It didn't make no difference how much they was sufferin'," he said; "they didn't make no noise."

After the war Martin may have worked briefly on an Albemarle County farm, although records suggest that he was employed by the University of Virginia to haul coal as early as February 1866. By 1868 he was the head janitor and bell-ringer. At that time, the university's bell was located in the Rotunda where it marked time on the Grounds. After 1895 it was moved to the University Chapel. During the Rotunda fire on October 27, 1895, Martin rang the bell to alert the university community to the flames, which began in the building's annex.

His job as bell-ringer helped make him a well-known figure at the school, and he came to be widely referred to as "Old Henry" and "Uncle Henry." The nicknames combined respect and condensation, and placed Martin in the context of the Lost Cause archetype of the faithful slave. Generations of University students after the war knew Henry Martin as the man who rang the bell that called them to rise for the day and called them to classes. In a history of the university published in 1908, Professor David M. R. Culbreth III wrote that Martin "knew his part in life and played it well." He "fully recognized that he was neither a professor, a student, nor a white man," but a bell-ringer, and often stated "to serve was his delight."

As head janitor, he was responsible for the lecture rooms, library, and the Chapel. He rang the Rotunda bell every day for over 50 years. "I've been as true to that bell as to my God" he reportedly claimed. Standing over six feet, Martin was described in many accounts as a man of "quiet humor, true dignity and intelligence, firmness and diligence."

Martin was married four times and was the father of twenty-four children. The date of his marriage to Martha Jane Bullock is unknown. In 1865 he married Patsy Washington and with her had one son and seven daughters, of whom at least six lived to maturity. He was a deacon in his Baptist Church.

Martin was a tall man—six-foot-two by some accounts—and while often depicted as being unable to read and write, he likely could do both to a basic degree. He made certain that his children were literate.

Ruth Flemming Hunt of Philadelphia, a great-granddaughter, recalled "Yes, I knew he was a bell ringer, and I remember Daddy talking about these buckets of coal that he carried to fire, whatever he had to fire. He was very good at ringing the bells without a time piece. And I remember Daddy saying he was always there, you know like he was on time and he wasn't absent, that sort of thing."

The Board of Visitors noted Martin's retirement on March 18, 1909, resolving that he "be continued in his present position as janitor, at the same salary, but without being required to perform

any of the duties of the position." "Well done, good and faithful servant," the visitors wrote. He was paid a pension of \$300 per year.

Martin died at 1 a.m. on October 6, 1915, of a strangulated hernia. He was 89 years old. His funeral was held two days later at the First Baptist Church in Charlottesville. He was a deacon of the church and a faithful attendant to the worship services there. Those who were present from the University of Virginia community included University President Edwin Alderman and many of the professors. It has been said that his service included the largest number of white people who ever attended a black man's funeral. He was buried at the Daughters of Zion Cemetery in Charlottesville. Rev. C. M. Long, pastor of the First Baptist Church, preached the sermon.

In the summer of 2012, the University laid a plaque dedicated to Martin in the sidewalk by the university's chapel.



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## RE: Request for Honorary Street Name Designation – Henry Martin (application by Susan Craig)

Dear Mayor Walker, Vice Mayor Magill, and City Council members,

Preservation Piedmont supports Susan Craig’s application that Mr. Henry Martin’s legacy be remembered with an honorary street name designation in the 10<sup>th</sup> and Page neighborhood.

Mr. Martin was born a slave at Monticello. After working for 60 years in low-wage positions at University of Virginia, he received a pension for his services. Mr. Martin lived at a house on 10th Street that still stands today.

Much of the historical record depicts Mr. Martin in stereotypical ways that underscored the Lost Cause mythology that “slavery was a common good.” He was described paternalistically as “simple,” “faithful,” and “dignified.” But despite efforts to paint him as the “happy slave” who could not read or write, in 1890 Mr. Martin wrote a letter that was published in the student publication “College Topics” that reveal a multidimensional, educated man who fought to maintain dignity through oppression.

Mr. Martin’s life was extraordinary. Although his resilience, dignity, and humanity cannot be captured in a street name alone, it can provide an opportunity to tell a more complete story of his life. It can shed light on acts of quiet resistance exercised by African Americans like Mr. Martin to resist white-supremacist views held in Jim Crow South. Given that West Main Street streetscape is being redesigned, consideration might also be given to an historical sign near the street explaining some of the facts of the life of Henry Martin.

Preservation Piedmont strives to tell an accurate story of history, and especially to highlight the stories, places, and voices of those who have been excluded, misrepresented or silenced. We urge City Council to consider an honorary street designation to highlight the true story of Mr. Henry Martin.

Sincerely,

Liz Russell, President  
Preservation Piedmont

cc:  
Planning Commission                      Missy Creasy  
Alex Ikefuna                                      Jeffrey Werner  
Brian Haluska



# City of Charlottesville

## Request for Honorary Street Name Designation

Applicant Name: Dr. Jack King  
 Applicant Address: [REDACTED]  
Earlysville, Virginia 22936  
 Applicant Telephone: [REDACTED]

1. Honorary Street names are restricted to:

- Individuals
- Organizations
- Entities
- Events
- Of local significance to Charlottesville

A. For whom are you recommending this designation? Indigenous Peoples across the Commonwealth and across our Nation

B. What is the reason for this recommendation?

At its height, the Indigenous population across what is now the United States is estimated to have been between 60-110 million people comprising hundreds, probably thousands, of tribes. Today, there are just over 570 federally recognized tribes in the United States. Virginia is home to seven of them. Charlottesville, of course, lies in the heart of Virginia's Indian Country, on stolen land that once was part of what we know as Monacan territory. The Monacans have lived here more than 10,000 years. Karenne Wood, writing about her people, tells us Virginia Indians "kind of fade from the Virginia history books around 1700, once we're no longer a 'threat.'" Continuing, she adds, "Then American Indians are cast as obstacles to civilization throughout the country. As the colonists move west onto their land, the Indians are chased off by the cavalry because they're 'in the way.'" Sadly, it doesn't end there. Wood reminds us, "The colonists didn't just chase the Indians away — they murdered them, even sold them into slavery in the Caribbean — and that brutality isn't discussed nearly enough." She adds, "We're invisible, but there's this whole story of what has happened to us since 1607."

Our Indigenous neighbors need not remain invisible. Attaching an honorary name to Charlottesville's Main Street not only serves to remind us of those who walked these trails long before us, but it also conjures remarkable stories of the generosity, empathy, and compassion they frequently shared with strangers across the centuries, even unto this day, even as the fight for equity and justice for all indefatigably marches into an uncertain future.

As a respite from the racism and oppression which people of color, especially Native and Black Americans, continue to experience in twenty-first century America, I propose we boldly celebrate Virginia Indians particularly (November is National Native American Heritage Month) –

remembering not only their tumultuous history, the atrocities of colonialism, the genocide of their people, and their tribal struggles for sovereignty, dignity, and justice, but also the beauty of their rich culture, the sacredness of their celebrated ceremonies, and their determined will to exist, come what may – by designating the entire length of Main Street connecting the Downtown Mall to the University of Virginia, *Waneeshee Way*.

In Algonquin languages, languages once spoken in parts of Virginia by the Monacan's tribal neighbors to the east (e.g., Powhatan), *waneeshee* means 'may the journey (or way) be beautiful for you.' This fitting tribute will serve as a heartfelt wish from all of us to all who shall pass this way for lasting beauty in every facet of their visit in, through, and beyond our fair city, Charlottesville. The tribute will forever stand as a testimony of conscience before the world – a testimony reflecting the beginning of a new determination welling up from our collective desire to cease so many wrongs and begin doing right by our neighbors – all of our neighbors.

2. Location of Proposed honorary street name designation:

The entire length of Main Street from the Downtown Mall to the University of Virginia

What is the proposed designation?

**Waneeshee Way**

Please complete and mail the attached form to: Clerk of City Council City of Charlottesville  
P. O. Box 911 Charlottesville, VA 22902

# City of Charlottesville

## Request for Honorary Street Name Designation

Applicant Name: James Hingeley

Applicant Address: [REDACTED]

Charlottesville, VA 22902

Applicant Telephone: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

(Daytime)

(Evening)

1. Honorary Street names are restricted to:
  - Individuals
  - Organizations
  - Entities
  - Events
  - Of local significance to Charlottesville

A. For whom/what are you recommending this designation?  
Gregory Hayes Swanson

B. What is the reason for this recommendation? (Applicants should complete a short essay of approximately 500 words that provides justification for the proposed honorary designation. The completed essay should be attached to this application form).

See Attached

2. Location of Proposed honorary street name designation:

A. Street Name 2<sup>nd</sup> St., NE (Example: Kirby Avenue)

B. Between East High St. and East Main St.  
(example: between Neil and Wright) downtown pedestrian mall

OR

All of the street \_\_\_\_\_

C. What is the proposed designation?

Gregory Swanson Way

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City of Charlottesville  
P. O. Box 911  
Charlottesville, VA 22902

### GREGORY SWANSON WAY

Gregory Swanson had received his law degree from Howard University and was a practicing attorney in Martinsville, Virginia when he applied to the University of Virginia Law School in 1949. He wanted to do graduate study in law to become eligible for a prospective teaching job. The law school faculty voted unanimously to admit Swanson, but in July, 1950 the UVA Board of Visitors rejected his application because he was an African American. As the board put it, "The Constitution and the laws of the State of Virginia provide that white and colored shall not be taught in the same schools."

Gregory Swanson filed suit in the United States District Court in Charlottesville against the UVA Board of Visitors, charging the board with racial discrimination. Swanson argued that UVA's refusal to admit him violated the U.S. Constitution's guarantee of equal protection of law. The federal court agreed, and on September 5, 1950, the court ordered UVA to admit Swanson to the law school. This civil rights victory in Charlottesville was an important building block in the NAACP's national assault on the Jim Crow "separate but equal" doctrine, and Swanson became the first African American admitted to an all-white college or university in any of the states of the former Confederacy. Swanson's history-making case helped pave the way for Brown v. Board of Education decided by the U.S. Supreme Court four years later.

Gregory Swanson was assisted in this remarkable case by nationally acclaimed civil rights lawyers from the NAACP including Thurgood Marshall, Oliver Hill, and Spottswood Robinson. The federal courtroom where the case was argued is in Charlottesville's downtown library on East Market St., just across Second St. from Lee Park, as the park was known in 1950. After winning the case, Swanson and his lawyers left court and walked across Second St. to stand on a low wall running along Second St. Their picture was taken at that spot to mark this pivotal moment in civil rights history (photo attached). We can certainly imagine that, as they stood there in the shadow of the Lee statue, they celebrated their courtroom triumph and its repudiation of the white supremacy the Lee statue represented.

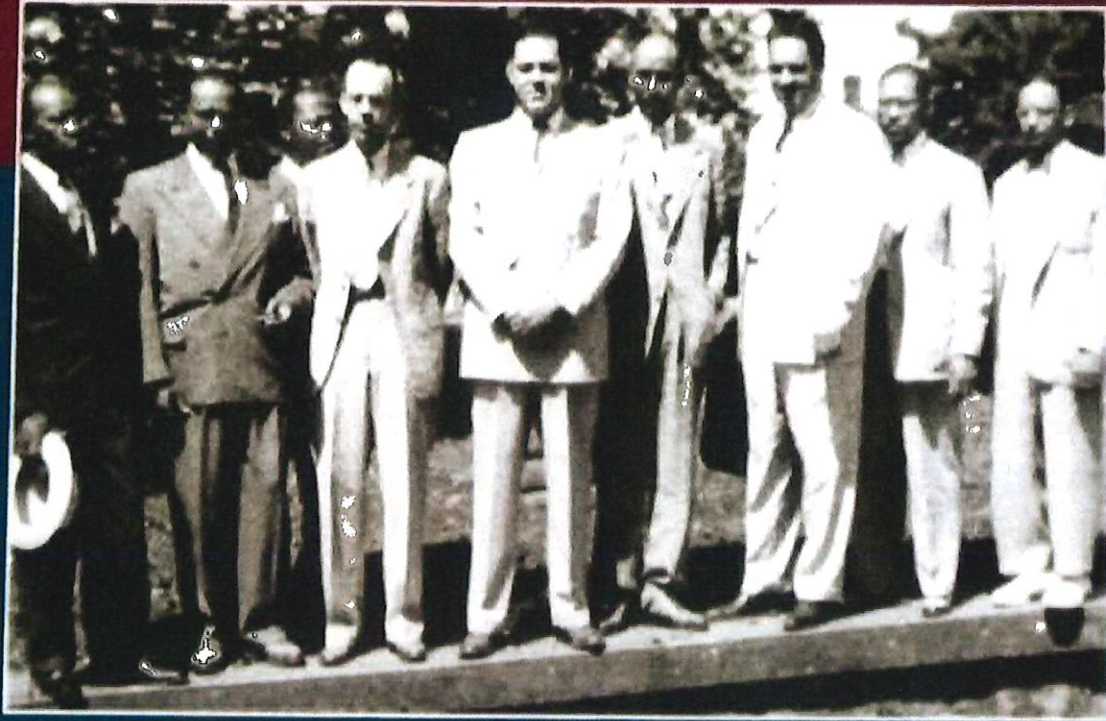
Gregory Swanson spent a year at the law school and successfully completed all coursework in his program of study. He was not welcomed at UVA and experienced many hardships during the time he lived in Charlottesville. One positive side of Swanson's experience was living in Charlottesville's Vinegar Hill neighborhood where he became part of a vibrant African American community. Demonstrating his sense of responsibility to Charlottesville's African American community, Swanson volunteered to represent an African American man charged with rape. This was a daunting undertaking in 1951, when unequal justice for African Americans was the norm. Despite Swanson's best efforts, including an appeal to the Virginia Supreme Court, the man was convicted and executed.

Gregory Swanson played an important part in civil rights history, and his story, while not well known, is a Charlottesville story. He was refused admission to UVA. His discrimination claim, heard in a Charlottesville courtroom, led to a civil rights victory of national significance. The NAACP attorneys who represented him in Charlottesville were nationally eminent, and one went on to serve as the first African American justice on the U.S. Supreme Court. After forcing UVA to surrender, Swanson completed a year of graduate study at the law school while living in Charlottesville's Vinegar Hill neighborhood. Gregory Swanson's legacy merits the designation of a portion of Second St. in his honor.



James Hingeley

Submitted: August 28, 2020



**The individuals depicted in the photograph taken on the edge of (then-named) Lee Park on Second St. in Charlottesville are, from left to right (front row only):**

**DR. JESSIE TINSLEY, MARTIN A. MARTIN, SPOTTSWOOD ROBINSON, III, GREGORY SWANSON, OLIVER W. HILL, SR., THURGOOD MARSHALL, HALE THOMPSON, and ROBERT COOLEY**

**The photograph was taken on September 5, 1950, the day the United States District Court sitting in Charlottesville ordered that the Board of Visitors admit Gregory Swanson to the UVA Law School.**

**(Photo courtesy of Oliver Hill Family)**

# City of Charlottesville

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## Request for Honorary Street Name Designation

Applicant Name: Rev Ralph E. Brown Sr \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Daytime) (Evening)

1. Honorary Street names are restricted to:
  - Individuals
  - Organizations
  - Entities
  - Events
  - Of local significance to Charlottesville

A. For whom/what are you recommending this designation?

The late Rev C. H. Brown  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

B. What is the reason for this recommendation? (Applicants should complete a short essay of approximately 500 words that provides justification for the proposed honorary designation. The completed essay should be attached to this application form)

*First of all, let me say that I am reluctant to submit a request for a Honorary street designation since what I really want is an actual street name change that will last forever in my neighborhood. Having said that, now I would like to quote some words from my Sister Angie Jefferson who best remembers when my dad the late Reverend C H Brown first created this little neighborhood I now*

*live in starting with the Historic Holy Temple Church at 212 Rosser Avenue. Angie writes:*

*“The far north west section of 12<sup>th</sup> St was a dead-end dumping area often used as a lovers’ lane. Soon after Rev. C. H. Brown initiated the purchase of a plat of land on the corner of 12<sup>th</sup> and Rosser Ave for a budding ministry, things changed. Rev. Brown used his multifaceted skills as a building contractor to erect what is now know as the Holy Temple Church of God In Christ in 1947. In 1953, Rev Brown purchased the land behind the church which was nothing more than a landfill. He built the first of several houses on that block that became a minority-owned neighborhood for decades. His skills extended to the building of a rock house and a duplex on the Grady avenue corridor”.*

*I can remember playing in the woods as a child when there was no Madison Land or 14<sup>th</sup> St extending to Preston Ave, no apartments or townhouses, just lots of trees, streams, and animals. So, I am not asking for my father C. H. Brown to be honored for ten or twenty years, but I want everyone who turns the corner from Rosser Ave on to this end of 12<sup>th</sup> Street to remember that my father made it so. He later built 704, 706, 708, and 705 on this dead-end street.*

*He also built the late Mr. Drewary J. Brown, (no relations) Community Activist’s home on Rosser Ave, and sold it to him for \$20 down and a mortgage he held for years. With the Historic Holy Temple Church and Drewary’s house still standing today, this is indeed a historic neighborhood in Charlottesville, VA.*

*I would also like to remind the City Council that Rosser Ave is named after one of Robert E Lee’s Confederate Generals, so is Venable School, and Grady Ave is name after a “White Supremacist” who attended Law School at UVa. All of these names should be changed, but that is a matter for another day. After all “Black Lives” really do Matter, even in Charlottesville.*



2. Location of Proposed honorary street name designation:

A. Street Name Off Grady Avenue 12<sup>th</sup> Streets dead-end\_ (Example: Kirby Avenue)

B. Between Grady Ave toward Rosser Ave  
\_\_\_\_\_ and where 12<sup>th</sup> st dead ends  
(example: between Neil and Wright)

OR

All of the street Rosser Avenue

C. What is the proposed designation?

C H Brown Blvd or

C H Brown Way

*Quayle Brown, Applicant* *08/26/2020*

Please complete and mail the attached form to:

Clerk of City Council  
City of Charlottesville  
P. O. Box 911  
Charlottesville, VA 22902

# City of Charlottesville

## Request for Honorary Street Name Designation

**Applicant Name:**

Stella Mattioli, Sister City Representative, Poggio a Caiano, and other members of the Filippo Mazzei Philosophical Society (Nancy O'Brien, Kay Slaughter, Adrienne Ward, Terri Di Cintio)

**Applicant Address:**

Stella Mattioli – [REDACTED] – Charlottesville, VA - 22903

**Applicant Telephone:**

(Daytime) [REDACTED]  
(Evening) [REDACTED]

- 1. Honorary Street names are restricted to:
    - Individuals
    - Organizations
    - Entities
    - Events
- Of local and long lasting significance to Charlottesville

A. For whom/what are you recommending this designation?

**To honor Charlottesville's Sister City relationship with Italian city Poggio a Caiano**

B. What is the reason for this recommendation? (Applicants should complete a short essay of approximately 500 words that provides justification for the proposed honorary designation. The completed essay should be attached to this application form).

With this application, we propose an honorary street name be awarded in recognition of Charlottesville's first Sister City, Poggio a Caiano, Italy. Two of Charlottesville's other Sister Cities, Besancon and Winneba, already have honorary streets named for them, and we would like to add our oldest Sister City to the group.

Charlottesville and Poggio a Caiano became Sister Cities in 1977, and residents of both cities have built and maintained a strong bond over the years through cultural, educational, and athletic exchanges, among others. Although our formal relationship with Poggio a Caiano began only 43 years ago, the connection between the two cities was born out of the friendship between two native sons – Thomas Jefferson and Filippo Mazzei.

We believe, and hope you agree, that this relationship is deserving of recognition within our city street grid. Poggio a Caiano itself has a number of streets fully named in recognition of its relationship with Charlottesville, Via Jefferson and Via Monticello among them.

2. Location of Proposed honorary street name designation:

A. Street Name East Jefferson St (Example: Kirby Avenue)

B. Between Park St and 2<sup>nd</sup> St NW \_\_\_\_\_

OR All of the street \_\_\_\_\_

**Alternate options: 4<sup>th</sup> St NE from High St to the Downtown Mall  
Monticello Avenue from the City line to Avon St**

**\*We are providing three options for your consideration since multiple honorary street naming requests are being considered simultaneously.**

B. What is the proposed name? **Via Poggio a Caiano**

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City of Charlottesville  
P. O. Box 911  
Charlottesville, VA 22902