

City of Charlottesville Request for Honorary Street Name Designation

Applicant Name: Brianna Moore, Isaac Edwards, Alvin C. Edwards, and Brittany Deloatch

Applicant Address: 614 Beechwood Dr. Charlottesville, VA 22901

Applicant Telephone: 757-470-1511

(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? Alvin Edwards

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 short essay regarding the service Alvin Edwards has given to the City of Charlottesville as well as the sacrifices he has made for the City of Charlottesville.

2. Location of Proposed honorary street name designation:

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

B. Between 1<sup>st</sup> St and Lankford (example: between Neil and Wright)

OR

All of the street Lankford Avenue

C. What is the proposed designation? Dr. Alvin Edwards Drive or Dr. Alvin Edwards Way or Dr. Alvin Edwards Place

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

By the grace of God, and sometimes at the expense of family time, from the moment he set foot here, Reverend Doctor Alvin Edwards has been engrossed in all things Charlottesville. He has served on many boards including the Charlottesville School Board, Monticello Area Community Action Agency (MACAA), Alliance For Interfaith Ministries, Charlottesville Redevelopment Housing Authority, Charlottesville/Albemarle Boys and Girls Club, Planning Coordinating Council, Charlottesville City Council, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Celebration Committee, and the African-American Summit Committee. He has represented our city well in his service on the Board of Medicine for the Commonwealth of Virginia and connected us through other state agencies. He has served as the Mayor of the City of Charlottesville, the president of the Democratic party, and has been involved in other political arenas. He has developed and put into action the Charlottesville Clergy Collective which seeks to be an interfaith community of prayer, solidarity, and impact within the Charlottesville-Albemarle Region. In public and in private, Dr. Edwards has also been a bridge between the City of Charlottesville and the University of Virginia.

He has organized, led, and participated in numerous initiatives that have helped strengthen the community. For example, advocating for equality and equity, encouraging others to stop selling and using drugs, putting an end to community violence, and made efforts to help revitalize many communities in Charlottesville as a whole. He has been very active in the lives of Charlottesville youth, attending school concerts, practicing with the football team, and encouraging academic excellence.

He has been the pastor of Mount Zion First African Baptist Church for over 40 years and through his church congregation, has touched many lives.

Though a public figure, he's not very much into accolades and being the recipient of public praise. However, we believe it would be a great honor to have all that he has poured into this fine city be acknowledged with a street permanently named after him while he is still living. We hope that after considering all that we have shared, you will feel the same.