

November 2020 Historic Resources Committee Packet

November 13, 2020, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

This packet contains various materials to guide meeting discussions. The materials are listed below, with reference to their page in the PDF file.

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AGENDA

Charlottesville Historic Resources Committee
Friday October 9, 2020; 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Remote meeting via Zoom

<u>HRC Members present</u>	<u>HRC Members not present</u>	<u>City Staff present</u>
Genevieve Keller, Co-Chair	Jordy Yager	Jeff Werner
Alissa Diamond, Co-Chair	William Clay III	Robert Watkins
Jalane Schmidt		
Sally Duncan		
Heather Hill		
Margaret O'Bryant		
Ellen Wagner		
Dede Smith		
Phil Varner		
Rachel Lloyd		

Call to order

11:00 AM: Genevieve Keller calls the meeting to order. Both returning and new committee members introduce themselves.

Keller opens the floor up for public comment:

Jim Hingeley, Commonwealth Attorney for Albemarle County, speaks in support of application for honorary name designation of 3rd Street NE for Gregory Swanson.

Kristin Szakos also speaks in support of application for honorary name designation to recognize Gregory Swanson.

The HRC moves to discuss a new chair and co-chairs.

Ellen Wagner nominates Rachel Lloyd for HRC chair. Margaret O'Bryant seconds the nomination.

Alissa Diamond nominates Phil Varner as co-chair. Heather Hill seconds.

Dede Smith nominates Sally Duncan as co-chair. Diamond seconds.

Committee votes (10-0) to approve the nominations.

Approval of meeting notes

Hill moves to approve the February 14, 2020 HRC meeting notes. Duncan seconds.

Committee votes (8-0-2, Lloyd and Varner abstaining) to approve the meeting notes.

Resuming committee activities

Staff updates committee on replaced Vinegar Hill banners and status of construction at end of the Downtown Mall, adjacent to the CODE building site.

Diamond reminds committee that HRC has permission to hang an additional 7 banners on construction fence. Construction will continue for another 6 or 7 months.

Members of Court Square subcommittee discuss progress made before shutdown. Even though things are in flux at Court Square, with shutdown and proposed renovation, subcommittee expressed desire to continue with project and strive for completion. Staff reminds subcommittee that they don't have the capacity to meet as often or regularly with current meeting conditions.

Jalane Schmidt expresses value of outdoor interpretation during the pandemic.

Before Hill leaves meeting, she relays Council's request that HRC provide input on City's current honorary street name policy.

Smith provides update from Walking Tour Map subcommittee. There is still lots of work to be done, and full committee should weigh in on structure of map and sites included. There might be opportunities to pull in map, Court Square markers, and other historic initiatives going on into a holistic effort.

Regarding honorary street names, Varner points out that not all street name proposals are related to historic resources. He raises the question of the policy HRC revise will limit itself just to historic-related names or all proposed names. Duncan reviews the research she had done on other cities' policies and circulated to committee. Keller suggests that conversation about names should encompass other venues, like parks, rooms, schools. Smith points out that color of honorary street name signs is used elsewhere – might be confusing. Varner recommends that Sister Cities and Tony Bennett street name proposals be sent back to Council.

Staff updates committee on GPR findings at Pen Park Cemetery. Smith recommends findings be shared with Central Virginia History Researchers. O'Bryant recommends working with Shelley Murphy at UVA.

Public Commemoration

Committee supports funding for Daughters of Zion Cemetery interpretation, but asks staff to clarify with Edwina St. Rose about two matters:

- Is an updated historic marker best route, or would another way of contributing be better?
- If committee funds updated historic marker, how can new text be resistant to any future updates that might be needed with further research?

Other Business

Staff updates committee on VLR and NR designation for Burley High School. Keller recommends future conversation to determine policy on HRC contributions for VLR/NR plaques.

Committee acknowledges receipt of Court Square Enslavement Museum proposal. Schmidt recommends committee think holistically about current needs and apply for a grant from the Mellon Monuments Project. Committee expresses interested in looking more into Mellon grant.

Keller introduces upcoming PAPA (Piedmont Area Preservation Alliance) meeting.

Wrap up and review items for next meeting agenda

Staff reminds committee that subcommittees won't be able to meet in same capacity as before, and recommends finding creative solutions or interim projects for continuing work in the meantime.

Committee further discusses honorary street naming policy and agrees to work on revising the policy at the following meeting.

Meeting adjourns.

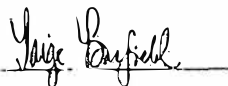
Please consider the following questions when reviewing the Honorary Street Names Policy:

1. Does the honorary street name policy require more specificity and clarification? For example, should the honorary name sunset after a set time? Is there a maximum number chosen each year? Will the city receive applications every year, or only when the last names are sunsetting, or is this a one-time thing? Etc.
2. Are the application criteria and requirements achieving the city's purpose? There are some gaps between the city's stated goals and the actual application that we could help close. Plus, the application be easier for people to complete accurately.
3. Do the submitted applications meet the basic criteria stated in the policy and application form?

Honorary Street Name Policy

1. The following restrictions and process for honorary street name designations shall apply.
 - a. **Honorary street name designations should be limited to individuals, or events that have made an important and lasting contribution to the City of Charlottesville or represent a key part of its history.**
 - The street to be designated should have a connection to the individual/event and his/its contribution.**
 - This designation should not be used for an individual or event already recognized in some significant manner.**
 - b. The application form (see Attachment 1) should be submitted directly to the Clerk of City Council.
 - c. The application can be completed and submitted by any individual or group in Charlottesville.
 - d. The completed application will be circulated to Council before formal Council action is taken.
 - e. A Council Resolution will be prepared, outlining the proposed designation and providing an estimate of cost impacts including sign manufacture and installation and any other costs that might be incurred. NDS will prepare the appropriate staff memo.
 - f. Upon approval, the Public Works Department will implement the honorary street name designation.
2. Application Form. Attachment 1 is a proposed application form for requesting honorary street name designation. The forms will be made available at City Hall and can be downloaded from the City's website. The forms require submission directly to the Clerk of City Council.
3. Proposed Process. The proposed procedure includes the following steps.
 - a. Individuals or groups wishing to propose honorary street name designation will complete application form and submit it to the Clerk of City Council.
 - b. The Clerk will determine if there is sufficient support on Council for the request to be considered by Council.
 - c. NDS will prepare a brief memo to Council that identifies any cost impacts associated with the request and background on the individual nominated for the honor.
 - d. A Council Resolution will be prepared.
 - e. Upon final approval by City Council, the Public Works Department will install the sign.
 - f. Upon approval, NDS staff will send notice to all impacted properties and to public safety agencies.

Approved by Council
September 19, 2011


Clerk of Council

City of Charlottesville

Request for Honorary Street Name Designation

Applicant Name: _____

Applicant Address: _____

Applicant Telephone: _____
(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?

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).

2. Location of Proposed honorary street name designation:

A. Street Name _____ (Example: Kirby Avenue)

B. Between _____ and _____
(example: between Neil and Wright)

OR

All of the street _____

C. What is the proposed name?

Please complete and mail the attached form to:

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

Norfolk, VA:

People who have made significant contributions to the city. 7 per year (1 per ward). One block length.

Applicants must explain importance in each of the following applicable categories:

Cultural impact, historical impact, humanitarian efforts, association with the city, and geographical relationship of street to honoree.

Page 4 and 5 of this document shows the application.

<https://www.norfolk.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Item/4352?fileID=8709#:~:text=City%20of%20Norfolk%20Honorary%20Street%20Name%20Sign%20Application,been%20made%20to%20the%20Mayor%20and%20For%20the%20City>

Richmond, VA:

They seem to have a fairly in-depth process related to changing or renaming things – I don't think this is strictly for honorary names, but I think this also includes it. They require:

1. A letter of request to the Director of Public Works denoting the actual request, the purpose or reason(s) for the request, and a brief explanation of why the proposed name is being requested and what the proposed name stands for or represents (Address: Director of Public Works, City Hall, Room 701, 900 E. Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia, 23219 [804-646-6430]);
2. A \$300 non-refundable application and processing fee (payable to City of Richmond);
3. A plan or sketch showing the exact extent and location area to receive name;
4. Applicant required to gain approval from Richmond Regional Planning District Commission (RRPDC) (323-2033) for the proposed name prior to submitting letter of request
5. Applicant to provide a copy of "Street Name Clearinghouse Request" from RRPDC approval with letter of request
6. All adjoining landowners and affected civic groups and neighborhood teams are to be notified by the applicant of the proposed change.
7. Provide copy of written consents, objections, or (at a minimum) some evidence that all requested notification were delivered (i.e. copy of the certified mail receipts)
8. Provide background of notable actions, achievements, and reputation of any person's name being recommended.

Each time they rename a street there's an ordinance given for it – I can't find the application, but the ordinance is attached on this page -

<https://richmondva.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3526859&GUID=C8E7895F-376E-4BEE-9BD0-9F54F072BA3E&Options=ID|Text|&Search=Percy+J.>

<http://www.richmondgov.com/PublicWorks/documents/RightOfWay/ROWNamingOrChangePolicy.pdf>

New Orleans

Application fee of \$450

- Have made a demonstrable and significant positive impact on the community or contributed to the cultural, economic, educational, intellectual, political, or scientific vitality of the community or have made an extraordinary contribution in the service of humanity;
 - Must be a natural person.
 - No juridical entities shall be considered;
- The city council shall consider the honorary street naming dedication at a Council meeting. A decision to adopt an honorary street name based on the criteria in this section shall be effectuated through adoption of an ordinance.

Applicants are responsible for all costs associated with the fabrication, installation, and maintenance of honorary street dedication signs. Only upon receipt of funds in full will the signage be created and installed by the Department of Public Works.

https://www.nola.gov/nola/media/One-Stop-Shop/Public%20Works/OSS_PW_HONORARY_STREET_NAMING_APPLICATION.pdf

Knoxville, TN

seems to have few requirements, but has a \$262 application fee

https://knoxvilletn.gov/UserFiles/Servers/Server_109478/File/CityCouncil/naming/HONORARYSTREETN AME.pdf

Milwaukee, WI

Has a very detailed requirement (search honorary to find the section), and includes a \$100 application fee as well as \$200 for installation

<https://city.milwaukee.gov/ImageLibrary/Groups/ccClerk/Ordinances/Volume-1/CH113.pdf>

Dayton, OH

A petition supporting the designation signed by 51 percent of the abutting property owners

An non-refundable application fee of \$500.00 is required with the filing of an application.

The designation shall be confined to the right-of-way within the vicinity of home, business or location associated with the person or event.

The designation shall not be an Arterial as listed on the Official Thoroughfare Plan.

There shall be only one honorary designation per facility or right-of-way.

An important community event, organization or well-known person is: - A person or entity who has made a sustained contribution, over a long period of time, above and beyond the call of duty and demonstrated leadership relating to governance, human relations and development, or neighborhood development. - A person who has made specific and sustained contributions to an organization located in or in proximity to the facility. - A person, or entity who has demonstrated vigilance in changing the nature and characteristics of the specific neighborhood, community or city. - An event which is recognized statewide or nationwide.

The important community event, organization or well-known person shall be directly related to the public facility or the public right-of-way, i.e. lived, worked, went to school, etc. at the location specified. Only one honorary designation shall be permitted for each person or community event. Preference shall be given to intersections and other limited locations. Locations shall be limited to a right-of-way in one Official Planning District and no more than three blocks, such as the block where the person lived and two adjacent street segments associated with the recognition.

<https://www.daytonohio.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1067/Honorary-Designation-PDF?bidId=>

Waukegan, IL

Street names will be displayed for a one year period.

The portion of a street so designated will be one block long.

Application fee \$300

Honorary Street Naming is restricted to one designation per ward per year.

<https://www.waukeganil.gov/DocumentCenter/View/673/Honorary-Street-Signs-Application?bidId=>

From: Thomas, Kyna N <thomaskn@charlottesville.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 2, 2020 6:39 PM
To: Werner, Jeffrey B <wernerjb@charlottesville.gov>; Diamond, Alissa <alissaujje@gmail.com>; Keller, Genevieve <genevieve.keller@gmail.com>
Subject: Honorary Street Designation requests

Hello Jeff, Alissa and Genevieve.

At the September 21 City Council meeting, Council passed a motion to refer the Honorary Street Designation process to the Historic Resources Committee for review and recommendation. Council would like for the policy itself to be reviewed as well as submissions from the applications submitted for consideration. I don't know a particular date that they would want to hear back from the committee, but I imagine within a reasonably short timeframe. I have attached the policy, a blank application, and the requests that have not already been acted upon by Council from their September 8 meeting, as they announced and August 31 deadline for applications.

We also received a request on September 8, so I have included that request separately from Ms. Hudson.

Council will have a work session to discuss boards and commissions on Tuesday, October 6 from 4-7PM. I hope you can attend.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I will do my best to help.

KYNA THOMAS, CMC
Chief of Staff/Clerk of Council
City of Charlottesville
434-970-3113
Clerk@charlottesville.gov
VMCA President 2020-2021

Honorary Street Designation Requests received by 8/31/20

In honor of:	Requestor:
Black Lives Matter - APPROVED	Gathers
Black Lives Matter - Similar to above, no need to review	Anderson
Black history in Charlottesville	Alex-Zan
Vinegar Hill	Hudson
Tony Bennett (new request)	Webber
Tony Bennett (prior request)	Dozier
Wilfred Franklin Wilson, Jr.	Fox
Theodore Gilbert	Fox
Henry Martin	Craig
Indigenous people	King
Gregory Hayes Swanson	Hingeley
Reverend C H Brown - APPROVED	Brown
Sister City - Poggio a Caiano	Mattioli
Byers-Snookie Way	Hudson

City of Charlottesville

Request for Honorary Street Name Designation

Applicant Name: ALEX-ZAD, CHARLES E. ALEXANDER

Applicant Address: [REDACTED]

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA. 22903

Applicant Telephone: [REDACTED]

(Daytime)

(Evening)

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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).

2. Location of Proposed honorary street name designation:

A. Street Name 4th 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:

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

Black History Pathway



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

Subject:Honorary Name-Black History Pathway

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

From:Charles Alexander <alexzan@i-c.net>

To: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

4th Street NW - Black History Pathway

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



Alex-Zan

ALEX-ZAN PRESENTS...

4th Street NW - Black History Pathway

* ANNUAL EXTENDS
BLACK
History Pathway!

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	Tanesha 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

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ALL EVENTS FREE - Visit Alex-Zan.com

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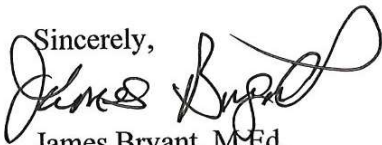
James Bryant
325 10th Street Northwest
Charlottesville, Virginia 22903

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to lend my support to the renaming of the 4th 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 4th 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
10th and Page Street Resident



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*

8/28/2020

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>

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

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;

City of Charlottesville

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CITY COUNCIL

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.

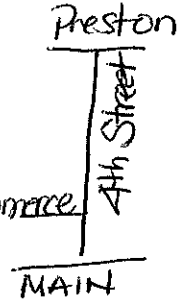
2. Location of Proposed honorary street name designation:

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

Please complete and mail the attached form to:

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

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

Vinegar Hill Way



4th Street NW - Vinegar Hill Way

4th 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 4th 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 4th 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

City of Charlottesville

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 it 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

Please complete and mail the attached form to:

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

Tony Bennett Drive



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] (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?

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 14th 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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Bennett Way or Tony Bennett Way



14th Street NW - Bennett Way or Tony Bennett Way

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 14th 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 14th Street the night of April 8th, 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 14th 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.

14th Street NW - Bennett Way or Tony Bennett Way

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.

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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
- Organizations
- 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 "88 Keys" musical contributions + joy he helped produce throughout our community.

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

Wilfred Franklin "88 Keys" Wilson, Jr.

No street proposed

City of Charlottesville

Request for Honorary Street Name Designation

Applicant Name: Cliff Foy

Applicant Address: [REDACTED]

Charlottesville, VA 22901

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

1. Honorary Street names are restricted to:

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- Entities
- Events
- 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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P. O. Box 911
Charlottesville, VA 22902

Theodore "Creep" Gilbert

No street proposed

City of Charlottesville

Request for Honorary Street Name Designation

Applicant Name: Susan B. Craig

Applicant Address: [REDACTED]

Crozet, VA 22932

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

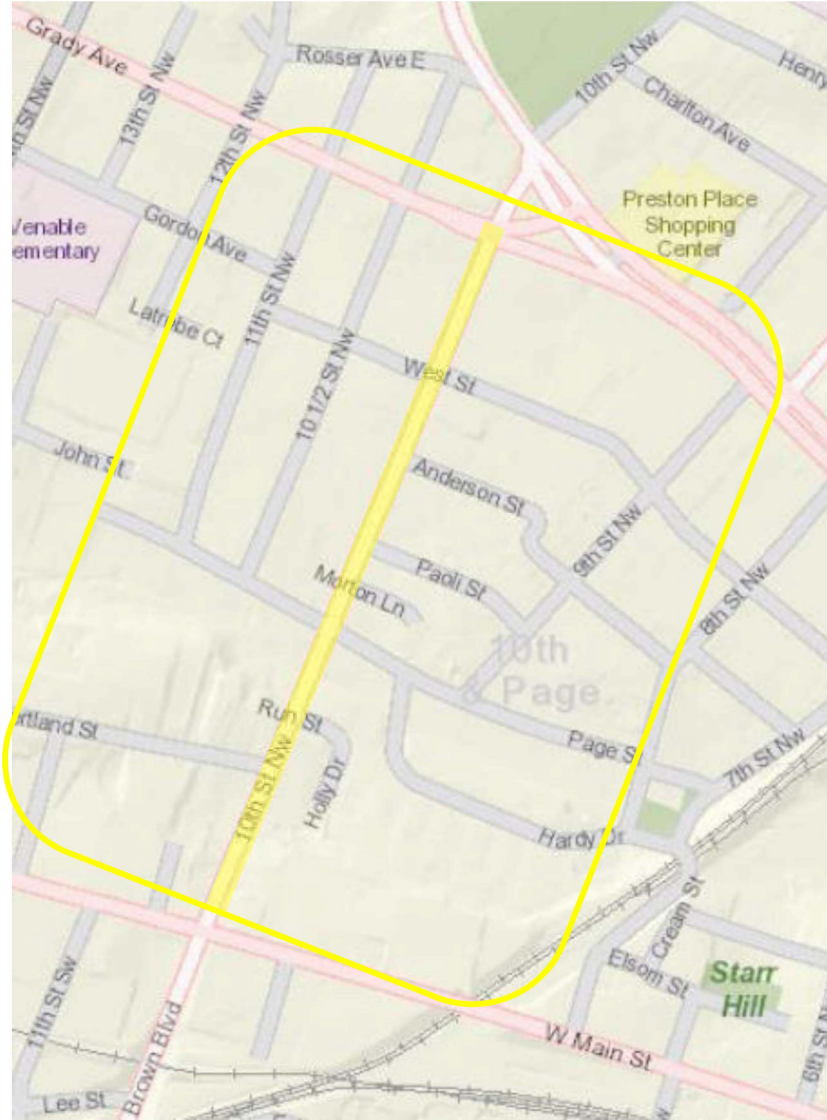
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A. For whom/what are you recommending this designation?

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 10th 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

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City of Charlottesville

Request for Honorary Street Name Designation

Applicant Name: Dr. Jack King
 Applicant Address: [REDACTED]
Earlsville, 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) –

Main Street - Waneeshee Way

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

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Amended Request for Honorary Street Name Designation

Applicant Name: James Hingeley

Applicant Address: 410 East High St.

Charlottesville, VA 22902

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?
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

3rd St., N.E.
2nd St., NE

2. Location of Proposed honorary street name designation:

A. Street Name 2nd 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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Charlottesville, VA 22902

Gregory Swanson Way



Amended

Supporting Documentation: Request for Honorary Street Name Designation

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.

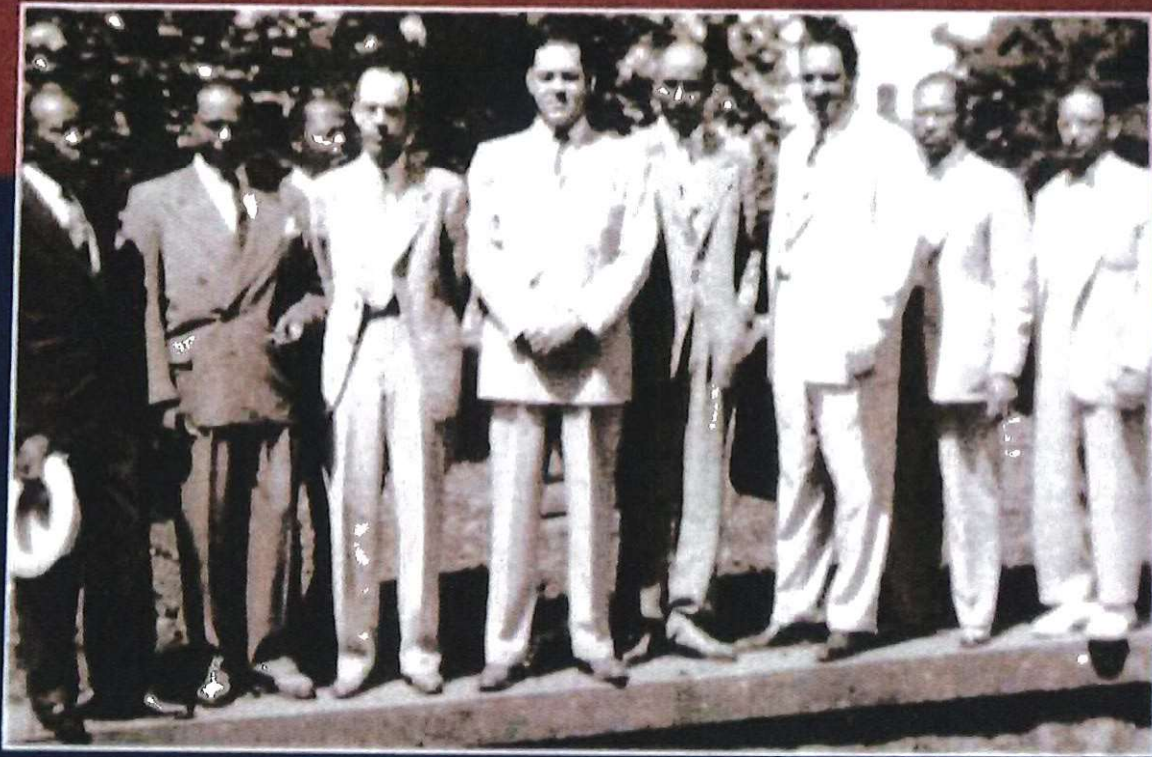
Gregory Swanson spent a year at the law school and successfully completed all coursework in his program of study. He was not welcomed at UVA and experienced many hardships during the time he lived in Charlottesville. One positive side of Swanson's experience was living in Charlottesville's Vinegar Hill 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.

Third St.



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

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 2nd St NW _____

OR All of the street _____

**Alternate options: 4th 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**

Please complete and mail the attached form to:

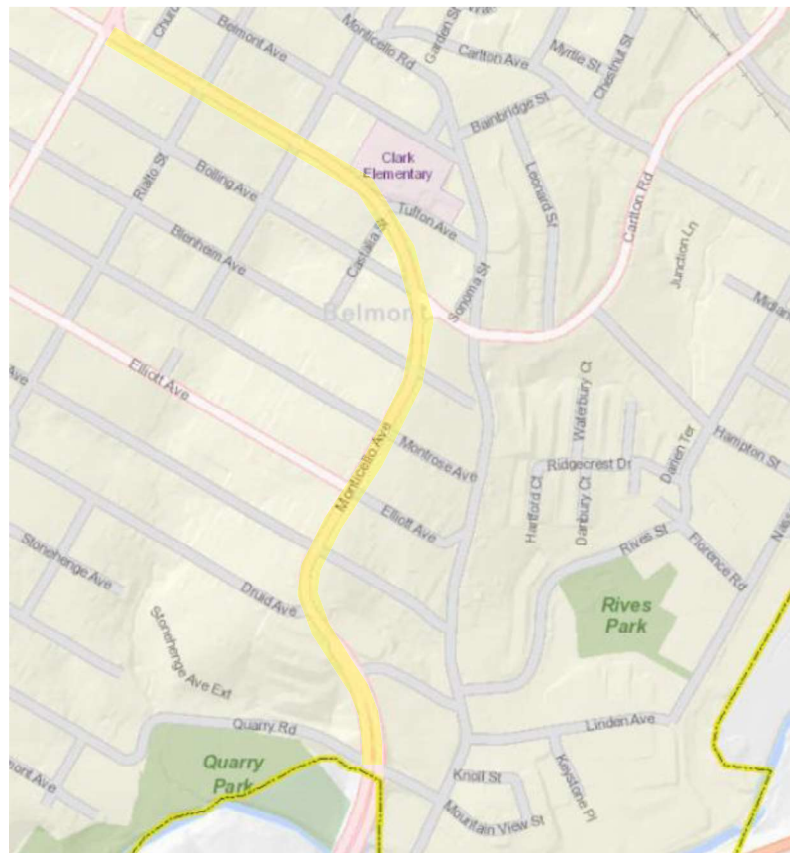
Clerk of City Council
City of Charlottesville
P. O. Box 911
Charlottesville, VA 22902

Via Poggio a Caino



Alternate (Monticello Ave.)

Alternate (4th St NE)



City of Charlottesville

10th St NW - Byers-Snookie Way

Request for Honorary Street Name Designation

Applicant Name: Tanesha Hudson on behalf of the

Applicant Address: Community's request
[Redacted] Charlottesville, Va 22902

Applicant Telephone: [Redacted]

(Daytime) (Evening)

- Honorary Street names are restricted to:

Individuals

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

- For whom/what are you recommending this designation?

William Byers, Sr.
Elizabeth Harrison (Mrs. Snookie)

- 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).

- Location of Proposed honorary street name designation:

- Street Name ___ (Example: Kirby Avenue)

10th Street NW entrance of Washington Park
between Preston Ave & Henry Ave

- Between__and_ (example: between Neil and Wright)

OR 10th Street NW between Preston Ave / Henry Ave
All of the street The Street Facing Washington Park Pool.

- What is the proposed designation?

Byers Snookie Way

10th St NW - Byers-Snookie Way

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William Byers, Jr. / Elizabeth Harrison
Byers Snookie Way






William "Billy" Byers known for his love of convetts was the first black aquatics director here in Charlottesville City. He implemented a swim program through Charlottesville city schools and taught all kids but specifically black kids in low income communities how to swim & become part of the swim team. Elizabeth "Mrs. Snookie" Harrison was his protégé and served as the cashier of the pool Washington Park for many years. She lived in the historic 10 1/2 street neighborhood and worked alongside Mr. Byers for over 20 years. The Community would love to dedicate this street to the late Mrs. Snookie
→ Bill Byers.

Thank you.

William Byers, Sr. / Elizabeth Harrison



Charlottesville Honorary Streets

	Honorary Streets
	City Streets
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Updates on Daughters of Zion marker:

This month, staff reached out to Edwina St. Rose, representative for Preservers of the Daughters of Zion Cemetery, for clarification about an HRC contribution to recognize recent ground-penetrating radar (GPR) discoveries at the cemetery.

Ms. St. Rose conferred with her team members, and then reiterated that the group would prefer an updated historic marker to reflect the numerous additional burials suggested by the GPR survey.

She proposed the following text:

The Daughters of Zion Cemetery was established in 1873 by a benevolent organization of African American women known as the Daughters of Zion who purchased an approximate two-acre plot for African American burials located across from the segregated Oakwood Cemetery. Ground penetrating radar surveys revealed that the cemetery, now owned by the City of Charlottesville, contains hundreds of unmarked graves. It serves as one of the few remaining links to the post-bellum segregated society of Virginia and evidence of the vital community role of Reconstruction-era African American mutual aid societies. The Daughters of Zion Cemetery was individually listed on the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places in 2010.

The following pages contain a revised estimate and mock-up of the proposed historic marker.

Action:

Should the HRC contribute \$2,054.50 for an updated Daughters of Zion historic marker?



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Contact Person Robert Watkins	E-mail Address watkinsro@charlottesville.gov		Phone No. 434-970-3398		
P.O. No.	Prev. Job # 20429	Terms Net 30	Must Have	Ship Date	
Description	Qty	Background	Mount	Amount	Total
REVISED 11-02-20 (adjusted letter count - revised text):					
24" x 20" Bronze Roadside Marker including 720 Letters (single sided)	1	Dark Oxide	Customer Pole	1,155.00	1,155.00
Historic Preservation Discount				-10.00%	-115.50
Roadside Bracket for Above	1	Dark Oxide		765.00	765.00
Shipping and Handling via Freight Service; Customer also responsible for any accessory charges added that were not included in original pricing (INCLUDES LIFT GATE DELIVERY - advise if not needed; saves \$75)				250.00	250.00
*Daughters of Zion Cemetery (LEATHERETTE)					

Please sign and date here:

Subtotal
Sales Tax (0.0%)
Total

Phone # 814-346-7205	Fax # 814-346-7047	E-mail audrey@franklinbronzeplaques.com	Web Site www.franklinbronzeplaques.com
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Standard production is approximately 8 - 10 weeks after final layout approval and receipt of payment, plus time in transit for UPS, depending on the size and complexity of the plaque; larger pieces require longer lead times					

Please sign and date here: _____

Please review pricing/art carefully and return with your approval signature or corrections. Customer is responsible for any errors that were approved. Due to the volatility of the copper market, estimates are valid for 30 days and are subject to requote after that time period.

Subtotal	\$2,054.50
Sales Tax (0.0%)	\$0.00
Total	\$2,054.50

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2020

29191 24x20 Single Line Bronze Roadside Background Color: Dark Oxide

Mounting: Customer Pole 10/30/20