

Action Minutes – Council Naming Committee

Meeting Date/Time: August 18, 2022 at 2 pm, Virtual Meeting - Zoom Members Present: Pam Hemminger (Chair), Karen Stegman, Michael Parker

Members Absent: Tai Huynh

Staff and Others Present: Anna Richards (Chapel Hill-Carrboro NAACP), John French (Parks & Recreation), Phillip Fleischmann (Parks & Recreation), Anita

Badrock (Ombuds), Chris Roberts (Public Works), Susan Brown (Staff Liaison), Molly Luby (Staff Liaison)

Agenda Item	Discussion Point	Motions/Votes	Action
Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 2 pm	n/a	n/a
Old or Ongoing Business	Susan Brown provided an update on Peace and Justice Plaza. Approved names will be inscribed this fall (Fred Battle, Robert Seymour, Edith Wiggins). Staff are continuing to seek funding to begin the public process for redesigning Peace and Justice Plaza. See attached funding request for more information.	n/a	n/a
New Business	Anna Richards brought forward the NAACP's request to place a plaque on the Hargraves building in conjunction with their 75th anniversary celebrations. NAACP Founders Day is October 23, 2022.	Unanimously approved	 Staff will submit the Council request as a consent item on the September 14 meeting agenda. Staff will work with members of the NAACP Founders Day committee on the content for the plaque
	John French recommended naming the Hargraves Community Center Gym for Mr. Nate Davis and the Hargraves Basketball Court for Mr. Fred Battle.	Unanimously approved	 Staff will submit the recommendation at an upcoming Council meeting Mayor Hemminger acknowledged that the existing policy restricts naming rights to people who are no longer living. This recommendation will ask Council to make an exception for Mr. Nate Davis. Council Member Parker suggested that the policy may need to be revised. Staff will review and draft possible new policy for the committee to review.
	Phillip Fleischmann presented a request to name a park within the Rosemary Hotel project and to propose a process for future requests. The proposed name for the park is "Rosemary Park."	n/a	 Committee members agreed to the proposed process for naming new Town spaces: Staff member shares the request with the Naming Committee Staff will then seek stakeholder input about the proposed name.



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			 Staff will bring back the input to the Naming Committee. Naming Committee will make a recommendation to Town Council. Staff will run this process for the new park.
	Chris Roberts presented a petition from community members to rename Dixie Drive, with support from Anita Badrock. Two residents on Dixie Drive provided public input. Without 100% home-owner consensus, the decision to rename Dixie Drive falls to Town Council.	n/a	 Committee members would like more time before making a formal recommendation. Committee members will gather input on the name from community groups, including NAACP and Chapel Hill Historical Society. Committee members will also consider whether to conduct a more comprehensive review of Chapel Hill street names. Council Naming Committee will reconvene at the end of September to share information and to decide what recommendation to send to Council.
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm	N/a	N/a