

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** Naming the corner of Scarboro Street in honor of Ataturk. (Ataturk Union of USA)

REPORT: 1535-06

ADVICE: Petition to name corner does not meet requirements

BACKGROUND

Ataturk Union USA has submitted a request to name a corner of Scarboro Street in honor Kemal Ataturk, founder of the Republic of Turkey. Scarboro Street is a small, dead end street (approximately 250-feet long) extending westward from Middletown Avenue in the Quinnipiac Meadows neighborhood.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Section 18-2 of the Code of Ordinances describes the procedure for honorary naming of street corners. Among the submission requirements are:

- (i) Plan of the site of the proposed location indicating all structures and street features as well as the proposed signage drawn to scale for review by the city.
- (ii) Proposed wording of the signage.
- (iii) A petition of at least 250 city resident signatures in favor of the proposed naming, of which at least two-thirds (166) shall be residents of the neighborhood of the proposed sign location.

The submitted package fails to meet these requirements. The petition is not clear whether the intent is to rename the entirety of Scarboro Street or the corner of its sole intersection with Middletown Avenue. Furthermore, the renaming petition contains a total of only three signatures, far short of the Ordinance requirements. There is only one home with a Scarboro Street address and an additional two with property abutting the street, and two of these addresses are represented by the signatures, but there are a number of other residential properties in close proximity to Scarboro Street, none of whom signed the petition.

ADVICE

The Commission finds that the proper procedure for naming a street corner has not been followed and recommends that the Order be denied for procedural reasons or returned to its proponents for revision.

ADOPTED: September 19, 2017
Edward Mattison
Chair

ATTEST: 
Karyn M. Gilvarg, AIA
Executive Director