

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: EDGWOOD AVENUE between DAY AND GARDEN STREETS, Name location in honor of Judge Constance Baker Motley (Al Marder for the Connecticut Freedom Trail)

REPORT: 1442-14

ADVICE: Approval of Sign Location for Constance Baker Motley Corner at Edgewood Avenue and Day Street per Section 18-2 requirements

BACKGROUND

Constance Baker Motley was born at 209 Day Street and grew up at 8 Garden Street in New Haven. She attended New Haven public schools throughout her childhood. An attorney, she worked with Thurgood Marshall and others in the NAACP Legal Defense Fund to successfully desegregate public schools and higher educational institutions in the United States. She was later elected the first female African-American president of the borough of Manhattan, New York, and was afterwards the first African-American woman appointed to the Federal Bench.

The Amistad Committee wishes to honor Constance Baker Motley by designating the junction of Day Street and Edgewood Avenue as Constance Baker Motley Corner.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

It is appropriate to honor Constance Baker Motley near her place of birth and her childhood residence. A sign should be placed in front of the community substation at Day Street and Edgewood Avenue designating the area as Constance Baker Motley Corner. The Commission notes there is a City street named for Judge Motley which runs east/west between Day and Waverly Streets.

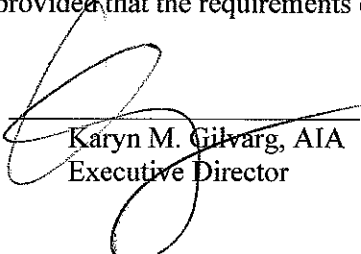
Section 18-2 of the Code of General Ordinances lists the procedure for naming corners. The naming application must:

- be submitted by members of the Board of Aldermen and subsequently approved by the Board
- contain a plan of the proposed location
- contain a scale drawing of the sign with the proposed wording
- contain evidence of notification to all property owners within two hundred feet of the proposed location of the naming
- contain a petition of at least 250 signatures of city residents in favor of the proposed naming and two-thirds of the property owners within two hundred feet of the proposed location
- Pay the fee for the sign's manufacture and installation.

ADVICE

Approval of the sign location for Constance Baker Motley Corner, provided that the requirements of Section 18-2 of the Code of General Ordinances are met.

ADOPTED: July 21, 2010
Edward Mattison
Chair

ATTEST: 
Karyn M. Gilvarg, AIA
Executive Director

