

**NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT**

**RE:** **ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** designating the corner of Edward B. Grant Way to Charles “Charlie” Arcangelo Corner in perpetuity, for his support, contributions, and service to the New Haven community.

**Submitted By:** Ward 10 Alder Anna Festa

**REPORT:** 1630-11

**ADVICE:** Denial

**BACKGROUND**

This request comes from the Board of Alders regarding an ordinance to designate the corner of Edward B. Grant Way to Charles “Charlie” Arcangelo Corner in perpetuity, for his support, contributions, and service to the New Haven community.

Charles Arcangelo was born in New Haven in 1946 and proudly served his country in the Vietnam War earning multiple medals of distinction. After completing his service, he returned home to begin his career in the family owned and operated auto recycling business, which began in 1947. As an automotive scrap metal recycler and the owner of Chuck & Eddie’s Used Auto Parts his business flourished and grew largely due to his strong business sense and future vision of scrap operations. The fourth-generation family owned, and operated business is now comprised of six integral locations in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and includes used auto sales, and offsite scrap operations.

While his business grew Charles raised four successful children and enjoyed being a grandfather to his seven grandchildren. Employing over 200 individuals he was a beloved leader of his company leaving a lasting impression on all who worked with him.

One of his best-known traits was his generosity. Each holiday he donated turkeys to the community, toys for children at Christmas, and clothing for those in need. Very active in the community he also donated to various local and regional organizations as well. Supplying cars to local fire and rescue departments allowed them to practice first responder techniques and to train new recruits. One of several programs he donated to was the Police Explorers Program, a youth-oriented program that allows young men and women to determine if they would like to pursue a career in law enforcement as adults by offering them actual experience and training. This program also provides human resource opportunities to those individuals not pursuing a career in law enforcement. Cash, food, delivering meals to needy families, support, his family continues these generous gestures to honor his legacy donating to families that need help. Charles Arcangelo graciously served individuals in the community by making a difference in their lives.

According to Section 18-2(a)(3) of Title III, Chapter 18, Article I of the City’s Code requires, **“Each submission shall contain:**

- (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 two hundred fifty (250) city resident signatures in favor of the proposed naming, of which at least two-thirds (2/3 (one hundred sixty-six ((166)) shall be residents of the neighborhood of the proposed sign location.”**

**PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS**

This proposal in accordance with Title I, Article XIII, Section 2(A) of the New Haven Code of Ordinances states, **"Every Ordinance or Resolution of the Board of Alders relating to the location and use of any street, bridge, boulevard, esplanade, square, park, playground, playfield, aviation field, parking space, public building, the facilities or terminals of any public utility, or the establishment or change in the boundaries of or regulations concerning zoning, shall be at once referred to the City Planning Commission and final action shall not be taken on any such Ordinance or Resolution until the commission shall have reported thereon, provided that the Board of Alders may establish by ordinance a period of not less than sixty (60) Days within which the commission shall file its report with the City Clerk and if no report is filed within such period the approval of the commission shall be presumed."** Accordingly, the Board of Alders seeks guidance regarding the proposed amendment.

*The Board of Alder seeks guidance as to:*

- Whether the proposal is aligned with the City’s Comprehensive Plan.
- Whether the proposal is “complete” and meets the criteria set forth in Section 18-2(a)(3) of Title III, Chapter 18, Article I of the City Code.

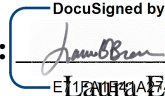
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While the proposal is aligned with the City’s Comprehensive Plan because it, ‘fosters a greater “sense of place” and neighborhood pride’ by honoring an active member of the New Haven community, the Commission notes that the proposed location for the sign is at the corner of a street named to honor another prominent New Haven leader: Edward B. Grant. The Commission notes that the addition of a sign to honor an additional individual would diminish the honoring of Edward B. Grant and urges the applicant to consider an alternative location. The Commission also notes that the signatures on the petition do not appear to meet the requirements of Section 18-2(a)(3) and two of the other requirements of the ordinance have not been met (a 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, and proposed wording of the signage were not provided).

**ADVICE**

The City Plan Commission recommends that the Board of Alders does not approve the item because 1) the application does not meet the requirements of the ordinance and 2) because a different location should be identified so that the current name of the street (Edward B. Grant Way) which already honors a New Haven leader, is not overshadowed.

**ADOPTED:** April 19, 2023  
Leslie Radcliffe  
Chair

**ATTEST:**  April 24, 2023 | 9:31 AM EDT  
Laura E Brown  
Executive Director, City Plan Department