

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS REFERRAL -
Designating the Corner of Newhall Street and Huntington Street as "Mother Mary E. Atkinson Joyner Corner" in Perpetuity, to Honor the Life and Legacy of Mother Mary Atkinson Joyner, a Long-Time Community Resident, Well-Respected Church Mother, and Leader Who Has Given Back to Church and Families In Our Community. (Submitted By: Alder Havyarimana)

REPORT: 1598-11

ADVICE: Approve with conditions.

BACKGROUND

This request comes from the Board of Alders regarding an ordinance to designate the corner of Newhall Street and Huntington Street as "Mother Mary E. Atkinson Joyner Corner" for her outstanding contributions in education, cultural and civic engagement. 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."**

Mother Mary Atkinson Joyner, as a distinguished lifelong City resident has shown an extraordinary commitment to making a difference through her years of education, cultural and civic engagement within the City of New Haven. Ms. Atkinson Joyner concluded an outstanding career with the Bank of America (formerly First New Haven National), and now continues to show her dedication to education, cultural and civic engagement by contributing significantly to various church programs, social groups and other cultural enhancing activities.

Accordingly, it is fitting that the corner at the intersection of Newhall Street and Huntington Street should be named in Mother Atkinson Joyner's honor to pay tribute to her many years of unselfish works for the community.

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.

ADVICE

Although, the applicant provided a petition with over 357 signatures, it does not appear that the applicant provided all the required materials which are required by Code.

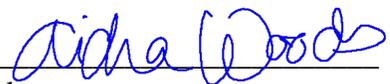
Accordingly, the proposal is aligned with the City’s Comprehensive Plan because it:

- Fosters a greater “sense of place” and neighborhood pride.

However, prior to the Board of Alders rendering any decisions, the Planning Commission suggests having the applicant meet Section 18-2(a)(3) of the City Code by providing the following as required:

- 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.
- Proposed wording of the signage.

ADOPTED: January 19, 2022
Leslie Radcliffe
Chair

ATTEST: 
Aicha Woods
Executive Director, City Plan Department