

**Report of the Historic Preservation Section and  
Advisory Recommendation of the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission**

**TO:** Council Secretary, Jacksonville City Council

**THROUGH:** Chairperson and Members  
Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission

**FROM:** Arimus Wells, City Planner Supervisor – Planning and Development

**RE:** **Proposed Naming of New Marina at 330 East Bay St – Ordinance No. 2023-616**

**DATE:** September 27, 2023

On September 12, 2023, Ordinance 2023-616 was introduced to propose naming the future marina located at 330 East Bay Street as the “Hans G. Tanzler, Jr. Marina” Consistent with Chapter 122.105 of the Jacksonville Ordinance Code the naming and renaming of public buildings, public facilities and public parks, requires a Report from the Historic Preservation Section and an advisory recommendation on the renaming proposal from the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission. The Report is required to address the following criteria:

1. The origin of the existing public building, public facility, or public park name, if applicable;
2. Any historical significance of the existing public building, public facility or public park;
3. Whether there are any historical structures or landmarks on the subject property
4. Whether the existing building name, name of public facility, or public park name is part of a common theme of names throughout the community where such building, park or facility is located;
5. The age of the public building, public facility or public park name
6. Whether there are other public buildings, public facilities, or public parks with the same or similar name; and
7. Whether the person (or persons) to whom the public building, public facility or public park is proposed to be named or renamed has contributed to the development of, or is a reminder of the history and/or culture of the City, State, or Nation.

**Location:** 330 East Bay Street, Portion of RE# 073358-0000

**Reason for Change:** At the request of City Council to honor the life and legacy of former Jacksonville Mayor Hans G. Tanzler, Jr. by naming the future marina located at 330 East Bay Street as the “Hans G. Tanzler, Jr. Marina.”

**Criteria:**

1. The origin of the existing public building, public facility, or public park name, if applicable:

The former site of the Duval County Courthouse parking lot (now demolished), the subject property is currently an undeveloped body of water.

2. Any historical significance of the existing public building, public facility or public park:

The subject property is currently an undeveloped body of water and thereby does not possess any historical significance.

3. Whether there are any historical structures or landmarks on the subject property:

The subject property does not consist of any locally designated or nationally designated historical structures or landmarks.

4. Whether the existing building name, name of public facility, or public park name is part of a common theme of names throughout the community where such building, park or facility is located:

The subject property is currently an undeveloped body of water and thereby does not have a formally designated name.

5. The age of the public building, public facility or public park name:

The former site of the Duval County Courthouse parking lot (now demolished), the subject property is currently an undeveloped body of water.

6. Whether there are other public buildings, public facilities, or public parks with the same or similar name:

There are no other public buildings, public facilities, or public parks with the same or similar name.

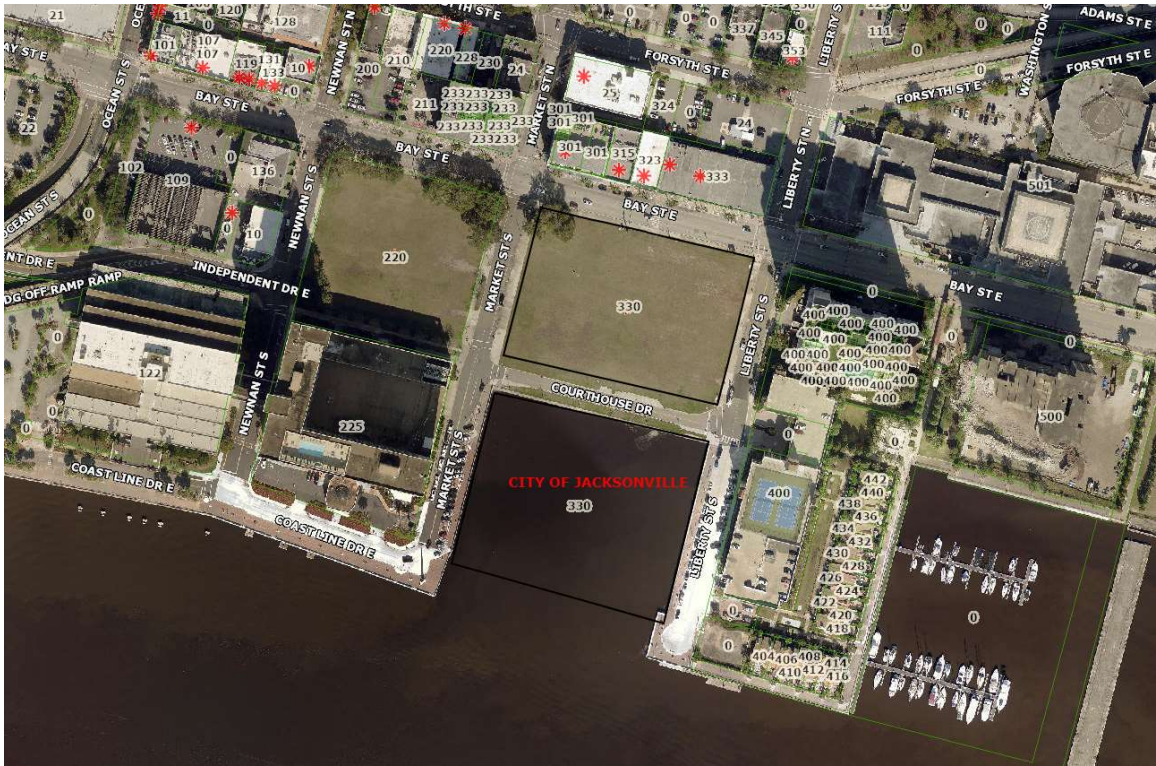
7. Whether the person (or persons) to whom the public building, public facility or public park is proposed to be named or renamed has contributed to the development of, or is a reminder of the history and/or culture of the City, State, or Nation:

Hans G. Tanzler, Jr, a Jacksonville native, was born on March 11, 1927. He graduated from Robert E. Lee High School (present day Riverside High School) and earned his bachelor's and Juris Doctor degrees from the University of Florida. Mr. Tanzler would go on to practice law for a number of years, both privately and publicly as a Criminal Court Judge. In 1967, Judge Tanzler was elected mayor of the City of Jacksonville. During his time as mayor, Tanzler would navigate the City through its new consolidated government. As the last mayor of the old city government and the first mayor of consolidated Jacksonville, Mr. Tanzler helped lower taxes, streamline public services, resurface more than 300 miles of streets, and reorganize the City's health and welfare services.

Besides being instrumental in cleaning up the St. Johns River, Mayor Tanzler also served as a beacon of unity in the new consolidated government by providing more job opportunities for black individuals and desegregating various government agencies.

**PDD Recommendation:**

It is the opinion of the Planning and Development Department (PDD) that the proposed naming of the future marina located at 330 East Bay Street as the "Hans G. Tanzler, Jr. Marina" will be named after a person that has made significant contributions to the development of the city as outlined in Ordinance 2023-616.



**Aerial View of Subject Property**



**View of the Subject Property, Facing West on South Liberty Street**