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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairperson and Members
911 Emergency Addressing Advisory Committee

FROM: Arimus Wells, Planning Services Manager – Historic Planning & Preservation
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RE: Kingsbury Street to Gopal Way – Road Renaming

DATE: May 27, 2026

Consistent with Chapter 745 of the Jacksonville Ordinance Code on addressing and street naming regulations, requests to rename streets require a review and recommendation from the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission. In making a report and recommendation, the Commission shall address the following criteria:

1. The origin of the street name
2. Any historical significance of the existing street name
3. Whether there are any historical structures or landmarks on the subject street
4. Whether the existing name is part of a common theme of street names throughout the community where such street is located
5. The age of the street name
6. Whether the street name is a duplicate street name

Current Street Name: Kingsbury Street

Proposed Street Name: Gopal Way

Reason for Change:

The name change seeks to honor the life and legacy of Jacksonville veterinarian, Devegowda Gopal. The change would only rename a portion of Kingsbury Street.

Analysis:

The origin of Kingsbury Street could not be determined by Staff. The earliest usage of Kingsbury Street (originally Kingsbury "Avenue") can be found in the Murray Hill plat (Plat Book 23, Page 44) recorded in 1913. Kingsbury Avenue was later expanded to the west in the 1940s and 50s via various plats.

The request for the name change applies to a portion of Kingsbury Street between Fountain Road and Ellis Road South, as depicted in the location map below.

No historic structures or landmarks have been identified along this portion of the subject street, and the existing road name is not part of a common theme of street names in the area, nor is it a duplicate street name.

Recommendation:

At the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission (JHPC) on May 27, 2026, the Planning Department had no objections to the proposed street name change from Kingsbury Street to Gopal Way, or to any other name change. **JHPC voted 4-0 to approve the name change.**

Location Map

