

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION
COMMISSION

Proceedings held on Wednesday, September 27,
2023, commencing at 3:05 p.m., at Jacksonville City
Hall, Lynwood Roberts Room, 117 West Duval Street,
Jacksonville, Florida, before Diane M. Tropia, FPR, a
Notary Public in and for the State of Florida at Large.

PRESENT:

JACK C. DEMETREE, III, Chairman.
ANDRES LOPERA, Vice Chair.
JULIA EPSTEIN, Secretary.
OLIVIA FRICK, Commission Member.
MAX GLOBER, Commission Member.
ETHAN GREGORY, Commission Member.

ALSO PRESENT:

ARIMUS WELLS, Planning and Development Dept.
ADRIENNE CHAMBERS, Planning and Development.
JERMAINE ANDERSON, Planning and Development.
BRITTANY FIGUEROA, Planning and Development.
CARLA LOPERA, Office of General Counsel.

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1 COMMISSIONER GLOBER: Max Globler,
2 commissioner.
3 COMMISSIONER FRICK: Olivia Frick,
4 commissioner.
5 THE CHAIRMAN: All right. We're going to
6 take a break every two hours as needed.
7 If you have your cell phones on, please
8 silence them. Any conversations, please be had
9 in the hallway.
10 And we will jump right in. I'll take a
11 motion to approve the August 23rd minutes.
12 COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Motion to approve
13 the August 23rd, 2023, minutes.
14 COMMISSIONER EPSTEIN: Second.
15 THE CHAIRMAN: All those in favor?
16 COMMISSION MEMBERS: Aye.
17 THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed?
18 COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)
19 THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, you've
20 approved those minutes.
21 We'll jump right into Section D, deferred
22 items. There's a misprint on this agenda.
23 Number 4, COA-23-29734, has not been deferred.
24 It's actually living in Section G.
25 So with that, we've got three deferred
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S
September 27, 2023 3:05 p.m.

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3 THE CHAIRMAN: All right. We're going to
4 go ahead and kick off the September 27th
5 meeting of the Jacksonville Historic
6 Preservation Commission.
7 If we could start with some introductions
8 down there.
9 MS. CHAMBERS: Adrienne Chambers, Historic
10 Preservation.
11 MR. ANDERSON: Jermaine Anderson, Historic
12 Preservation.
13 MS. FIGUEROA: Brittany Figueora, Historic
14 Preservation.
15 MR. WELLS: Arimus Wells, Historic
16 Preservation.
17 MS. LOPERA: Carla Lopera, Office of
18 General Counsel.
19 THE CHAIRMAN: J.C. Demetree, chairman.
20 COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Andres Lopera,
21 chairman -- commissioner.
22 COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Ethan Gregory,
23 commissioner.
24 COMMISSIONER EPSTEIN: Julia Epstein,
25 commissioner.

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1 items on the agenda: COA-23-27451, 2768
2 Riverside Avenue; COA-23-29186, 2799 Selma
3 Street; and COA-23-28972, 2990 Remington
4 Street.
5 And with that, we will jump into the
6 consent. Let's see. Number 4 on the consent,
7 COA-23-29552, 247 East 4th Street, is coming
8 off of consent.
9 So with that, the consent today is
10 COA-23-29220, 1481 West 6th Street;
11 COA-23-29635, 1526 Avondale Avenue;
12 COA-23-29321, 51 East 3rd Street; COA-23-29561,
13 2111 Ernest Street; and COA-23-29617, 2843 Oak
14 Street.
15 Do any commissioners have any ex parte on
16 anything on consent?
17 COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)
18 THE CHAIRMAN: All right. With that,
19 we'll open the public hearing. Is anyone here
20 to speak on anything on consent?
21 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: (No response.)
22 THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Seeing none,
23 we'll close the public hearing, and I'll
24 entertain a motion.
25 COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Motion to approve
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<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>1 the revised consent agenda.</p> <p>2 COMMISSIONER EPSTEIN: Second.</p> <p>3 THE CHAIRMAN: Any conversation?</p> <p>4 COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)</p> <p>5 THE CHAIRMAN: All right. All those in</p> <p>6 favor?</p> <p>7 COMMISSION MEMBERS: Aye.</p> <p>8 THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed?</p> <p>9 COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)</p> <p>10 THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, the consent</p> <p>11 agenda has been approved.</p> <p>12 We're going to jump around a little bit</p> <p>13 today. We're going straight to New Business,</p> <p>14 Section L, a couple of renamings that we want</p> <p>15 to knock out real quick. Let's see. Do we</p> <p>16 want to do the road renamings first?</p> <p>17 MR. WELLS: Number 2 and 3.</p> <p>18 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. So we're going to go</p> <p>19 to Number 2, Section L, it's a building rename.</p> <p>20 We're going to hear that first.</p> <p>21 MR. WELLS: Okay. So in accordance with</p> <p>22 Chapter 745 of the Ordinance -- in accordance</p> <p>23 with Chapter 745 of the Ordinance Code on</p> <p>24 addressing and street naming regulations,</p> <p>25 requests to rename streets require a review and</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Diane M. Tropia, Inc., Post Office Box 2375, Jacksonville, FL 32203 (904) 821-0300</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p> <p>1 of a common theme of street names in the area.</p> <p>2 And based on the best available -- I'm sorry,</p> <p>3 best evidence available, the Department</p> <p>4 recommends approval of the street name change</p> <p>5 from West Church Street to Ray Charles Place.</p> <p>6 THE CHAIRMAN: All right. So we're going</p> <p>7 to go ahead and do -- this is now Number 1</p> <p>8 under New Business. We're going to go ahead</p> <p>9 and knock that out before we go to Number 2.</p> <p>10 You just heard Church Street to Ray Charles</p> <p>11 Place.</p> <p>12 Is the applicant here?</p> <p>13 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: (No response.)</p> <p>14 THE CHAIRMAN: Not looking like it.</p> <p>15 Do we need the applicant here?</p> <p>16 MS. LOPERA: No, you don't.</p> <p>17 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Is anybody -- I'll</p> <p>18 go ahead and open the public hearing.</p> <p>19 Is anyone here to speak on this road</p> <p>20 renaming?</p> <p>21 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: (No response.)</p> <p>22 THE CHAIRMAN: All right. With that,</p> <p>23 we'll close the public hearing, and I'll</p> <p>24 entertain a motion.</p> <p>25 COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Motion to approve</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Diane M. Tropia, Inc., Post Office Box 2375, Jacksonville, FL 32203 (904) 821-0300</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p>1 recommendation from the Commission.</p> <p>2 So in making the recommendation, the</p> <p>3 Commission shall address the following</p> <p>4 criteria. So there's six different criteria</p> <p>5 that you have to address. And so based on our</p> <p>6 findings and whatnot -- this is a request to</p> <p>7 rename the current street, which is West Church</p> <p>8 Street, to Ray Charles Place. So just renaming</p> <p>9 a portion of West Church Street. This is to</p> <p>10 pay homage to famous musician and former</p> <p>11 LaVilla resident Ray Charles Robinson. And,</p> <p>12 again, this would only rename a portion of West</p> <p>13 Church Street.</p> <p>14 So while we could not confirm the origin</p> <p>15 of Church Street, it is widely speculated that</p> <p>16 it was named after the abundance of churches</p> <p>17 within the city, successfully within the</p> <p>18 downtown area. This portion of Church Street</p> <p>19 appears to have been part of the LaVilla plat.</p> <p>20 The street can be verifiably dated to at least</p> <p>21 1897, based on the attached Sanborn fire</p> <p>22 insurance maps.</p> <p>23 No historic structures or landmarks</p> <p>24 currently exist along the portion of the</p> <p>25 street, and the existing road name is not part</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Diane M. Tropia, Inc., Post Office Box 2375, Jacksonville, FL 32203 (904) 821-0300</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>1 road renaming of Church Street to Ray Charles</p> <p>2 Place.</p> <p>3 COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Second.</p> <p>4 THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Comments,</p> <p>5 concerns?</p> <p>6 COMMISSIONER LOPERA: So when driving down</p> <p>7 what's going to be now Ray Charles Place, will</p> <p>8 Google maps, instead, play a rendition of "Hit</p> <p>9 the Road Jack" while we're driving down this</p> <p>10 road?</p> <p>11 THE CHAIRMAN: We can only hope.</p> <p>12 COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Do we know? I guess</p> <p>13 I'll wait to find out. Lots of changes.</p> <p>14 That's all.</p> <p>15 THE CHAIRMAN: Any other comments,</p> <p>16 concerns?</p> <p>17 COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)</p> <p>18 THE CHAIRMAN: All right. All those in</p> <p>19 favor?</p> <p>20 COMMISSION MEMBERS: Aye.</p> <p>21 THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed?</p> <p>22 COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)</p> <p>23 THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, you have</p> <p>24 approved the road renaming.</p> <p>25 Let's go ahead and go to Weaver Street</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Diane M. Tropia, Inc., Post Office Box 2375, Jacksonville, FL 32203 (904) 821-0300</p>

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1 [sic] to Charles McClendon Street.
2 MR. WELLS: All right. So this one is to
3 rename Weaver Road to Charlie E. McClendon
4 Road. This is to honor the life and legacy of
5 Charlie E. McClendon, who is a senior minister
6 of the Northside Church of Christ and president
7 of the Northside Community Involvement
8 nonprofit organization. This will rename the
9 entire portion of Weaver Road.
10 So similar to this [sic] one, we also
11 could not find the origins of the name, but the
12 earliest usage of Weaver Road can be found in
13 the adjacent Floridel plat which was recorded
14 in 1952. No historic structures or landmarks
15 are present along this portion of the street.
16 And based on our best available evidence, we
17 forward to you a recommendation to rename
18 Weaver Road to Charlie E. McClendon Road.
19 THE CHAIRMAN: All right. I'm going to
20 open the public hearing.
21 Is there anybody here to speak on this?
22 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: (No response.)
23 THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Seeing none,
24 I'll close the public hearing, and I'll
25 entertain a motion.
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1 COMMISSIONER LOPERA: Motion to approve
2 Weaver Street to Charles McClendon Street.
3 COMMISSIONER EPSTEIN: Second.
4 THE CHAIRMAN: Any thoughts?
5 COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)
6 THE CHAIRMAN: All right. All those in
7 favor?
8 COMMISSION MEMBERS: Aye.
9 THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed?
10 COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)
11 THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, you have
12 approved that renaming.
13 And then, Arimus, you want to speak on
14 the --
15 MR. WELLS: The --
16 (Simultaneous speaking.)
17 THE CHAIRMAN: -- (inaudible), please.
18 MR. WELLS: So for this one, this one will
19 have to be deferred with no report. Based on
20 the request and Chapter 745, the owner or the
21 applicant has to meet the 75 percent threshold
22 for property owner's consent, and they did not
23 meet that, so we'll have to defer until --
24 THE CHAIRMAN: All right. So with that,
25 we will defer that.
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1 And we're going to go on to Number 2,
2 building renaming, please.
3 MR. WELLS: So this is for Ordinance
4 2023-0611, which was introduced to City Council
5 on September 12th, 2023. And this is,
6 essentially, a renaming and a naming, but they
7 want to rename a City-owned building located at
8 711 North Liberty Street to the Joseph A.
9 Carlucci Building.
10 So consistent with Chapter 122.105 of the
11 Ordinance Code, it has to meet seven criteria.
12 And so based on our findings, this existing
13 City-owned building is currently being used for
14 the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office operations
15 and does not have a formally designated name.
16 But according to archival records, the existing
17 building was constructed in September of 1926.
18 This building is identified of the -- as
19 the work of master architects William Mulford
20 Marsh and Harold Frederic Saxelbye, which is
21 associated with the prominent architectural
22 firm known as Marsh & Saxelbye.
23 This two-story masonry building is
24 characterized by its (inaudible) Renaissance
25 styling, which consists of its flat roof, drop
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1 cornice with medallions, rusticated corners,
2 full-height Doric columns, and arched doorway.
3 Based on these findings, we do consider
4 the building eligible for designation as a
5 local landmark. The subject property does not
6 consist of any locally designated or nationally
7 designated historical structures.
8 The building, again, does not have a
9 formally designated name. However, when the
10 building was occupied by the Florida Department
11 of Law Enforcement during the 1980s and '90s,
12 the agency did name the building Joseph A.
13 Carlucci Building. However, when that agency
14 vacated the building, the signage and plaque
15 recognizing his name was removed.
16 So this -- again, this building would be
17 named after Joseph A. Carlucci, who was born in
18 1929. At age 17, Mr. Carlucci moved to Florida
19 to attend Florida State University and the
20 University of Miami Law School.
21 In 1962, he opened his own State Farm
22 Insurance Company office in Jacksonville. And
23 his overall public service began in 1968 when
24 he was elected to the Jacksonville City Council
25 as a Council member at-large for Group 3. He
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