



Planning and Development Department

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214 North Hogan Street, Suite 300
Jacksonville, FL 32202

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairperson and Members
Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission

FROM: Arimus Wells, City Planner Supervisor
Community Planning Division – Historic Preservation Section

RE: Weaver Road to Charlie E. McClendon Road - Road Renaming

DATE: September 27, 2023

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: Weaver Road

Proposed Street Name: Charlie E. McClendon Road

Reason for Change:

The name change is proposed to honor the life and legacy of Charlie E. McClendon, Senior Minister of the Northside Church of Christ and President of the Northside Community Involvement nonprofit organization. The change would rename the entire portion of Weaver Road.

Analysis:

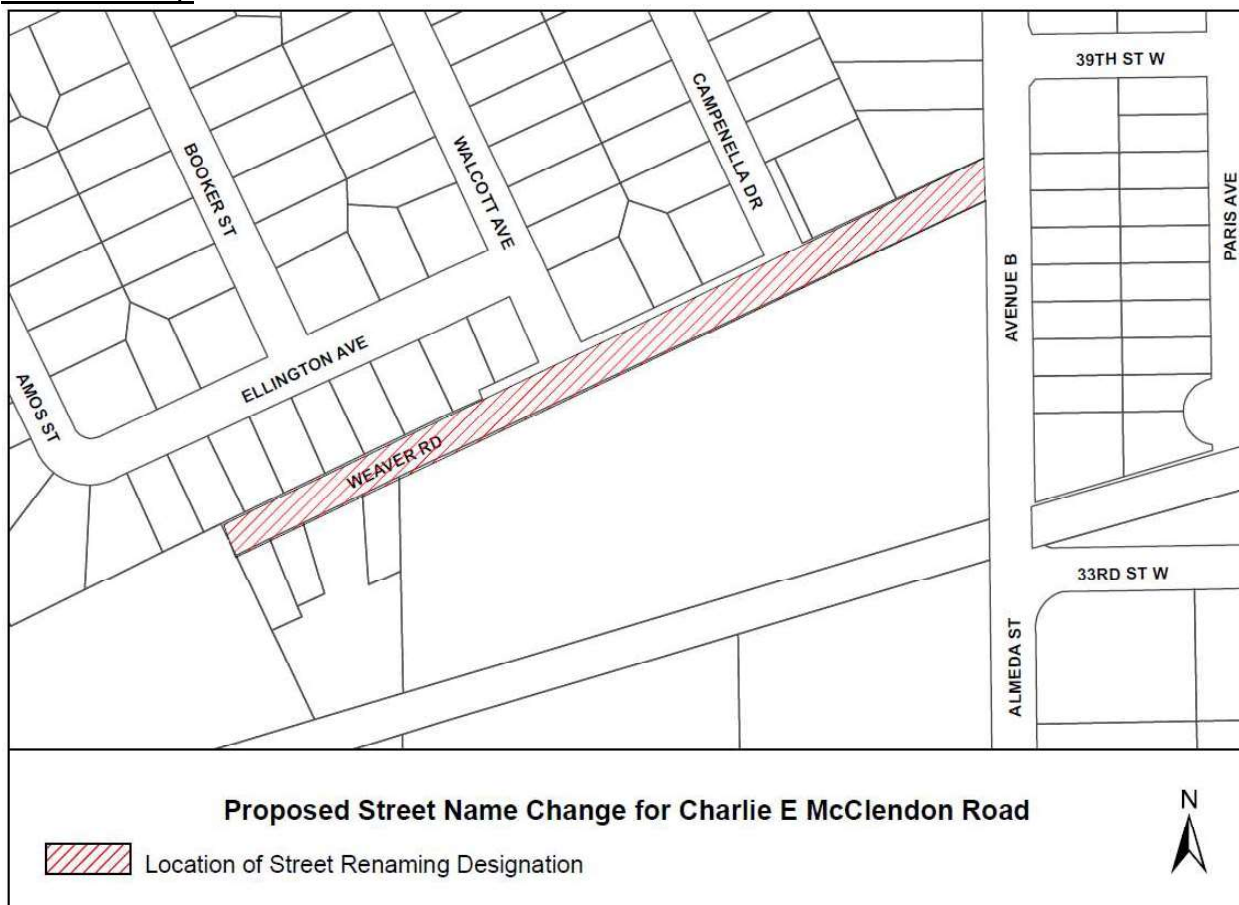
The origin of Weaver Road could not be determined by Staff. The earliest usage of Weaver Road can be found in the adjacent Floradale plat (Plat Book 23, Page 44) recorded in 1952.

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:

Based on the best evidence available, the Planning and Development Department has no objection to the proposed street name change from Weaver Road to Charlie E. McClendon Road.

Location Map



Application for Street Name Change on a Public Street

(Ordinance 2016-730-E)

Existing Street Name: Weaver Rd (Located in 32209)

Proposed new street name: Charlie E. McClendon Rd

Reason for street name change: To recognize 50 years of unwavering commitment to the neighborhood.

Please complete the following if the purpose of the street name change is to name the road after an individual.

Is the person deceased? NO If yes, identify year deceased: N/A

Has the person resided within 5 miles of the street in which the street renaming is being sought? yes

How many years did they reside at this location? 50 Address of residence: 4736 Avenue B

Please attach a written description detailing the person's achievement and/or contributions to the Jacksonville community or to the United States of America. See attachment

ALL STREET NAME CHANGES WILL BE FOR THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF ROAD.

IN NO CASE SHALL A PROPOSED STREET NAME DUPLICATE AN EXISTING NAME IN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA

Application fee for street name change is \$2000.00

Make Check payable to: Tax Collector

Send to: City of Jacksonville
Planning and Development Dept.
Attention: Addressing Section
214 N. Hogan St., 2nd Floor
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Applicant

Information

Name: LYNN C. Sherman
Mailing address: 12519 Lake Taylor Ln
City: Jacksonville State: FL Zip: 32218
Home Phone: 904.497.8123 Other Phone: same
Email: lynn.sherman29@gmail.com
Applicant Signature: Lynn C. Sherman Date: 7/25/23

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Lynn C. Sherman Known by me by way of and known to be the person making the above request and acknowledged to and before me that he/she executed the instrument for the purposes therein expressed and (did or did not) take an oath.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25 day of July, 2023.



Eva Hardrick
NOTARY PUBLIC, State of Florida
My Commission expires: 1/4/2026

July 24, 2023

**Minister Charlie E. McClendon's
50-Year Achievements and Contributions to the Jacksonville Community**

Minister Charlie E. McClendon started his journey with the Northside Church of Christ in 1973 as he assumed the position of the minister of the congregation that met at Almeda St. Due to the congregation's growth, a new building was needed, the land on 4736 Ave B was purchased, and three buildings were erected on the land, a main sanctuary (built mostly by the members), an educational building, and a family life center. The membership grew, and the church has always welcomed the neighborhood to participate in all the activities that took place at the church. The Mission at Northside Church of Christ is "To Save Souls and Keep Souls Saved," and the Motto is "Love Will Keep Us Together," and under the leadership of Minister Charlie E. McClendon, many souls have been saved. 350-500 members attend regularly, offering three Sunday worship services at 8 am, 11 am, and 5 pm. Bible classes are held on Sunday morning, Wednesday morning, and evening. A strong Youth Ministry (including Sister 2 Sister Mentoring Program for girls and women and LADS to Leaders Mentoring Program for boys), Singles Ministry, Marriage Ministry, Senior Adult (STARS) Ministry, Ladies Ministry, and other sub-ministries. Because of Minister Charlie E. McClendon's leadership, Northside Church of Christ has a strong presence and connection in the community. Since 1982, the summer camp program for school-age children has served to help care for the children of working families needing childcare during the summer breaks. The annual Community Day and free Fish Fry is held every November, with an average of 250 – 300 community members in attendance. Everyone in the community is invited to attend. Community members connect with each other, and more souls are introduced to Christ during Community Day. Because of the low socioeconomic status of the surrounding community, food giveaways have been a standard even prior to the pandemic. Northside Church of Christ maintained a clothes closet for many years to serve the community's less fortunate. A back-to-School Rally is also held annually to ensure the children in the neighborhood have the tools they need for a good education.

Minister Charlie E. McClendon is consistently invited to congregations all over the country to provide workshops and seminars for other Church of Christ congregations training members on church growth and development. He has traveled to nearly 50 states. He teaches all members of congregations the importance of showing Love to one another and working together in unity to bring more souls to Christ. Many baptisms happened during the seminars and came after due to his teachings as churches committed to Saving Souls and Keeping Souls Saved. He does not take lightly the commitment to "keeping souls saved." He instills in the members of the Northside Church of Christ and all local Churches of Christ the importance of meeting the needs of people as Christ did.

In 1997, Minister Charlie E. McClendon saw the need to form a non-profit organization that would specifically serve the immediate community within a three-mile radius of the Church building. The nonprofit is called the Northside Community Involvement, Inc., and its purpose is to meet families in the context of their crisis. To provide a place where families can receive and learn of resources that meets their needs. Some of the programs provided, but are not limited to, are as follows:

- NCI Child Development Center- A full daycare center for infants to VPK and after-school care for other school-age children.
- Adult literacy classes
- GED program
- Family, mentoring, and support group for single mothers
- Individual and family mental health counseling
- Brave Hearts Program in partnership with Northwestern Legends neighborhood school

- An annual Girls Empowerment Conference has served more than 300 girls from ages 9 – 18 for the past fourteen years.
- For boys up to 19 years old, the W.I.N. (Working to Improve Neighborhoods) program is designed to give boys hope and a desire to stay away from a life in the streets. It has grown to be a strong outreach for boys in the neighborhood.
- The Resource Center connects people in the neighborhood to community resources, food, computer access, printing, bus passes, and more.

Under Minister Charlie E. McClendon's leadership, Northside Community Involvement, Inc. continues to partner with other non-profit organizations, such as the United Way and Feeding Northeast Florida, to meet the immediate needs of the neighborhood, from babies to the elderly.

The many accomplishments and recognitions awarded to Minister Charlie E. McClendon, over the years, include but is not limited to the following:

- 1974- 1975 services rendered to Grand Park Community awarded by R. Shuford, President
- 2007 Cambridge Who's Who Executive Professional Entrepreneur Lifetime Membership
- 1996 award for over 20 years of dedicated and distinctive service to the Jacksonville Community presented by ILA local 1408
- 2013 SDDC Military Surface Deployment and Distribution, recognition for exceptional hospitality rendered to the United States Army and the 832nd Transportation Battalion
- Certified Leader of Family Dynamics Institution Seminars
- Received a Resolution 959-A in 2006 for the WIN (Working to Improve Neighborhoods) program
- Received a Resolution 678-A in 2015 for 42 years of faithful service to Northside Church of Christ
- Sunset International Bible Institute Department of External Studies - Certified Satellite School Administrator
- Recognized by the Florida Times-Union for 40 years of service at Northside Church of Christ
- Received a Proclamation from the Mayor of Jacksonville for Charlie and Ida McClendon Day May 29, 2013

We ask you to recognize the incredible impact made on the neighborhood surrounding Avenue B by Minister Charlie E. McClendon and grant the request to change Weaver Road to Charlie E. McClendon Rd in recognition of 50 years of unwavering dedication in the neighborhood at 4736 Avenue B.

Thank you for your support,

The Northside Church of Christ's Minister 50th Anniversary Planning Committee

Senator Audrey Gibson
10147 Nala Lane
Jacksonville, FL. 32218

July 25, 2023

Lynn Sherman
12519 Lake Taylor Lane
Jacksonville, FL. 32218

Dear Mrs. Sherman,

It is with excitement and expectation that I write this letter in support of the application to honor the work of Senior Minister/Elder Charlie E. McClendon, by renaming Weaver Road to that of Charlie E. McClendon Road.

As a man of faith and a committed leader in Jacksonville, particularly the Northside, embodied in his work and vision, Minister McClendon built an institution of hope through Northside Church of Christ and a nonprofit entity, Northside Community Involvement, Inc., also known as NCI, Inc., which was created to deliver needed services to a wide area around the church, in neighborhoods in need of transformation,

I know first hand Minister McClendon's passion to make a difference in the once thriving area served by the church and NCI, having worked with the nonprofit programs for change, for a number of years, and engaging with him on his goals as a driven faith leader and change-maker through ever increasing components of NCI which was formed in 1997. NCI's programs include:

NCI Child Development Center- A full daycare for ages infants to VPK, and after-school care for other school-age children

Adult literacy classes

GED program

Family mentoring and support group for single mothers

Individual and family mental health counseling

Brave Hearts Program in partnership with Northwestern Legends neighborhood school

Annual Girls Empowerment Conference that serves more than 300 girls from age 9 – 18

Working to Improve Neighborhoods (WIN) a program designed to give hope and diversion from a life of violence and negativity to boys up to age 19

Resource Center connecting neighborhood residents to needs such as food, computer access and printing, bus passes, and more to fully improve everyday living. All of these programs are provided in addition to the many ministries the church engages to empower members and visitors alike.

The renaming of Weaver Road to Charlie E. McClendon Road would be an embodiment of life changes at the intersection of Avenue B and Charlie E. McClendon Road, and it is my honor to add my letter of support for the name change application.

Sincerely,



Senator Audrey Gibson