

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
COMMISSION

Proceedings held on Wednesday, March 26, 2025,  
commencing at 1:08 p.m., at the Ed Ball Building,  
Hearing Room 1002, 214 North Hogan Street, Jacksonville,  
Florida, before Diane M. Tropia, FPR, a Notary Public in  
and for the State of Florida at Large.

PRESENT:

MICHAEL MONTOYA, Chair.  
ETHAN GREGORY, Vice Chair.  
WILLIAM HOFF, Secretary.  
BECKY MORGAN, Commission Member.  
THOMAS LOVE, Commission Member.

ALSO PRESENT:

ARIMUS WELLS, Planning & Development Dept.  
BRITTANY FIGUEROA, Planning & Development Dept.  
CALEB ARSENAULT, Planning & Development Dept.  
CARLA LOPERA, Office of General Counsel.

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minutes from last month's meeting?  
MS. LOPERA: (Off microphone.)  
THE CHAIRMAN: Oh, my goodness. You all  
just know everyone here already, right? I  
forgot to start with introductions.  
We'll start on the left with staff.  
MR. WELLS: Arimus Wells, Planning  
Department.  
MS. LOPERA: Carla Lopera, Office of  
General Counsel.  
THE CHAIRMAN: Michael Montoya, Chair.  
COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Ethan Gregory,  
commissioner.  
COMMISSIONER HOFF: William Hoff,  
commissioner.  
COMMISSIONER MORGAN: Becky Morgan,  
commissioner.  
COMMISSIONER LOVE: Thomas Love --  
MS. FIGUEROA: Brittany -- sorry.  
COMMISSIONER LOVE: -- commissioner.  
MS. FIGUEROA: Brittany Figueroa, Planning  
Department.  
MR. ARSENAULT: Caleb Arsenault, Planning  
Department.  
THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

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P R O C E E D I N G S

March 26, 2025 1:08 p.m.

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THE CHAIRMAN: Welcome, everyone. Thanks  
again for your patience.

This is the March 26, 2025, meeting of the  
Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission.

Just to go through some housekeeping  
before we get started, if you plan on speaking  
today on an item, please make sure you have  
filled out a speaker's card and the COA or the  
item number that you plan to speak to.

If the meeting runs for two hours, we'll  
take a break every two hours. We'll let you  
know about that and when we're going to  
reconvene.

And then we ask that you silence your cell  
phones, that you keep personal conversations at  
a low, and that no -- no outbreaks in the  
audience, but wait for your turn to come and  
speak.

When you do speak, you see the timer.  
Each speaker has three minutes to speak or to  
present their case, including the applicants.

So I think that's it. Let's get started.

Do I hear a motion regarding the meeting

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And I do want to welcome our newest member  
to the Commission. So thanks for volunteering  
to join us.

All right. So back to the meeting  
minutes. Do I hear a motion regarding the  
meeting minutes?

COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Motion to approve  
the minutes from the February 22nd, 2025,  
meeting.

COMMISSIONER HOFF: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: All those in favor?

COMMISSION MEMBERS: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed?

COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Let it be recorded that the  
meeting minutes from February 22nd, 2025, have  
been approved.

Okay. So the first order of business we  
have on the agenda, under A, presentations -- a  
presentation by Commissioner Hoff regarding the  
Demolition By Neglect Task Force. We're  
waiting for some copies to arrive, so we're  
going to push that a little bit until they get  
here. We'll go ahead and read off the deferred  
items, Section B.

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1 they define themselves as West Springfield --  
2 or East Springfield. But, nonetheless, there  
3 are some definable boundaries that we have  
4 notated in the report itself.  
5 THE CHAIRMAN: And I'm not in opposition  
6 to this renaming, but it does -- it makes me  
7 think about that -- you know, that -- we had a  
8 renaming -- was it a few meetings ago? We had  
9 a renaming a few meetings ago at Loretto, and I  
10 wasn't even aware of the history of the name,  
11 Loretto, you know? And so I -- I wonder about  
12 this because I've known the area -- I've lived  
13 in Jacksonville a long time, so I've known  
14 about Oakland, but it feels like its edges are  
15 diminishing a bit, and I'd like to -- I'm not  
16 opposed to this renaming, but I -- it makes me  
17 think, we need to make sure we pay attention to  
18 another neighborhood's identity. You know,  
19 just a thought.  
20 Any other discussion, though? Any other  
21 questions about this or thoughts?  
22 COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)  
23 THE CHAIRMAN: I say we should vote.  
24 All those in favor of advising to rename  
25 Oakland Park to Eartha M.M. White Historical  
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1 Park?  
2 COMMISSION MEMBERS: Aye.  
3 THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed?  
4 COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)  
5 THE CHAIRMAN: So let it be known that the  
6 Commission is advising favorably to the  
7 renaming of Oakland Park to Eartha M.M. White  
8 Historical Park.  
9 So we'll move on to the next one, road  
10 renaming of Swooping Willow Court to Swooping  
11 Willow Court West.  
12 MR. WELLS: Thank you.  
13 So, again, this is a request to rename it  
14 from Swooping Willow Court to Swooping Willow  
15 Court West. There are six criteria that are  
16 outlined in Chapter 745 of the Ordinance Code  
17 that the Commission shall review and address.  
18 The name change seeks to correct a  
19 nonconforming address issue and align it with  
20 the name currently being used by the property  
21 owners.  
22 So from our analysis, we found that  
23 Swooping Willow Court is along a portion of the  
24 street, of Swooping Willow Court West, and was  
25 platted in 1994 as part of the Heaven Trees,  
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1 Unit 3 subdivision plat.  
2 The request for the name change applies to  
3 the entire portion of Swooping Willow Court as  
4 depicted in the location map. We found that  
5 there's no historic structures or landmarks  
6 identified along this portion of the subject  
7 street.  
8 And based on the best evidence available,  
9 the Planning Department does not have any  
10 objection to the proposed street name change  
11 from Swooping Willow Court to Swooping Willow  
12 Court West.  
13 End of report.  
14 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.  
15 Do I hear any motion regarding Swooping  
16 Willow Court?  
17 COMMISSIONER HOFF: I will make a motion  
18 to recommend approval from Swooping Willow  
19 Court to Swooping Willow Court West.  
20 COMMISSIONER MORGAN: Second.  
21 COMMISSIONER GREGORY: Second.  
22 THE CHAIRMAN: Multiple seconds.  
23 Discussion?  
24 COMMISSIONER HOFF: Quick question.  
25 So I'm curious, why is this in front of us  
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1 if it's not historic? Why are we considering  
2 this? I'm just --  
3 MS. LOPERA: Through the Chair to  
4 Commissioner Hoff and the Commission, the  
5 Ordinance Code requires that you review all  
6 road renamings within the city.  
7 COMMISSIONER HOFF: Oh, I didn't know  
8 that.  
9 THE CHAIRMAN: Because it's part of our  
10 history no less. With great power comes great  
11 responsibility.  
12 Any other discussion about this?  
13 COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)  
14 THE CHAIRMAN: All those in favor of the  
15 renaming of -- advising and approval of the  
16 renaming of Swooping Willow Court to Swooping  
17 Willow Court West?  
18 COMMISSION MEMBERS: Aye.  
19 THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed?  
20 COMMISSION MEMBERS: (No response.)  
21 THE CHAIRMAN: So let it be known that the  
22 Commission recommends approval of said name  
23 change to Swooping Willow Court West.  
24 All right. And then there's one more,  
25 the -- another road renaming, Lenox Square to  
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