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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairperson and Members
Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission

FROM: Arimus Wells, City Planner Supervisor
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RE: Catherine Street to Henry Bradley Place - Road Renaming

DATE: September 24, 2025

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: Catherine Street

Proposed Street Name: Henry Bradley Place

Reason for Change:

The name change seeks to facilitate coordination with the planned naming of the abutting City-owned firefighters museum building as the Henry Bradley Firefighters Museum. Firefighter Bradley was the first City of Jacksonville firefighter to die in the line of duty.

Analysis:

The origins of Catherine Street can be traced back to the original plat of Jacksonville in June 1822 where it served as the City's eastern boundary. The subject street has ties to the Doggett family, one of the oldest and most prominent families in Jacksonville between the 1820s and the twentieth century. A list of contributions to Northeast Florida made by members of the Doggett family are lengthy, particularly in law, politics, and philanthropy. One member in particular, John Locke Doggett, Sr., named Catherine Street after his daughter, Catherine, who died at an early age.

The request for the name change applies to a portion of Catherine Street, as depicted in the location map below.

Located along this portion of the subject street is the City-owned firefighters museum, which was designated as a local landmark by City Council in 2011 via Ordinance 2011-0205 (LM-11-01). The museum is currently closed for renovations in coordination with the proposed Jacksonville Shipyards West Park. Legislation is currently underway to name the museum after Henry Bradley. At their meeting on August 27, 2025, the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission (JHPC) recommended approval of the proposed building naming.

The existing road name is also 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 September 24, 2025, the Planning Department had no objections to the proposed street name change from Catherine Street to Henry Bradley Place. Based on the best evidence available, JHPC voted 4-0 to approve the name change.

Location Map

