

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **ORCHARD STREET at MUNSON STREET**, Designation of southwest corner as “Bishop H. George Brooks and Lady Nellie R. Brooks Corner” (Alderwoman Jackson-Brooks).
REPORT: 1444-11
ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND

Alderwoman Andrea Jackson-Brooks (4th Ward) has submitted a request to the Board of Aldermen that the southwest corner of Orchard Street at Munson Street be designated as “Bishop H. George Brooks and Lady Nellie R. Brooks Corner” honoring the late Bishop and Lady Brooks, who were respected family and religious leaders inspiring a distinguished family tradition of committed public service. Bishop Brooks was the fourth pastor of the Beulah Heights First Pentecostal Church.

Street corners may be named in accord with Section 18-2 of the Code of Ordinances where a procedure is defined, including submission of a site plan showing location of all structures and street features, a plan for the sign drawn to scale, a petition of at least 250 signatures, and a fee paid (\$250). While the signature petition has slightly fewer than the 250 required signatures of city residents, the Commission is confident that enough signatures will be procured by the time of the Aldermanic hearing.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The Commission believes it is fully appropriate to name the corner in the Dixwell/Newhallville neighborhood after these honorable citizens. The location is adjacent to Walter Brooks Elderly Homes at 810 Orchard Street and nearly is the Beulah Heights First Pentecostal Church where the Brooks family was and is still active. As the Department of Transportation, Traffic and Parking (TTP) is responsible for creating, installing and maintaining such signs, it is important that a final design is developed in consultation with TTP. The involved parties will work with TTP on the wording for a sign which will accommodate the lengthy title.

ADVICE

Approval with Department of Transportation, Traffic and Parking to approve final sign design and location.

ADOPTED: September 22, 2010
Edward Mattison
Chair

ATTEST: 
Karyn M. Gilvarg, AIA
Executive Director