



## Savannah - Chatham County Historic Site & Monument Commission

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Hybrid Meeting  
October 13, 2021 9:30 AM  
MINUTES

### October 13, 2021 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING Savannah-Chatham County Historic Site & Monument Commission

Members Present: Kristopher Monroe, Chairman  
Thomas Gensheimer, Vice - Chairman  
Eileen Baker  
Ashley Rainge

Members Absent: Lisa Watson, Secretary  
Sean Mannion

Staff Present: Leah Michalak, Director of Historic Preservation  
Melanie Wilson, Executive Director  
Bri Morgan, Administrative Assistant  
Pam Everett, Assistant Executive Director  
Julie Yawn, Systems Analyst

#### I. Call to Order and Welcome

#### II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

#### III. Regular Agenda

[1. Petition of City of Savannah, Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan | 21-005312-HM | Bouhan Avenue \(Between Waters Avenue and Reid Court\) | Honorary Street Designation Petition](#)

[☞ Staff Recommendation 21-005312-HM.pdf](#)

[☞ AERIAL MAP 21-005312-HM.pdf](#)

[☞ Submittal Packet.pdf](#)

**Ms. Leah Michalak** presented the applicant's request for approval to name a portion of Bouhan Avenue (Between Waters Avenue and Reid Court) to Lt. White Avenue. Per the applicant: "Mr. White is the last living person of 'color' officer who was selected to 'Protect & Serve' in a time in our historic when it was not the best of time. He served his community with a standard that has not been surpassed; he is and was respected by the law enforcement community all over this state".

Lt. White is the last living member of "The Original Nine". All of the standards are met, and there are no restrictions.

As required in the Master Plan and Guidelines, written notice was sent to all property owners, and the neighborhood association, within 200 feet of the subject property. A sign was posted on the property fifteen days prior to the meeting. Staff received a letter of support from Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan. No public comments were received.

**Assistant City Manager Joe Shearouse, Alderwoman Linda Wilder, Alderman Nick Palumbo** stated their support. Various family members provided memories and additional facts regarding Lt. White's service.

**Ms. Wilson** expressed her appreciation of Lt. White's service.

**Ms. Baker** expressed her experience of meeting Lt. White during a documentary process.

**Mr. Monroe** expressed his support of the project and hopes the documentary comes to fruition.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Historic Site and Monument Commission recommend approval City Council to name a portion of Bouhan Avenue (Between Waters Avenue and Reid Court) Lt. White Avenue because the proposal meets the Master Plan and Guidelines.

**Motion**

The Historic Site and Monument Commission recommends that the Historic Site and Monument Commission recommend approval City Council to name a portion of Bouhan Avenue (Between Waters Avenue and Reid Court) Lt. White Avenue because the proposal meets the Master Plan and Guidelines.

**Vote Results ( Approved )**

Motion: Eileen Baker  
Second: Ashley Rainge

Thomas Gensheimer	- Aye
Kristopher Monroe	- Abstain
Sean Mannion	- Not Present
Lisa D. Watson	- Not Present
Eileen Baker	- Aye
Ashley Rainge	- Aye

**IV. Other Business**

**V. Adjournment**

[2. Adjourn](#)

***The Chatham County - Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission provides meeting minutes which are adopted by the respective Board. Verbatim transcripts of minutes are the responsibility of the interested party.***