



Savannah - Chatham County Historic Site & Monument Commission

Arthur A. Mendonsa Hearing Room - 112 East State Street
June 20, 2023 4:00 PM
Final Agenda

June 20, 2023 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING Historic Site and Monument Commission Meeting

I. Call to Order and Welcome

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

III. Regular Agenda

[1. Petition of the City of Savannah | 23-002976-HM | Hopkins Street and 52nd Street | Honorary Street Designation](#)

📎 [Submittal Packet- Mrs. Virginia Edwards-Maynor Honorary Street Designation.pdf](#)

📎 [Staff Report- Virginia Edwards-Maynor Honorary Street Designation 23-002976-HM.pdf](#)

Ms. Caitlin Chamberlain presented the application for the Honorary Street Designation. The applicant is requesting approval of an Honorary Street Designation on Hopkins Street between West 52nd and West 53rd to have the Honorary Virginia Edwards Maynor Way.

Per the applicant "Maynor joined the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System as a teacher in 1970. She was promoted to the positions of Assistant Principal, Principal, Executive Director of Secondary Schools, and Deputy Superintendent of Instruction. In 1998, Maynor became the Superintendent of Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools, where she remained until 2001. She was the School District's first African American female superintendent. Maynor also represented the First Congressional District on the Georgia State Board of Education."

Virginia Edwards Maynor is a local Savannahian but is also noteworthy beyond the City as well. Maynor was the first African American Superintendent of the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System and also served her community through involvement in various organizations.

Staff recommends that the Historic Site and Monument Commission recommend approval to the Savannah City Council for an Honorary Street Designation at Hopkins Street between West 52nd and West 53rd Streets in honor of Virginia Edwards Maynor, as requested because the proposed honorary street designation meets the standards within Article E- Naming and Renaming of Public Property, Facilities, and Streets.

Ms. Watson asked why a special called meeting was necessary for this petition.

Mayor Van Johnson stated there is a time factor as the designation is being cosponsored by the current Superintendent. By the time of the next meeting, she will no longer be Superintendent as she has announced her retirement. As she exits this role, she found it important that the successor be able to recognize her predecessor.

Ms. Watson asked where will the sign hang. Mayor Johnson stated it will be under the street name sign.

PETITIONER'S COMMENTS:

Dr. Ann Lovett stated she wanted to acknowledge Ms. Maynor years ago and that Ms. Maynor still actively supports the community.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

BOARD COMMENTS:

None

Motion

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Vote Results (Approved)

Motion: Eileen Baker

Second: Lisa D. Watson

Kristopher Monroe	- Abstain
Sean Mannion	- Not Present
Lisa D. Watson	- Aye
Eileen Baker	- Aye
Ashley Rainge	- Not Present
Catherine D. Kostilnik, PhD	- Not Present

IV. Other Business

V. Adjournment

[2. Adjourn](#)

Mr. Kristopher Monroe stated the next meeting is July 13th where the Board will discuss the 15 square names and the procedure of how they are going to select those 15 names. Mr. Monroe and Ms. Eileen Baker attended the public meeting and stated that it was slightly contentious. There were several people to advocate for Susie King Taylor.

He informed the Board that he invited Alderwoman Kesha Gibson and will invite the rest of the City Council to determine what their thoughts and directions are.

Ms. Eileen Baker stated that Joe Shearouse was going to provide all of the public comments to the MPC. The meeting adjourned at 4:22 pm.

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.