

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS Designating the corner of Dixwell Avenue and Argyle Street as “Dr Ann. E Garrett Robinson Way” in perpetuity, for her love, commitment, great contributions, and service to people in the Dixwell community and city wide.

Submitted by: Troy Streater, Ward 21

REPORT: 1651-13

ADVICE: Approve with conditions.

BACKGROUND

This request comes from the Board of Alders regarding an ordinance to designate the corner of Dixwell Avenue and Argyle Street as “Dr Ann. E Garrett Robinson Way”. According to Section 18-2(a)(3) of Title III, Chapter 18, Article I of the City’s Code requires, **“Each submission shall contain:**

- (i) **Plan of the site of the proposed location indicating all structures and street features as well as the proposed signage drawn to scale for review by the city.**
- (ii) **Proposed wording of the signage.**
- (iii) **A petition of at least two hundred fifty (250) city resident signatures in favor of the proposed naming, of which at least two-thirds (2/3 (one hundred sixty-six ((166)) shall be residents of the neighborhood of the proposed sign location.”**

Dr Ann. E Garrett Robinson was born in Greenville, North Carolina, on June 8, 1934, and moved to New Haven in 1967. In her time living in the city she accomplished much, becoming the first black certified Psychological Examiner, as a school psychologist for New Haven Public Schools and in the State of Connecticut at large. She served as part of the first group of women faculty members at Yale University as a Research Assistant at the Yale Child Study Center. For 27 years Dr. Robinson taught psychology and cultural anthropology at Gateway Community College. Her love for her community and service to the City distinguish Dr. Robinson as an exceptional member of the New Haven.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

This proposal in accordance with Title I, Article XIII, Section 2(A) of the New Haven Code of Ordinances states, **“Every Ordinance or Resolution of the Board of Alders relating to the location and use of any street, bridge, boulevard, esplanade, square, park, playground, playfield, aviation field, parking space, public building, the facilities or terminals of any public utility, or the establishment or change in the boundaries of or regulations concerning zoning, shall be at once referred to the City Planning Commission and final action shall not be taken on any such Ordinance or Resolution until the commission shall have reported thereon, provided that the Board of Alders may establish by ordinance a period of not less than sixty (60) Days within which the commission shall file its report with the City Clerk and if no report is filed within such period the approval of the commission shall be presumed.”** Accordingly, the Board of Alders seeks guidance regarding the proposed amendment.

The Board of Alder seeks guidance as to:

- Whether the proposal is aligned with the City’s Comprehensive Plan.

- Whether the proposal is “complete” and meets the criteria set forth in Section 18-2(a)(3) of Title III, Chapter 18, Article I of the City Code.

ADVICE

The proposal is aligned with the City’s Comprehensive Plan because it:

- Fosters a greater “sense of place” and neighborhood pride
- Honors a community leader who made great contributions to her neighborhood and supported and inspired young people in New Haven

However, prior to the Board of Alders rendering any decisions, the Planning Commission suggests having the applicant meet Section 18-2(a)(3) of the City Code by providing the following as required:

- (i) Plan of the site of the proposed location indicating all structures and street features as well as the proposed signage drawn to scale for review by the city.
- (ii) Proposed wording of the signage.

ADOPTED: July 31, 2024
Leslie Radcliffe
Chair

ATTEST: _____
Laura E Brown
Executive Director, City Plan Department