

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: Order of The New Haven Board of Alders designating the corner of Sherman Parkway and Harding Place as “Camryn’s Corner” to commemorate and honor the vibrant life of Camryn Gayle, a dedicated cheerleader and source of inspiration for countless young individuals in the community.

Submitted by: Alder Troy Streeter, Ward 21

REPORT: 1644-02

ADVICE: Approve with conditions.

BACKGROUND

This request comes from the Board of Alders regarding an ordinance to designate the corner located at Sherman Parkway and Harding Place as “Camryn’s Corner” to honor her many contributions to the New Haven community. 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.”**

Alder Troy Streeter has submitted to the New Haven Board of Alders the attached order proposing the corner of Sherman Parkway and Harding Place be called “Camryn’s Corner” to commemorate and honor the vibrant life of Camryn Gayle, a dedicated cheerleader and source of inspiration for countless young individuals in our community.

The Order calls for the designation of the above-mentioned corner in recognition of Ms. Camryn Gayle, making this corner a legacy in the Dixwell neighborhood and citywide as an official and permanent reminder of her integrity, generosity, hope, and dignity.

Ms. Camryn “Mooka” Gayle was born in New Haven on August 11, 2004, to her father, the late Maxie Valentine Gayle “Mike” and her mother Elizabeth Robinson. Her outgoing personality, love, and genuine care for all was admired by many young people in the community. She was a Senior at Cooperative Arts & Humanities Magnet High School, where she was in dance and she was a dedicated cheerleader at Hillhouse High School and on the Fusion Drill Team. She was an unwavering source of inspiration, touching the lives of countless individuals through her vibrant spirit, kindness, and commitment to uplifting others. Camryn Gayle leaves a legacy of positivity and community engagement that continues to resonate with those who had the privilege of knowing her and she will forever be remembered for her beautiful smile and personality.

A petition of at least two hundred fifty (250) city resident signatures in favor of the proposed naming has been submitted. A site plan indicating the location of the proposed sign has also been submitted.

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 contributions to the city from a young leader who uplifted her community

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:

- Submit the proposed signage drawn to scale for review by the city.

ADOPTED: January 17, 2024
Leslie Radcliffe
Chair

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