



CITY OF BATTLE CREEK

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT – PLANNING AND ZONING

AGENDA

Historic District Commission Meeting

Date: Monday, April 12, 2021

Time: 4:00 P.M.

Via: ZOOM Virtual Meeting

TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC COMMENT: Zoom Telephone Number: 312-626-6799. The caller will be prompted to enter the meeting ID **943 7227 6095**. The caller will be placed into a virtual “waiting room” until it is their time to speak during public comment.

- 1. Call to Order:**
- 2. Attendance:**
- 3. Additions or Deletions to Agenda:**
- 4. Approval of minutes:** March 8, 2021 meeting minutes
- 5. Correspondence:**
- 6. Old Business:**
- 7. New Business:**
 - A. H-7-21: City of Battle Creek, request to commemorate 24th Street as Honorary Mayor Maude Bristol-Perry Way.**
- 8. Comments by the Public:**
- 9. Comments from Commission members and Staff:**
- 10. Adjournment:**

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CITY OF BATTLE CREEK
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Zoom Virtual Meeting
10 North Division, Battle Creek, MI 49014
Minutes for Monday, March 8, 2021

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Newman at 4:00 p.m. This meeting was held virtually via Zoom Virtual Meeting.

Present: C. Newman, K. Faris, S. Chubinski, G. Drozdowski, R. Simpson, A. Reid, D. Sallee

Absent: T. White

Staff Present: Eric Feldt, Planning and Zoning Coordinator, Michele D. Sutherland, Customer Service Rep II, Marcie Gillett, Community Services Manager, Marcel Stoetzel, Deputy City Attorney; Ted Dearing, Assistant City Manager, Sarah VanWormer, IT, Jessica Vanderkolk, Communications Manager.

Announcement: None.

Public Comments: None.

Approval of the Minutes for the February 8, 2021 meeting: Motion made by Commissioner Drozdowski, seconded by Commissioner Reid. **MOTION APPROVED.**

A roll call was taken:

Comm. Newman, yes
Comm. Chubinski, yes
Comm. Simpson, yes
Comm. Sallee, yes
Comm. Reid, yes
Comm. Drozdowski, yes

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A: H-05-21: Certificate of Appropriateness request by Midwest Sign Company, 7381 Ardith Ct., Suite D., Byron Center, MI for a new free-standing ground sign at 337 Champion Street.

Staff Presentation: Presentation given by Eric Feldt. Staff recommends HDC approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness of the new sign for 337 Champion Street with the condition that if archeological resources are discovered during installation of the fence they will notify the City of Battle Creek. As the request meets the standards outlined in Chapter 1470.09 “Review of Applications”, Chapter 1470.17 “Preservation of Historic Features” and the Secretary of Interior’s Standards and Guidelines, as outlined in the staff report.

Applicant Presentation: None.

Public Comments: None.

HDC Discussion:

With no discussion, a motion was made:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DROZDOWSKI AND SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SALLEE TO APPROVE A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR A NEW GROUND SIGN AT 337 CHAMPION STREET. A VOTE WAS TAKEN 6-0, MOTION APPROVED.

A roll call was taken:

Comm. Newman, yes
Comm. Chubinski, yes
Comm. Simpson, yes
Comm. Sallee, yes
Comm. Reid, yes
Comm. Drozdowski, yes

B. H-06-21: Certificate of Appropriateness request by the City of Battle Creek, 10 N. Division St., Battle Creek, MI, to replace a secondary entrance with a roll up/garage-type door for a restaurant located at 80 W. Michigan Ave., Torti Taco.

Staff Presentation: Eric Feldt gave the staff presentation. Staff recommends approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness at 80 W. Michigan, Torti Taco, for the new overhead door as the request meets the standards outlined in Chapter 1470.09 “Review of Applications”, under Chapter 1470.17 “Preservation of Historic Features” and the Secretary of Interior’s Standards and Guidelines, as outlined in the staff report.

Applicant Presentation: None.

HDC Discussion:

Comm. Simpson inquired if there would be an air curtain.

Comm. Newman, Architect states that an air curtain has not been finalized. The door will allow a nice air for a nice spring day, Fall day or a summer evening.

Comm. Simpson states it is a beautiful design and he’s looking forward to beer and queso night.

After the discussion, a motion was made:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DROZDOWSKI AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER REID TO APPROVE THE CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR A SECONDARY ENTRANCE WITH A ROLL UP/GARAGE-TYPE DOOR FOR TORTI TACO, LOCATED AT 80 W. MICHIGAN AVENUE. A VOTE WAS TAKEN, 5-0-1, MOTION APPROVED.

A roll call was taken:

Comm. Newman, RECUSED, he is the architect on the project.

Comm. Chubinski, yes

Comm. Simpson, yes

Comm. Sallee, yes

Comm. Reid, yes

Comm. Drozdowski, yes

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION STAFF:

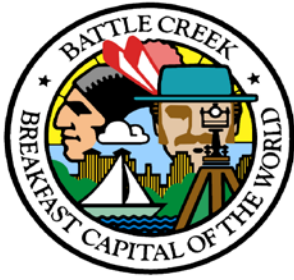
Marcie Gillette, Community Services Manager, states that it has been recommended and suggested that it may be helpful if staff provides board members with some meeting scripts. This will provide some guidance in helping with the order of business and making motions. So you may see a template script in your next packet.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Newman adjourned the meeting at 4:19 p.m..

Submitted by: Michele D. Sutherland, CSR II, Planning and Zoning



Battle Creek Historic District Commission

Staff Report

24th Street

Meeting: April 12, 2021
Case No. H-07-21

To: Historic District Commission

From: Eric Feldt, Planning/ Zoning Coordinator, AICP, CFM

Date: April 5, 2021

Subject: A request for a commemorative street name designation of 24th Street between Columbia Avenue and Territorial Road as “Honorary Mayor Maude Bristol-Perry Way”.

Summary of Request

A request for comments for a proposed commemorative designation of 24th Street between W. Columbia Avenue and W. Territorial Road stating “Honorary Mayor Maude Bristol-Perry Way”. This road section is depicted on the map below. The overall neighborhood along this stretch of road is not located within any local or national historic districts of the City of Battle Creek, nor are there any historic resources in this area that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

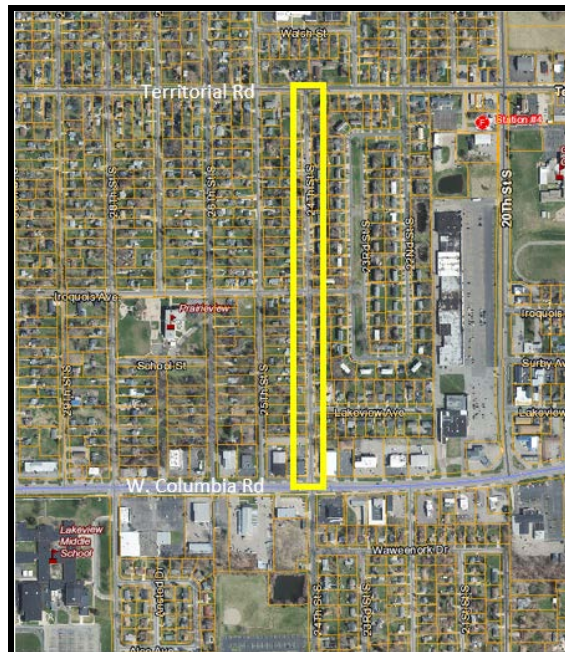


Figure 1. Map showing project area along 24th Street between W. Territorial Rd to the north and W. Columbia Ave. to the south.

Neighborhood Description

The development along the subject road section consists of primarily single-story, single family detached homes and a few multifamily buildings. These properties have relatively spacious yards and most have driveway access off of 24th Street. Further, the overall neighborhood has a semi-urban character streetscape with sidewalks, street trees, and street lights. City utilities such as water, sewer, and stormwater services are provided in the area. Based on City's records, many of the homes in the area were built during the 1920s, 1940s, and 1950s, and a few in the past 30 years. Despite their age and known architectural styles during those times, many homes in the subject area do not have many prominent architectural features nor are represent historic architectural styles.

Procedure; Section 220.09

Pursuant to City of Battle Creek Section 220.09 *Commemorative Designation*, a petitioner may request to add a commemorative designation to a street that relates to various elements or persons having historic significance. Under this section, the petition would not result in renaming the official street name. Costs incurred by this petition would be covered by the petitioner. Petitions for a commemorative designation request are reviewed by various City departments/ divisions and local agencies for commenting, such as the Historic District Commission per 220.09(c). All abutting property owners of the subject section of the street would be notified of the request by mail from the City. The City Commission would consider such petition and provide a final vote.

Analysis and Recommendation

As noted earlier, the scope of the project under review is not located within any local or national historic district of the City of Battle Creek, nor are there any historic resources in this area that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, there are no applicable items under Chapter 1470 *Historic Preservation* pertaining to this project. Nonetheless, Section 220.09 affords the Historic District Commission to provide comments that would then be provided to the City Commission for their action.

Therefore, planning staff recommends the Historic District Commission provide any comments to City Commission and support this petition to add a commemorative designation of 24th Street between W. Columbia Avenue and W. Territorial Road stating "Honorary Mayor Maude Bristol-Perry Way".



CITY OF BATTLE CREEK

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

March 19, 2021

Eric Feldt
Planning and Zoning Coordinator
10 N Division St
Battle Creek, MI 49014

Mr Feldt,

The City of Battle Creek received a request for a commemorative designation to 24th Street from Columbia Ave to Territorial Road as Honorary Mayor Maude Bristol-Perry Way from friends and family. Attached to this letter is a brief history of the former Mayor Bristol-Perry. The location was selected because she has owned and operated Sugar and Spice Daycare located at 143 S 24th Street for several years.

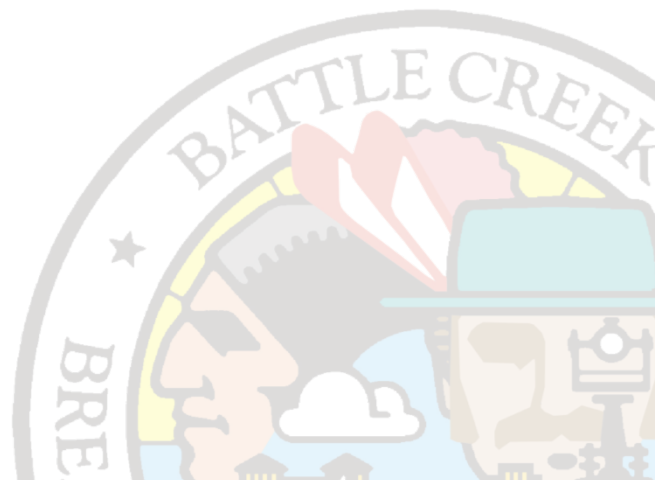
The City of Battle Creek's Code of ordinance – 220.09 Commemorative Designation, allows for this type of designation with some restrictions. I've included a copy of the ordinance for review.

One requirement is to solicit review and comment from the Historic District Commission. I am asking that you place this issue on your April 12, 2021 Historic District Commission Agenda and forward any comments to me.

The proposed schedule will be to place this in front of City Commission on April 20, 2021 for consideration.

Thank you for your help,

Carl Fedders PE
DPW Director
cefedders@battlecreekmi.gov
269.966.3490



City Manager's Office 10 North Division Street RM 206 Battle Creek, MI 49014

3-03-2021

6:00 P.M.

City of Battle Creek Commissioners

Janet Ann Dickerson-Caldwell

269-962-1888

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2 sheets

Request to apply for commemorative designation for a street sign for former Mayor Maude J. Bristol Perry

March 1, 2021

To: Mayor Mark A. Behnke

CC: Rebecca L. Fleury and Shawna M. Allen

Reg: Request to apply for the commemorative designation for a street sign for former Mayor Maude J. Bristol Perry.

Dear Mayor Behnke, and City of Battle Creek Commissioners,

We are writing on behalf of the family, friends and Battle Creek community to request the commemorative designation of a street sign for former Mayor, Maude J. Bristol Perry, located on 24th street and E Columbia Avenue. 24th street, and Territorial Road.

We would like to honor former Mayor, Maude J. Bristol Perry for her historical significance to the community. Her involvement over the past 50 plus years as a business leader, civil servant and community advocate for early childhood education has demonstrated an extraordinary and consistent voluntary commitment and lifetime dedication to the Battle Creek community.

1. Applicant's Name:

a) Janet Dickerson Caldwell, 65 Bynum Dr. Battle Creek, MI. 49017

dickerson1954@att.net, (269)420-7520

b) Shanna J. Mueller, 19578 Pierson Dr. Northville MI. 48167

smueller21@aol.com, (734)516-0103

2. Proposed Honoree's Name: former Mayor Maude J. Bristol Perry
3. Proposed Location for Co-naming: located on 24th street between Columbia Avenue and Territorial Road.

Thank you for your consideration we look forward to hearing from you.

Kindest Regards,

Janet Dickerson Caldwell and Shanna J. Mueller

Maude Dickerson Bristol-Perry,
Local Business Woman & Politician

Maude Dickerson Bristol-Perry was born in Memphis, Tennessee, and came to Battle Creek in 1953 with her parents and two older brothers. Her parents were very significant in her life and have always supported her involvement. Her father, a local Barber, operated Dickerson Barber Shop for many years. He instilled strong business ethics, in her, while her mother, a devoted church missionary, instilled strong religious and social values.

After graduating from Battle Creek Central High School in 1956, Bristol-Perry worked in Grand Rapids for a while, returning to work as a nurse's aide at Leila Hospital in 1963. She worked as a legal secretary to Attorney (Judge) Shelton Penn in 1964. He encouraged her to run for the Calhoun County Board of Supervisors in 1968, and she beat an incumbent for the seat, becoming the board's first black female member.

Her love for children led her to open Sugar & Spice Childcare Center on Upton Avenue in 1973. She set up a child care service at Kellogg Community College in 1987, started an after school program at Wilson Elementary School, and the former Battle Creek Day Care Center while still operating the original Sugar and Spice Child Care Center which she currently operates on 24th Street.

In 1982, she was elected to the Battle Creek City Commission. During her five years on the commission, she served on the planning commission, Downtown Development Authority, was a member of Battle Creek Unlimited and President of the Calhoun County Business and Professional Association. In April 1984, she became the city's first African American Female Mayor, which opened many opportunities locally, and to travel abroad.

Perry became chairman of the Area Metropolitan Services Agency in 1986 and was a member of the National League of Cities Community and Economic Development Policy Committee. She was project coordinator for the West End Redevelopment Association and founder of the Minority Business Owners Association. She served as President of the Battle Creek Branch NAACP for four years and was a member of the Battle Creek Prayer Breakfast for fourteen years, as well as Mount Zion A.M.E Church Trustee.

In 1989 she met and married Richard A. Perry, a local Businessman, who is now deceased, but was very significant in her life. In his loving memory, she established the Richard A. Perry Scholarship Fund to help young children achieve their dreams.

She continues to operate Sugar & Spice Childcare Center for over 48 years and has served on the board of Maranatha Original Church of God for over 25 years. Over the years she has received many recognition awards for her community service.

She says "through my vision and the knowledge that God has given me, along with the gift of compassion, I plan to continue working in the childcare business and helping others. My achievements have come from my faith in the power of God and in knowing my purpose in life."

220.09 COMMEMORATIVE DESIGNATION.

(a) Alternative to Street Name Change. Without changing the official street name, streets may be designated to commemorate persons, events or organizations not meeting the criteria or conditions for a street name change.

(b) Procedure. To request the commemorative designation of a street or portion of a street, three or more of the following conditions must be fulfilled prior to consideration by the City Commission to commemoratively designate a street or portion of a street:

(1) The proposed commemorative name or designation shall either be informative in nature or of historical significance, including a former street name determined to be of historical significance, or a memorial to an individual or family having national, state or local significance for notable community service.

(2) The proposed name shall not be similar or duplicative of a current street name in the Battle Creek metropolitan area.

(3) A commemorative designation is to be limited to that portion of the street or portion of the community where the designation is significant.

(c) Review of Commemorative Designation Requests. A request for the commemorative designation of a City street shall be directed to the Planning and Community Development Department. The Department shall refer the request to the following City Departments for review and comment:

- (1) Fire Department;
- (2) Police Department;
- (3) Traffic Engineering Manager;
- (4) Geographic Information Systems Department;
- (5) Battle Creek Historic District Commission.

(d) Report. The Planning and Community Development Department shall prepare a report for the City Manager, applying the required conditions for commemorative street designation contained in this section. The Manager shall forward the report to the City Commission for consideration and public hearing. All property owners of record directly abutting the street or portion of the street as well as affected neighborhood partnership associations shall be notified of the public hearing by regular mail.

(e) Consideration of Request. City Commission shall approve or deny a request to commemorate a City street or portion of a City street following a public hearing within thirty days of the public hearing. Upon approval of a commemorative designation of a public street, the City shall add the honorary commemorative name to any City street sign name along the section of the street so designated. The street name designs and placement must conform to the Battle Creek Traffic Engineering Operations Manual. The commemorative name shall be clearly subordinate to the primary name in size and style of lettering. A logo may also be included to highlight the designation. The cost of producing, installing, maintaining and replacing commemorative names shall be paid for by the requesting party prior to any City work being commenced to change signs.

(f) Heritage Streets. The following streets are recognized and commemoratively designated as Heritage Streets as being in existence when Battle Creek was incorporated as a City and remain in existence under their original name at the time of adoption of this ordinance: Bartlett, Battle Creek, Bennett, Brook, Calhoun, Caroline, Cass, Champion, Cherry, Clay, Cliff, College, Division, Fountain, Frelinghuysen, Fremont, Goguc, Green, Jackson, Jay, Kendall, Main, Manchester, Mary, McCamly,

Mott, North Avenue, Penn, Poplar, Prospect, Race, Rittenhouse, South Avenue, Spring, State, Tompkins, Van Buren, Washington, Wendell, West, Willis, Wood, Yuba. These streets or any portion of them are not eligible for renaming.

(Ord. 2-01. Passed 2-20-01.)