



City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Agenda - Final

Neighborhoods Committee

*Chairperson Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney
Vice Chair Betsy Sundermann
Councilmember Wendell Young
Vice-Mayor Christopher Smitherman*

Monday, November 8, 2021

11:00 AM

Council Chambers, Room 300

PRESENTATIONS

RESOURCES FOR HOUSING CODE VIOLATIONS

RESOURCES FOR HOME OWNERSHIP

AGENDA

[202103052](#) **ORDINANCE**, dated 10/28/2021, submitted by Vice Mayor Smitherman, from Andrew Garth, City Solicitor, **DECLARING** that Vine Street at Liberty Street hereby receives the honorary, secondary name of Clifford William George Way in memory of Cincinnati Police Officer Clifford William George and in recognition of his service to the City of Cincinnati.

Sponsors: Smitherman

Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
[Ordinance](#)

[202103059](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 11/3/2021, **RENAMING** the portion of Missouri Avenue located north of Newell Place and south of Rushton Road in the Columbia Tusculum neighborhood as "Flinn Avenue."

Sponsors: City Manager

Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
[Ordinance](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Legislative Record](#)
[CPC Memo to Clerk](#)

[202103065](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) (B VERSION)**, dated 11/2/2021, submitted by Vice Mayor Smitherman, **DECLARING** that Vine Street at Liberty Street hereby receives the honorary, secondary name of Clifford William George Way and that Liberty Street at Vine hereby receives the honorary, secondary named of Canine Bandit Way in memory of Cincinnati Police Officer Clifford William George and Canine Bandit, and in recognition of their service to the City of Cincinnati.

Sponsors: Smitherman

Attachments: [TRANSMITTAL](#)
[ORDINANCE](#)

[202103071](#) **COMMUNICATION** Submitted by Councilmember Young from Ms Paula Breeze.

Sponsors: Young

Attachments: [Communication](#)

ADJOURNMENT

202103052

Date: October 28, 2021

To: Vice Mayor Christopher Smitherman
From: Andrew Garth, City Solicitor *AWG*
Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Honorary Street Name Clifford William George Way**

Transmitted herewith is an emergency ordinance captioned as follows:

DECLARING that Vine Street at Liberty Street hereby receives the honorary, secondary name of Clifford William George Way in memory of Cincinnati Police Officer Clifford William George and in recognition of his service to the City of Cincinnati.

AWG/CFG/(lnk)
Attachment
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EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

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AWB

An Ordinance No. _____

-2021

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WHEREAS, Officer Clifford William George was born on August 12, 1946, to parents Edward and Charlotte George of Walnut Hills; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Central Adult High School in 1964 and began work assembling vehicles at the General Motors Assembly Plant in Norwood; and

WHEREAS, Officer George was drafted into the United States Army in January 1966, undergoing basic training and military police training at Fort Hood, Texas; and

WHEREAS, after his deployment to Vietnam, Officer George participated in combat, convoy escort, post and town patrol, POW security, and ammunition supply post duties; and

WHEREAS, Officer George was honorably discharged on October 12, 1967, having received medals for Good Conduct and Army Commendation, as well as a Vietnam Service Award; and

WHEREAS, after returning to Cincinnati, Officer George joined management at General Motors, and attended the University of Cincinnati, majoring in industrial management; and

WHEREAS, on October 24, 1971, Officer George joined the Cincinnati Police Department as a police recruit, and was promoted to patrolman on March 12, 1972, receiving Badge 339 and assignment at District 4; and

WHEREAS, in 1977 he transferred to the Regional Enforcement of Narcotics Unit (RENU), and in 1983 completed an Instructor Development Course at the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and

WHEREAS, on January 18, 1987, Officer George transferred to District 5; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 1987, Officer George lost his life in the line of duty while attempting to arrest a suspect involved in a domestic dispute; and

WHEREAS, Officer George was survived by his wife, Barbara (Johnson) George, and three children, Jennifer Lynn George (age 15), Paige Alexandra George (age 12), and Jeffrey Michael George (age 8), and a sister, Janice Matinus; and

WHEREAS, Officer George was a very involved father and admired in his community of Springfield Township as a soccer coach; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his service as a soccer coach, Springfield Township purchased land and created soccer fields now known as Clifford George Fields; and

WHEREAS, his daughter Jennifer has served as a Cincinnati police officer since 1998; his daughter Paige was a nurse at University Hospital, now residing in South Carolina; his son Jeffrey is a United States Marine; and his wife retired as the head of the information technology department of the Metropolitan Sewer District, also now residing in South Carolina; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That Vine Street at Liberty Street shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of Clifford William George Way by legislative action of the Mayor and City Council in memory of Cincinnati Police Officer Clifford William George and in recognition of his service to the City of Cincinnati.

Section 2. That the appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to implement the provisions of Section 1 herein, including the generation and installation of appropriate secondary street signage, which shall designate Vine Street at Liberty Street as Clifford William George Way in accordance with the Department of Transportation and Engineering's procedures relating to street designation and related signage.

Section 3. That a copy of this ordinance be sent to the family of Clifford William George via the office of Vice Mayor Christopher Smitherman.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms

of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to create signage for the naming ceremony, scheduled for November 12, 2021.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

November 3, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council **202103059**
From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager
Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Renaming a portion of Missouri Avenue to Flinn Avenue in Columbia Tusculum

Transmitted is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

RENAMING the portion of Missouri Avenue located north of Newell Place and south of Rushton Road in the Columbia Tusculum neighborhood as “Flinn Avenue.”

The City Planning Commission recommended approval of the emergency ordinance at its October 15, 2021, meeting.

Summary

In accordance with the City of Cincinnati Committee of Names, Procedure for Processing Proposals for the naming or renaming of City Facilities and streets, as empowered by Resolution 16-2003, a request to rename the western portion of Missouri Avenue to Flinn Avenue has been submitted for consideration: The Committee of Names voted in favor August 2021 to the renaming of Missouri Avenue to Flinn Avenue.

A request to rename a portion of Missouri Avenue in Columbia Tusculum was received from the Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) and the Emergency Contact Center (ECC - 911) in early 2021. By changing the name of Missouri Avenue, between Newell Place and Rushton Road, the homes can keep their current address numbers, which do not follow the set address range of the rest of Missouri Avenue. As shown on the map, Missouri Avenue forms a “U” and the eastern portion of the street will remain the same.

The proposed street name is “Flinn Avenue”. This name was chosen with help from staff at the Cincinnati History Library and Archives at the Cincinnati Museum Center. Cincinnati’s first neighborhood, “Columbia,” was founded in 1788 by Benjamin Stites. The first wedding that took place was in 1790, between Jane Newell and James Flinn. Taking into consideration this historical significance, the intersection of this street with Newell Place, and being that there is no other street in Hamilton County with this name, Flinn Avenue was chosen to be the new street name. The proposed renaming is consistent with Plan Cincinnati (2012) and the Columbia Tusculum Community Council has decided to not take a position on this proposal. The City Planning Commission recommended the following on October 15, 2021, to City Council:

The City Planning Commission recommended the following on October 15, 2021, to City Council:

APPROVE the street name change of the western portion of Missouri Avenue to Flinn Avenue Columbia Tusculum.

cc: Katherine Keough-Jurs, AICP, Director, Department of City Planning and Engagement

EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____

- 2021

RENAMING the portion of Missouri Avenue located north of Newell Place and south of Rushton Road in the Columbia Tusculum neighborhood as “Flinn Avenue.”

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Engineering and the Emergency Communication Center have proposed renaming the portion of Missouri Avenue located north of Newell Place and south of Rushton Road in the Columbia Tusculum neighborhood as “Flinn Avenue” to provide for improved emergency responses in the area; and

WHEREAS, the name “Flinn Avenue” was chosen following consultation with the Cincinnati Historic Library and Archives at the Cincinnati Museum Center, which advised that the first wedding in Cincinnati’s first neighborhood, Columbia, occurred in 1790 between Jane Newell and James Flinn in proximity to present day Newell Place; and

WHEREAS, requests to rename streets are considered pursuant to Council Resolution No. 16-2003, which calls for requests to be reviewed by the Committee of Names and the City Planning Commission prior to approval by the Council; and

WHEREAS, notification of the proposed renaming was circulated among the property owners along the portion of Missouri Avenue subject to the renaming, and no objections were received; and

WHEREAS, the Committee of Names met in August 2021 and, after considering the request to rename a portion of Missouri Avenue to Flinn Avenue, recommended approval of the name change; and

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission, at its regularly scheduled meeting on October 15, 2021, considered the request to rename a portion of Missouri Avenue to Flinn Avenue, and it recommended approval of the name change; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that renaming the portion of Missouri Avenue located north of Newell Place and south of Rushton Road in the Columbia Tusculum neighborhood as Flinn Avenue to be in the best interests of the City and the general public’s health, safety, and welfare; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the portion of Missouri Avenue located north of Newell Place and south of Rushton Road in the Columbia Tusculum neighborhood, as depicted on the map attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby renamed "Flinn Avenue."

Section 2. That the proper City officials are hereby authorized to take all necessary and proper actions to carry out the provisions and intent of this ordinance, including the fabrication and installation of street signage in accordance with the Department of Transportation and Engineering's policies and procedures.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to allow the Department of Transportation and Engineering to move forward with the administrative requirements related to the naming of streets to provide for improved emergency responses in the area at the earliest time.

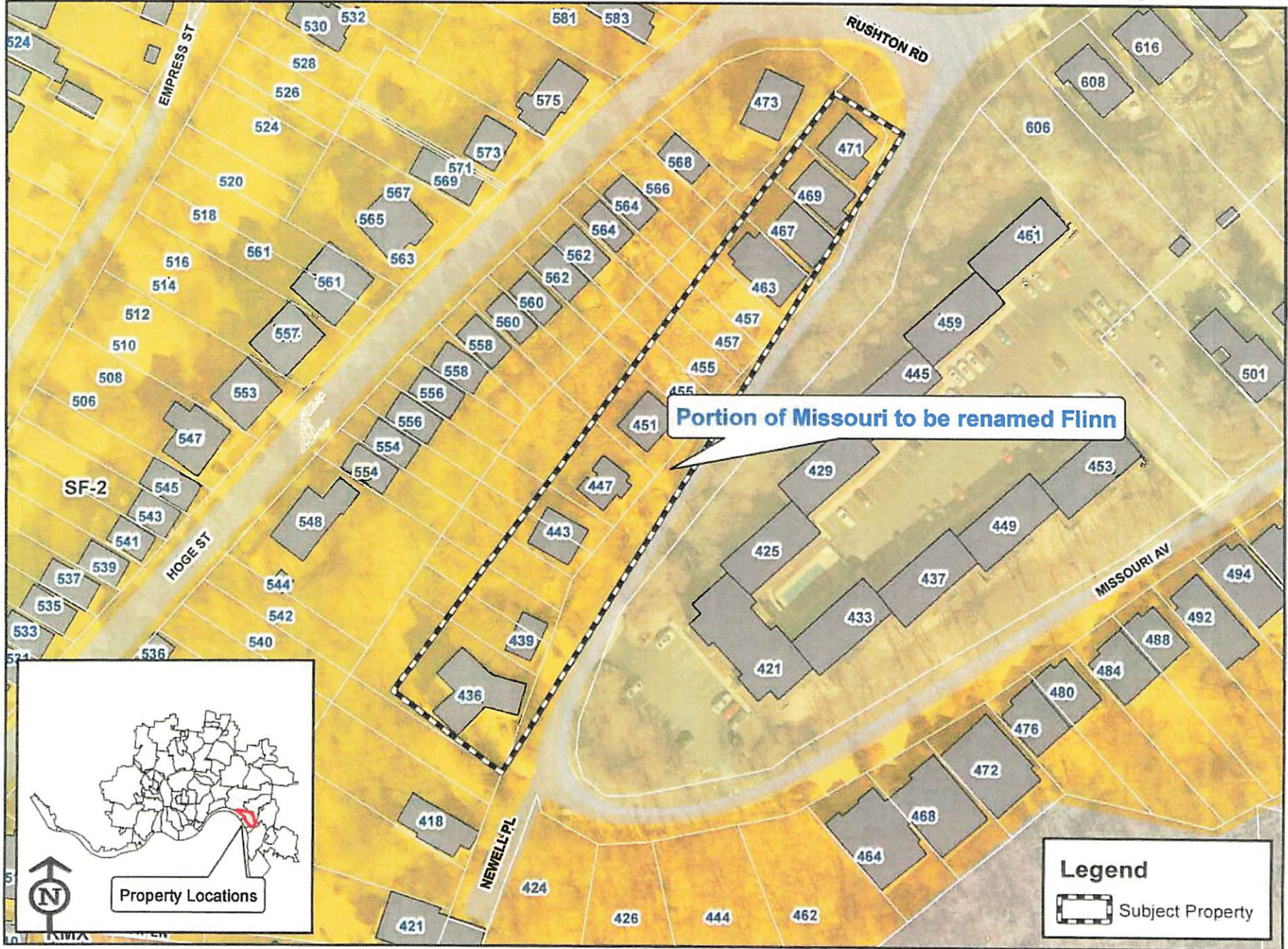
Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

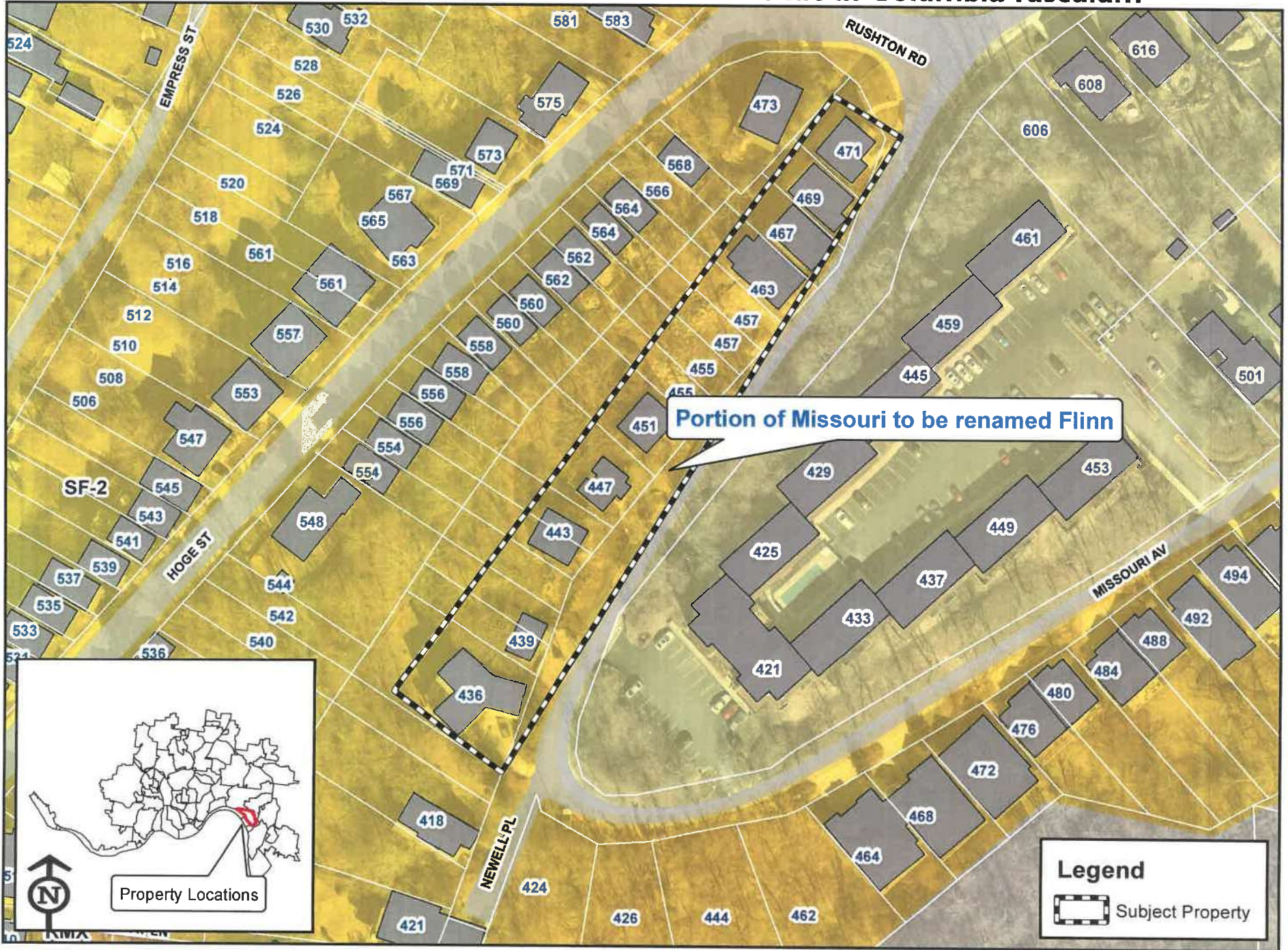
Attest: _____
Clerk

EXHIBIT A

Ex.A - Rename Missouri Avenue to Flinn Avenue in Columbia Tusculum



Ex.A - Rename Missouri Avenue to Flinn Avenue in Columbia Tusculum



Honorable City Planning Commission
Cincinnati, Ohio

October 15, 2021

SUBJECT: A report and recommendation on a proposed street name change of the western portion of Missouri Avenue to Flinn Avenue in Columbia Tusculum.

BACKGROUND:

A request to rename a portion of Missouri Avenue in Columbia Tusculum was received from the Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOT) and the Emergency Communications Center (ECC - 911) in early 2021. By changing the name of Missouri Avenue, between Newell Place and Rushton Road, the homes can keep their current address numbers, which do not follow the set address range of the rest of Missouri Avenue. As shown on the map, Missouri Avenue forms a “U” and the eastern portion of the street will remain the same.

As the 911 Public Safety Answering Point for the City of Cincinnati, it is critically important to the ECC that addresses clearly and accurately convey the location of a building or property, and that the addresses will be within DOT addressing guidelines. During an emergency call, heightened stress makes it difficult for callers to articulate their location. Sometimes, they are only able to provide the nearest posted address. When an address does not follow a logical addressing plan, 911 Operators may not send help to the best location, or Police and Fire responders may be unable to find the person needing help. Making this change could make a positive difference during a future emergency.

The proposed street name is “Flinn Avenue”. This name was chosen with help from staff at the Cincinnati History Library and Archives at the Cincinnati Museum Center. Cincinnati’s first neighborhood, “Columbia,” was founded in 1788 by Benjamin Stites. The first wedding that took place was in 1790, between Jane Newell and James Flinn. Taking into consideration this historical significance, the intersection of this street with Newell Place, and being that there is no other street in Hamilton County with this name, Flinn Avenue was chosen to be the new street name.

COMMITTEE OF NAMES:

In accordance with the City of Cincinnati Committee of Names, Procedure for Processing Proposals for the naming or renaming of City Facilities, as empowered by resolution 16-2003, a request to change the name of the following street has been submitted for consideration:

1. The renaming of the western portion of Missouri Avenue to Flinn Avenue in Columbia Tusculum.

The Committee of Names voted unanimously in late August 2021, to support the name change to Flinn Avenue. The Committee of Names is recommending to the Director of City Planning and Engagement to change this portion of Missouri Avenue to Flinn Avenue.

PROCEDURE:

Pursuant to Section III, E of the Committee of Names Procedure for Processing Proposals: The Director of City Planning and Engagement shall consider the Committee of Names’ vote and recommendation and make a recommendation to the City Planning Commission. The Director is not

bound by the Committee's recommendation. The City Planning Commission shall consider the Director's recommendation and pursuant to its advisory powers under Article VII Section 9 of the City Charter, make a recommendation to City Council, together with any necessary and appropriate legislation.

NOTIFICATION:

Upon receiving the request, the Department of City Planning and Engagement staff sent out notices on August 16, 2021 to all the property owners and residents along the one block stretch of the western portion of Missouri Avenue via Certified Mail seeking feedback and providing contact information if there were questions or comments. 16 letters were sent out to the property owners. 4 were returned with a signature and 3 letters were returned as undeliverable. For 9 of the letters there was no return and no signature. This mailing was in addition to two previous mailings that were sent out by DOTE. There has been no opposition to the street name change to-date. The Columbia Tusculum Community Council was also notified. Staff received questions from the President, but the Community Council has decided not to take a position on the matter.

CONSISTENCY WITH PLAN CINCINNATI:

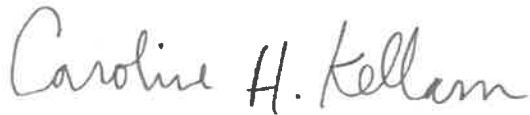
The proposed street name change is consistent with the Collaborate Initiative Area of *Plan Cincinnati* (2012), "to cooperate internally and externally to improve service efficiency" (page 217).

RECOMMENDATION:

The staff of the Department of City Planning and Engagement, after considering all relevant correspondence and Committee of Names, recommends that the City Planning Commission take the following action:

APPROVE the street name change of the western portion of Missouri Avenue to Flinn Avenue in Columbia Tusculum.

Respectfully submitted:



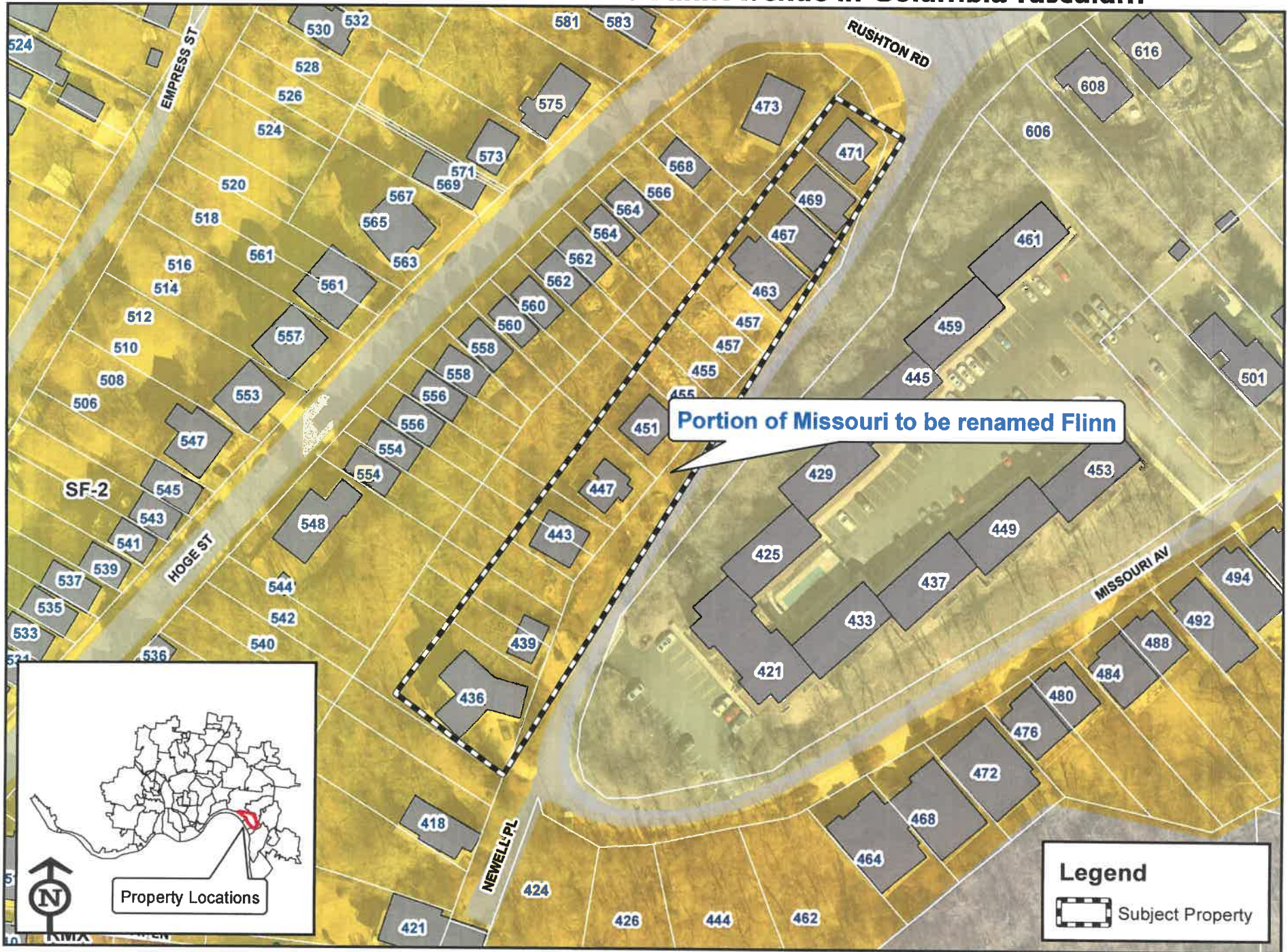
Caroline Hardy Kellam, Senior City Planner
Department of City Planning and Engagement

Approved:



Katherine Keough-Jurs, AICP, Director
Department of City Planning and Engagement

Ex.A - Rename Missouri Avenue to Flinn Avenue in Columbia Tusculum



September 11, 2020

Chris Ertel
City of Cincinnati
Department of Transportation & Engineering
801 Plum Street, Suite 420
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Dear Mr. Ertel,

I am writing to express agreement with the proposal to make changes to either the address numbers or the street name to resolve the issue with addressing, so that they are within proper DOTE addressing guidelines:

- Missouri Av

As the 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Point for the City of Cincinnati, it is critically important to the Emergency Communications Center that addresses clearly and accurately convey the location of a building or property, and that the addresses be within DOTE addressing guidelines.

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Sincerely,



William F. Vedra III, ECC Director

November 3, 2021

Cincinnati City Council
Council Chambers, City Hall
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Dear Members of Council:

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Motion to Approve: Ms. Sesler

Ayes: Mr. Juech
Ms. McKinney
Mr. Samad
Ms. Sesler
Mr. Smitherman
Mr. Eby
Mr. Stallworth

Seconded: Mr. Smitherman

THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION



Katherine Keough-Jurs, AICP, Director
Department of City Planning and Engagement

Date: November 2, 2021

To: Vice Mayor Christopher Smitherman
From: Andrew Garth, City Solicitor *AWG*
Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Honorary Street Name Clifford William George Way and Canine Bandit Way (B VERSION)**

Transmitted herewith is an emergency ordinance captioned as follows:

DECLARING that Vine Street at Liberty Street hereby receives the honorary, secondary name of Clifford William George Way and that Liberty Street at Vine hereby receives the honorary, secondary name of Canine Bandit Way in memory of Cincinnati Police Officer Clifford William George and Canine Bandit, and in recognition of their service to the City of Cincinnati.

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Attachment
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An Ordinance No. _____

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WHEREAS, Officer George was a very involved father and admired in his community of Springfield Township as a soccer coach; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his service as a soccer coach, Springfield Township purchased land and created soccer fields now known as Clifford George Fields; and

WHEREAS, his daughter Jennifer has served as a Cincinnati police officer since 1998; his daughter Paige was a nurse at University Hospital, now residing in South Carolina; his son Jeffrey is a United States Marine; and his wife retired as the head of the information technology department of the Metropolitan Sewer District, also now residing in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Canine Bandit also responded to the scene of Officer's George's death, with his handler Officer Gerald Norton; and

WHEREAS, as trained, Canine Bandit lunged at the armed suspect who had begun to fire Officer George's revolver at Officer Norton and other responding officers; and

WHEREAS, Canine Bandit was struck by a bullet and killed at the scene; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That Vine Street at Liberty Street shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary names of Clifford William George Way and that Liberty Street at Vine hereby receives the honorary, secondary name of Canine Bandit Way by legislative action of the Mayor and City Council in memory of Cincinnati Police Officer Clifford William George and Canine Bandit, and in recognition of their service to the City of Cincinnati.

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Section 3. That a copy of this ordinance be sent to the family of Clifford William George via the office of Vice Mayor Christopher Smitherman and that a copy of this ordinance be sent to the Greater Cincinnati Police Museum and Sergeant Gerald Norton via the office of Vice Mayor Christopher Smitherman.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to create signage for the naming ceremony, scheduled for November 12, 2021.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

26 Oct 2021

YDK
11/3/21

Mr Wendell Young
Cincinnati City Council

Dear Mr Young,

Several days ago, a frequent visitor to Otto Armleder Park witnessed the groundskeepers spraying glyphosphate solution, known by the trade name Roundup, on the field comprising one section of the dog park. That field, unsurprisingly, was a desiccated wasteland within three days, an ugly brownish-black expanse of dead and dying vegetation. The sign at the entrance warns all visitors not to enter the area until Spring, 2022; the Park Department is re-seeding.

In its' Mission Statement, the Cincinnati Parks Foundation promises to "promote the conservation and enhancement of our city's parks and greenspaces." The Great Parks Master Plan includes as goals, "ecologically sound land management practices," "minimizing negative ecological impact," and "preserving wetland, forest, and streams." One would hope that preserving the health of those who use the park, human or animal, would also be a goal. In this, as in the other goals and promises, one would be disappointed.

Roundup is a deadly poison.

In 2015, the World Health Organization through the International Agency on Research on Cancer, determined that Roundup is probably a human carcinogen. Roundup has been linked to non-Hodgkins lymphoma, multiple myeloma, and leukemia. Bayer, which owns Roundup's developer Monsanto, is the defendant in over 13,000 lawsuits involving the herbicide. Because of dangers associated with its' use, cities and counties in 13 states in the US have enacted full or partial bans against Roundup. Worldwide, twenty countries have placed these bans.

The US Department of Agriculture states that Roundup remains in the ground where it has been sprayed from 3 to 249 days. Cornell University estimates a 1-174 day half-life, during which half of the substance will have disappeared from the soil. *The Ecologist* disagrees with Cornell's estimate of a "less than 2% runoff" during that time, stating in the June 3, 2019 issue that there are substantial "leaks into the surrounding environment and waterways."

For seven years, my dogs and I have used Otto Armleder Park from once to several times a week except during the annual floods each spring and fall. During these floods, the park can be under fifteen feet of water or more from the Little Miami River, which borders the park on three sides. Besides the dog park, always well attended, we enjoy the trails, the wild bird habitat, and the youth soccer games across the road. Councilmember, can you guarantee that this floodwater will not release residual Roundup and disseminate it over the entire park? This would, of course, include the nearby soccer fields, host to dozens of families each week. Can you guarantee that flooding will not release Roundup into the Little Miami River system, there to be carried downstream, killing sensitive aquatic organisms and polluting the river? Can you guarantee that birds and animals residing here are not ingesting toxic amounts of this lethal herbicide's residue?

I say you cannot make these guarantees. I say the decision to use this deadly herbicide was an irresponsible betrayal of public trust. What are you going to do about it?

Paula Breeze

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