

Proposed Renaming of Mercy Health Place to Patricia McCollum Way in Bond Hill

Equitable Growth and Housing Committee
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Background

- Mercy Health opened headquarters in Bond Hill in 2016
 - Completely exited property by March 2025
- Hamilton County Commissioners voted in September 2025 to buy Bond Hill building
- Patricia “Pat” McCollum (1946-2024)
 - Devout foster mother, social worker, advocate for children in Cincinnati
 - Fostered more than 70 children and adopted several
 - Legacy of compassion and advocacy for vulnerable youth – aligned with mission of the department of Jobs and Family Services



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Engagement

- Hamilton County Board of Commissioners engaged Ms. McCollum's family
- Contacted Bond Hill Community Council (BHCC) President Jacqueline Edmerson
- Attended September 4, 2025, meeting of Bond Hill Community Council
- Public Staff Conference on October 1, 2025
 - Two-week notice sent to BHCC, Paddock Hills Assembly, adjacent property owners
- Notice of November 7th City Planning Commission meeting

Analysis

Committee of Names met October 13, 2025, to review:

- **General Criteria**
 - Not long or difficult to pronounce
 - Not a duplicate of or too similar to the name of an existing City Facility
- **Criteria Specific to Names Identified with Individuals**
 - Not named for a living person
 - In public interest to honor the person for historical and commemorative reasons
 - Made a signification contribution to the area

Plan Consistency

Plan Cincinnati (2012)

- Live Initiative Area “Create a welcoming civic atmosphere” (p. 153)

Recommendation

City Planning Commission recommends that City Council take the following action:

APPROVE the proposed renaming of “Mercy Health Place” to “Patricia McCollum Way” in Bond Hill.