



TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

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Legislation Text

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Approve Council Naming Committee Recommendation for Peace and Justice Plaza.

Staff:

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Department:

Chapel Hill Public Library

Overview: The Council Procedures Manual authorizes the Council Naming Committee to annually recommend to Council names of persons nominated to be honored on the Peace and Justice Plaza marker. Nominees for the Peace and Justice Plaza marker must be deceased and have demonstrated a lifelong commitment to furthering the causes of peace and justice in Chapel Hill. The Naming Committee recommends that the Council proceed with engraving two names on the marker in FY22: Robert Seymour and Edith Wiggins. The Naming Committee notes that the marker at the Peace and Justice Plaza site will near maximum capacity once both names have been engraved on the marker.



Recommendation(s):

That the Council authorizes the Town Manager to proceed with engraving the names of Robert Seymour and Edith Wiggins on the Peace and Justice Plaza marker.



Attachments:

- Resolution

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COUNCIL NAMING COMMITTEE
(2021-09-01/R-4)**

WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill approved naming the space in front of the old Post Office the Peace and Justice Plaza; and

WHEREAS, the Council approved the placement of a stone marker at the site that would display the names of residents who had given much of their lives to the causes of peace and justice in our community; and

WHEREAS, Mayor pro tem Michael Parker requested adding the name of Robert Seymour, long-time Chapel Hill resident, pastor and social justice advocate, to the Peace and Justice marker; and

WHEREAS, Mayor pro tem Michael Parker requested adding the name of Edith Wiggins, former Town Council member and advocate for affordable housing, pay equity, and public transportation to the Peace and Justice marker; and

WHEREAS, the Council Naming Committee accepted these requests and recommends to the Council that they proceed with engraving both names on the marker; and

WHEREAS, the stone marker at the Peace and Justice Plaza site will near maximum capacity once both names have been engraved on the marker; and

WHEREAS, the Council Naming Committee recommends initiating a redesign process of the Peace and Justice Plaza that will allow the Town to continue to honor residents who have given much of their lives to the causes of peace and justice in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council authorize the Town Manager to proceed with engraving the names of Robert Seymour and Edith Wiggins on the Peace and Justice Plaza marker.

This the 1st day of September, 2021.

The Agenda will reflect the text below and/or the motion text will be used during the meeting.

By adopting the resolution, the Council authorizes the Town Manager to proceed with engraving the names of Robert Seymour and Edith Wiggins on the Peace and Justice Plaza marker.