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City of Grand Rapids  
Agenda Action Request

**DATE:** May 13, 2025

**TO:** Mark Washington, City Manager

**COMMITTEE:** Community Development Committee

**LIAISON:** Mary Kate Berens, Deputy City Manager

**FROM:** Tim Burkman, City Engineer  
Engineering

**SUBJECT:** Resolution scheduling a Public Hearing for June 10, 2025 to consider a Commemorative Street Designation at Madison Avenue SE and Alger Street SE as “Dr. MaLinda Sapp Way”

The City has received a request from Pastor Rory R. Marshall and the Lighthouse Full Life Center GR to designate the intersection of Madison Avenue SE and Alger Street SE as “Dr. MaLinda Sapp Way”.

On September 9, 2010 Dr. MaLinda Sapp passed away following a battle with cancer. A graduate of Ottawa Hills High School, Dr. Sapp became a pivotal member of Grand Rapids through education, faith, and community outreach. Along with her husband, Marvin Sapp, Dr. Sapp founded the Lighthouse Full Life Center in 2003 where she continued her 20 plus years in ministry to the local Grand Rapids community.

Dr. Sapp contributed to the community and its youth through a K-12 program for students to study Arts and Technology through the Grand Rapids Ellington Academy for Arts and Technology (GREAT) Inc. where she served as the first principal. Dr Sapp enjoyed bestowing her education as a National Board-Certified Counselor and licensed psychologist in Grand Rapids, and at Grand Rapids Community College as a psychology professor.

The request will be circulated to City Departments in accordance with City Commission Policy No. 1000-20, "Renaming City Streets", and any pertinent responses will be incorporated into the City Engineer's report per the City Commission Policy.

The attached resolution sets June 10, 2025, as the date for a public hearing to consider the proposed commemorative designation. Per policy, all owners of record of properties directly abutting the portion of the intersection of Madison Avenue SE and Alger Street

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SE to “Dr. MaLinda Sapp Way” that is requested to be designated will be notified of the hearing by mail.

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Your COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE recommends the adoption of the following resolution scheduling a Public Hearing for June 10, 2025 to consider a commemorative street name designation at the intersection of Madison Avenue SE and Alger Street SE as “Dr. MaLinda Sapp Way”.

WHEREAS, a request has been received for the commemorative street name designation at the intersection of Madison Avenue SE and Alger Street SE as “Dr. MaLinda Sapp Way”; therefore

RESOLVED that a public hearing for consideration of the commemorative street name designation at the intersection of Madison Avenue SE and Alger Street SE as “Dr. MaLinda Sapp Way” will be held on June 10, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of hearing any and all persons affected by and interested in such commemorative designation. The hearing will take place in the City Commission Chambers on the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor of City Hall, 300 Monroe Avenue NW, Grand Rapids Michigan 49503.

**CORRECT IN FORM**



**DEPARTMENT OF LAW**