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# CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS AGENDA ACTION REQUEST

**DATE:** June 10, 2025

**TO:** Mark Washington, City Manager

**COMMITTEE:** City Commission Meeting

**LIAISON:** N/A

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

**SUBJECT:** **Public hearing considering the Commemorative Designation of Umatilla Street SE from Madison Avenue SE to Union Avenue SE as “Amillier Penn Way”**

This public hearing is to consider a request received from Corey Penn and Seeds of Promise GR for the commemorative designation of Umatilla St SE from Madison Avenue SE to Union Avenue SE as “Amillier Penn Way”.

On June 2, 2024, 15-year-old Amillier Penn was tragically taken as a result of gun violence on Umatilla St near Madison Avenue while playing sandlot football with friends. Amillier Penn grew up in the area, often visiting and staying with his grandmother in the nearby Oakhill Neighborhood. This tragedy has prompted community discussions on violence and safety.

The request has been 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.

City Commission resolution no 95420 set 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 Umatilla Street SE that is requested to be designated have been notified of the hearing by mail.

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