

3. Public hearing considering the Commemorative Designation at Madison Avenue SE and Alger Street SE as “Dr. MaLinda Sapp Way”



Item Number: 3

# 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 at Madison Avenue SE and Alger Street SE as "Dr. MaLinda Sapp Way"**

This public hearing is to consider a request received 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 twenty-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 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 95421 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 the intersection of Madison Avenue SE and Alger Street SE that is requested to be designated "Dr. MaLinda Sapp Way" have been notified of the hearing by mail.