

## NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

**RE:** **ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** Designating the corner of Starr and Newhall Street as “Daphine Shepard Corner” in perpetuity, making her legacy in New Haven stand as an official and permanent reminder of integrity, generosity, and dignity. (Alder Delphine Clyburn).

**REPORT:** 1543-23

**ADVICE:** Approval

### BACKGROUND

Alder Delphine Clyburn has initiated this request to honor Ms. Daphine Shepard-Ferguson, a distinguished member of the Newhallville community. Miss Daphine is the daughter and only child of Joanne Keyes and Clifton Keyes (stepfather). A New Haven native, Miss Daphine was born in 1949, educated in the New Haven Public School system and has been a member of Macedonia COGIC Church for more than ten years. Prior to her retirement, she worked as a booking officer for the New Haven County Sheriff’s Office for 26 years. According to Alder Clyburn, Miss Daphine was active in the civil rights movement, she realized there was a need to uplift her community, became a community activist, joined the Black Panther Party movement and started a feeding program serving inner city children in greater New Haven. Miss Daphine founded the Good Shepard Outreach Ministries, where for ten years her efforts included arranging for two truck-loads of food salvage distributed each week, running a safe house for kids leaving gangs, making referrals for drug rehabilitation programs and homeless shelters. Miss Daphine has truly served the community with distinction and compassion.

### PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

More than 300 New Haven residents signed a petition asking the City to name the corner in honor of Miss Daphine.

### ADVICE

The Commission finds the Order in the best interest of the City and recommends approval.

**ADOPTED:** April 18, 2018  
Leslie Radcliffe  
Vice Chair

**ATTEST:** MPL  
Michael Piscitelli, AICP  
Deputy Economic Development Administrator

