## NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS DESIGNATING THE CORNER OF DIXWELL AVENUE AND MUNSON STREETS AS "BISHOP ROBERT J. GAY, SR. CORNER" IN PERPETUITY TO HONOR BISHOP ROBERT J. GAY, SR., FOR HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS AND GREAT SERVICES TO THE NEW HAVEN COMMUNITY (Alder Jackson-Brooks)

REPORT: 1499-08 ADVICE: Approval

## BACKGROUND

Alder Andrea Jackson-Brooks (Ward 4) has submitted an Order; in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Code of Ordinances, to name the corner intersection of Munson Street at Dixwell Avenue in honor of Bishop Robert J. Gay, Sr. The naming would be a permanent memorialization of Bishop Gay's "many contributions and great services to the New Haven community". Bishop Gay is the Shepherd of St. Matthew's UFWB Church in New Haven, CT, and has held this Pastorate since 1978.

## PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

In choosing street and place names the Commission's main concern is that the names are unique to the location, avoiding address confusion, and the in the case of a memorial naming such as this, that the appropriate ordinance procedures have been followed. As the name will be unique to this corner, and the street names and mailing addresses are unaffected by this action, this seems to be a well-considered and appropriate memorial to someone who has contributed greatly to his congregation, and the broader community.

## ADVICE

The Commission finds the proposed designation of the intersection as "Bishop Robert J. Gay, Jr. Corner" appropriate and recommends approval.

ADOPTED: November 19, 2014

Edward Mattison

Chair

ATTEST:

Karyn M. Gilvarg, AIA Executive Director