

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS DESIGNATING THE CORNER OF BEERS AND ELM STREETS AS “BISHOP ROBERT H. STALLINGS, SR. CORNER” (Alder Frank Douglass)

REPORT:1497-06

ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND

Alder Frank Douglass (Ward 2) has submitted an Order; in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Code of Ordinances, to name the corner intersection of Beers Street at Elm Street in honor of Bishop Robert Henry Stallings, Sr. The naming would be a permanent memorialization of Bishop Stallings “contributions and great services to the New Haven community”.

Son of the late Counselor Enoch Matthew Stallings, Bishop Stallings was a veteran of the US Army as well as a baseball player, and author of numerous other achievements that are described in the submitted Order. The current location of the Church of God and Saints of Christ, of which he was Pastor for 39 years is at 109 Beers, adjacent to the intersection proposed for the memorial naming.


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 a well-considered and appropriate memorial to someone who contributed greatly to his congregation, the broader community and his country.

ADVICE

The Commission finds the proposed designation of the intersection as “Bishop Robert H. Stallings, Sr. Corner” appropriate and recommends approval.

ADOPTED: September 17, 2014
Edward Mattison
Chair

ATTEST: 
Karyn M. Gilvarg, AIA
Executive Director