

**MOTION**

**NO. M-26-6**

**CITY HALL: January 8, 2026**

**BY: COUNCILMEMBER GIARRUSSO**

**SECONDED BY: COUNCILMEMBER MORENO**

**WHEREAS**, in 2021, the New Orleans City Council formed the Street Renaming Commission, a collective group of historians, musicians, scholars, and residents tasked with suggesting new names for New Orleans streets named after white supremacists; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council unanimously voted to rename Robert E. Lee Boulevard for Allen Toussaint in 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, West Robert E. Lee Boulevard, being a separate street, was not renamed and maintains the Confederate designation; and

**WHEREAS**, many New Orleanians fondly remember the Zephyr Roller Coaster in Pontchartrain Amusement Park, which delighted young and old thrill-seekers alike until its closure in 1983; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1993, the Denver Zephyrs, a Minor League Baseball team, relocated to the Crescent City and became known as the New Orleans Zephyrs; and

**WHEREAS**, "Zephyr" is synonymous with New Orleans history of entertainment, amusement, and culture; **NOW THEREFORE**

**BE IT MOVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS**, That the City Planning Commission is directed to conduct a public hearing to consider renaming the approximate entirety of 0.3 miles of West Robert E. Lee Boulevard, bounded by Hammond Highway, Regent Street, and Pontchartrain Boulevard, to Zephyr Court.

**BE IT FURTHER MOVED**, That the Office of Information Technology and Innovation and the Department of Public Works are directed to provide to the City Planning Commission any information that may be required to effectuate this request pursuant to the City Planning Commission's rules, policies and procedures within ten business days of the passage of this motion.

**BE IT FURTHER MOVED**, That the Clerk of Council shall forward copies of this motion to the City Planning Commission, Office of Information Technology and Innovation, and the Department of Public Works.

**THE FOREGOING MOTION WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF, AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:**

**YEAS:** Giarrusso, Green, Harris, King, Moreno, Morrell - 6

**NAYS:** 0

**ABSENT:** Thomas - 1

**RECUSED:** 0

**AND THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED.**

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THE FOREGOING IS CERTIFIED  
TO BE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY  
Lera W. Johnson  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

**CITY PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026, 1:30 P.M.**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**1300 PERDIDO STREET, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER (ROOM 1E07)**

**THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF THE CPC ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES REGARDING STREET NAMES CHANGES, WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026, ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED STREET NAME CHANGE.**

**Street Name Change 001/26:** Consideration of the renaming of West Robert E. Lee Boulevard, bounded by Hammond Highway, Regent Street, and Pontchartrain Boulevard, to Zephyr Court.

THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES, WILL HEAR ALL PROPONENTS AND OPPONENTS TO THE ABOVE PROPOSED STREET NAME CHANGE. ALL INTERESTED PARTIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND AND ALL RELEVANT COMMENTS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED CHANGES ARE ENCOURAGED. YOU MAY ALSO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN ADVANCE BY MAIL (1300 PERDIDO STREET, SUITE 7W03, NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112, OR BY **EMAIL TO CPCINFO@NOLA.GOV**). THE DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS IS THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON THE MONDAY EIGHT DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING DATE.

February 4, 11 and 18, 2026

Robert D. Rivers, Executive Director

**West Robert E Lee**

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**From** Christopher M. Ard <cmard@nola.gov>

**Date** Tue 12/16/2025 11:14 AM

**To** Claire F. Byun <Claire.Byun@nola.gov>; Rachael Berg <rberg@nola.gov>

Hi ladies,

With the holidays and with everyone's hectic holiday schedules I wanted to make sure you this didn't fall through any cracks. (Also, I'm heading to Mexico for most of January so tying up loose ends now.)

Is there a proposed name I can start to verify now? To make sure there are duplicates or spelling situations.

There are currently 46 parcels impacted by the change.

There are about 77 addresses impacted by the change.

There are approximately 6 businesses in a strip mall impacted.

There is a Regions Bank impacted by the change.

We will have to change 1-2 street signs, and there is one missing where W Robert E Lee meets Pontchartrain Blvd...but that's a dpw problem.

If we get the ordinance by this weekend, we can make the change next week and have it available everywhere by January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Thanks!

**Christopher Ard, GISP**

Enterprise Data Manager

City of New Orleans

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**Re: West Robert E Lee**

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**From** Claire F. Byun <Claire.Byun@nola.gov>

**Date** Tue 12/16/2025 11:25 AM

**To** Christopher M. Ard <cmard@nola.gov>; Rachael Berg <rberg@nola.gov>

Hi Chris!

Yes, the proposed new name is **Leonard Lane**. We had to cut out several other suggestions because of their similarity to existing streets or duplicates of streets in Metairie. No need to make it more difficult for EMS than it already is.

AND I got an estimate from DPW: about \$100 per sign, so \$200 big ones.

We're planning on passing the motion kickstarting this on Thursday. I'll email the letter with more info (parcels, zoning, cost, etc) to CPC as soon as it passes.

**Claire Byun**

**Land Use and Policy Director**

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