

Professor Longhair

Christopher M. Ard

Tue 7/18/2023 1:41 PM

To: Rachael Berg <rberg@nola.gov>

Hey Rachael,

I'll be out of town starting tonight so I'll miss the Professor Longhair meeting but I wanted to make sure my message was included. I would have said the following:

GIS will not be able to accommodate the change as requested. If we make this updated change, it will result in 3 different sections of the same street (Terpsichore) in three different parts of town.

Our team has been working on fixing this issue over the last several decades and this would set us back tremendously. We have no control over Apple or Google Maps and as such, these maps would not know how to accommodate such an unorthodox street renaming.

Named rights-of-way need to be contiguous for most software to function properly, especially software utilized by our emergency services and 911.

This request is ideal for the Honorary street name process and it's the reason Mayor Cantrell created the process while she served as District B's representative. District B gave us the honorary street naming process and now they're asking to ignore that process, and the rules of software already in use in the city.

While the Enterprise Information Team is a big fan of Professor Longhair's accomplishments and support a street name in his honor, we cannot support the proposed change as described by Councilmember Harris as it would further impede our ability to locate people and places efficiently. We are still trying to cope with the recent changes of Harmony Circle, Johnny Jackson Jr, and other changes that circumvented established procedures.

Thanks!

Christopher Ard, GISP

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PAC, Street renames, etc.

Kathrine Cargo <kcargo@opcdla.gov>

Tue 7/18/2023 2:59 PM

To: Rachael Berg <rberg@nola.gov>

Cc: Byron Meredith <bmeredith@opcdla.gov>

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Hi Rachael,

I didn't realize Paul Cramer had retired from PAC. But now that I think about it, I have not received any PAC meeting announcements for a while, so it all make sense.

Anyway, I would like to request that I be added to the PAC mailing list for the meeting announcements and the agenda distribution. When I used to receive the notifications and the items for consideration, I would read the agenda and determine if there were any items that needed the attention of OPCD. As Chris mentioned, my interests are mainly around street renaming proposals. And as Chris mentioned, OPCD would be against naming only a portion of any street in the city. It is a bad practice for both the GIS and public safety agencies as it leads to confusion on the parts of the public, the DPW Sign Shop, all emergency responders, and visitors to the city. The honorary street naming solution proposed many years ago should be dusted off and adhered to by the CPC and the PAC unless the proposal is to change the name of the entire length of a street.

For tomorrow's meeting, please attach OPCD's concerns to the comments of Chris Ard on the matter of renaming portions of Terpsichore.

Thank you,

Kathrine

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Valerie Goines

From: Keith Abel <keithabel07@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 3:27 PM
To: CPCINFO
Subject: CPC Planning Advisory Committee IN RE: Proposed Street Name Change- Terpischore between St Charles and S. Rampart to Professor Longhair Lane

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Dear Honorable Commissioner,

Please accept my input as a taxpayer, property owner and business owner in Orleans Parish, I support the above referenced name change for Terpischore to Professor Longhair Lane. Henry Roeland Byrd is a cultural icon of New Orleans music and this change is long overdue!

Thank you

Keith Abel

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Re: Terpsichore St. Rename proposal August 8 Public Hearing

Faye LIEDER <liederf@bellsouth.net>

Mon 7/10/2023 2:21 PM

To: CPCINFO <CPCINFO@nola.gov>

Cc: Lesli Harris <Lesli.Harris@nola.gov>; JP Morrell <JP.Morrell@nola.gov>; Helena N. Moreno <Helena.Moreno@nola.gov>; Joseph I. Giarrusso <Joseph.Giarrusso@nola.gov>

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Monday, July 10, 2023

To: Executive Director, City Planning Commission

RE: Terpsichore Street proposed name change

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From: Mary MYSING-GUBALA <marygubala@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 4:25 PM
To: CPCINFO
Cc: Claire F. Byun
Subject: Consideration of Street Name Change 002/23

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To: City Planning Commission

Re: Consideration of Street Name Change 002/23: Consideration of renaming Terpsichore Street between St. Charles Avenue and South Rampart Street as Professor Longhair Lane.

To whom it may concern:

I am opposed to the renaming of Terpsichore St. between St. Charles Ave. and S. Rampart.

Terpsichore is one of the nine mythological Greek muses. I do not know of another city that has streets named for all nine of the muses in a row as New Orleans does. Renaming this street would be another blow at destroying our city's uniqueness.

To compound this issue, there are streets in New Orleans that have not had street signs since Katrina. There are others that have "signs" in name only as they are illegible, many since Katrina. It is appalling that the city can come up with the time, money and labor for this project rather than taking care of long-standing problems for our residents.

Finally, I would like to lodge a complaint about the lateness and inaccuracy of the notice of this meeting.

Sincerely,
Mary Mysing-Gubala, Ph.D.
319 S. Genois St.
New Orleans, La. 70119

Consideration of Street Name Change: 002/23

Sally Seaman <sallyseaman@cox.net>

Fri 6/30/2023 7:21 AM

To:CPCINFO <CPCINFO@nola.gov>

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Sent from my iPhone

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my opposition to the renaming of Terpsichore Street between St. Charles Avenue and Magnolia St.

New Orleans markets itself to tourists as being unique-“Only in New Orleans!” is an exclamation on which we pride ourselves. To my knowledge, we are the only city which has nine streets in a row honoring the nine Greek muses. If Terpsichore is renamed, we are removing one more factor which distinguishes us from other cities.

In addition, as one drives around the city, the number of streets with illegible signs or no signs at all is appalling. This is problematic for residents and tourists alike. Given our limited funds, these existing problems should be fixed before streets are renamed.

Sincerely,

Sally M. Seaman, Ph.D.

Marin Stephens

From: CPCINFO
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 8:17 AM
To: Marin Stephens
Subject: FW: Consideration of Street Name Change 002/23

Marin Stephens (she, her, hers)
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From: Sally Seaman <sallyseaman@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 6:13 AM
To: CPCINFO <CPCINFO@nola.gov>
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Further, as one drives around the city, the number of streets with no signs or with illegible signs is appalling. This is problematic for residents and tourists alike. Given our limited funds, these existing problems should be resolved before street names are changed.

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From: Patricia Walton <patbyrd1958@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 9:42 AM
To: CPCINFO
Subject: Re: Renaming Terpsichore street to Professor Longhair Lane

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Greetings Mr. Rivers, I will be attending this adoption ceremony tomorrow, yet for 43 years (ALONE) standing on the PROMISES OF GOD AND MY FAITH THAT GOD ANSWERS ALL PRAYERS IN HIS OWN TIME also I have promoted and dedicated myself to honoring my father life and legacy. It has always been my (MY) DESTINY to seek the rightful honoring for my father as the Giant of the New Orleans Music cultures The Bach Of Rock, yet I have very little to say, I have walked this city through the rain and storms my 6 year old son and I even being misplaced for Hurricane Katrina traveling many states to return home to keep his legacy alive for many years the importance of what my father deserves leaving such a legacy to this world. At MY HOME I share the greatest memories of my father and others with tourists and guests from around the world, if I may add my son (24 years old now and his 3 year old son inherited the Godly Gift from my fathers bloodline of music that one day will serve its purpose to be carried on for many years to come where the renaming of Terpsichore Street to Professor Longhair Lane is a blessing and is long overdue and definitely a huge honor as my father always said APPLES 🍏 NEVER FALL FAR FROM ITS ROOTS . I remind the entire world this is not about anyone but Henry Roland Byrd Sr. A/K/A Professor Longhair I asked that this considered here. I look forward to meeting you and the adoption of this honor . Thanks again! Pat Byrd Production LLC 1638-1740 Professor Longhair Lane/Terpsichore Street Central City.

On Tue, Jun 27, 2023 at 5:24 PM Patricia Walton <patbyrd1958@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Mr Robert D.Rivers, it's an honor as well as a pleasure working with you and The City Planning Commissioner and The City Councilwomen/ Councilman of all districts our Mayor Latoya Cantrell State Representatives Troy Carter and other States Representatives representing our great City and State , a special thanks to all musicians and music lovers everywhere that has supported me for many years honoring my father. As I remember my father was indeed devoted and dedicated to serving his Country in the C.C.C.(1940'S) and one of the organizers with The Civil Defense Unit 714 assisting our mayors during horrific situation such as hurricane season until his death. It was that calypso sound that has always brought many people together from near and far to party with and for a purpose in this great city Henry Roland Byrd Sr A/K/A was a loving and loyal citizen as well as a gifted musician that shared his love through his music. Although this honor is long overdue the fact remains it's never to late and he is well deserving of every honor this world can offer him as The Giant of MARDI GRAS and The New Orleans Music Cultures as his legacy makes history everyday, especially here at Patricia Byrd Production LLC 1738 PROFESSOR LONGHAIR LANE/ TERPSICHORE STREET CENTRAL CITY where tourists and guests and locals visit just about everyday as I educate others of my fathers life and legacy and share our amazing history. I am a strong believer that GODS GRACE WONT TAKE US WHERE HIS MERCY WONT PROTECT US AMEN ! Long Live Henry Roland Byrd Sr. A/K/A Professor Longhair. Be Blessed

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Mr. Rivers if I may add and address, it was brought to my attention by tourists and locals of renaming Terpsichore Street from So.Rampart St to Tchoupitoulas Street (I have no idea how this renaming of Terpsichore Street reflected to Magnolia St I never suggested this I requested that The City Planning Commissioner Office be contacted asap about this situation) also being as though my father name was just added to the wall of musicians at the Warehouse last year and his legacy reflects the his performances at the Warehouse I believe extending the renaming of Terpsichore Street to Tchoupitoulas Street to be in order reflecting the routes of tourists that visit Our Great City especially , as well I don't intended to be a problem here only suggesting what honors my father is due.

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