



# The Initial Report of the City Council Street Renaming Commission

**November 30, 2020**



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## Executive Summary

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On June 9, 2020, New Orleans City Councilmembers announced their intent to establish the City Council Street Renaming Commission (CCSRC) as an advisory committee to run a public process for making recommendations to rename streets, parks, and places in New Orleans that honor white supremacists. The CCSRC is comprised of nine total members, with one appointed by each Councilmember with a formal or informal background of the history and geography of New Orleans. Mayor LaToya Cantrell and the City Planning Commission appointed the remaining two members.

The Commission was charged with several key responsibilities, which included conducting a thorough research and public engagement process to develop the following recommendations:

- A. A list of streets, parks, and places that should be renamed, accompanied by a detailed explanation

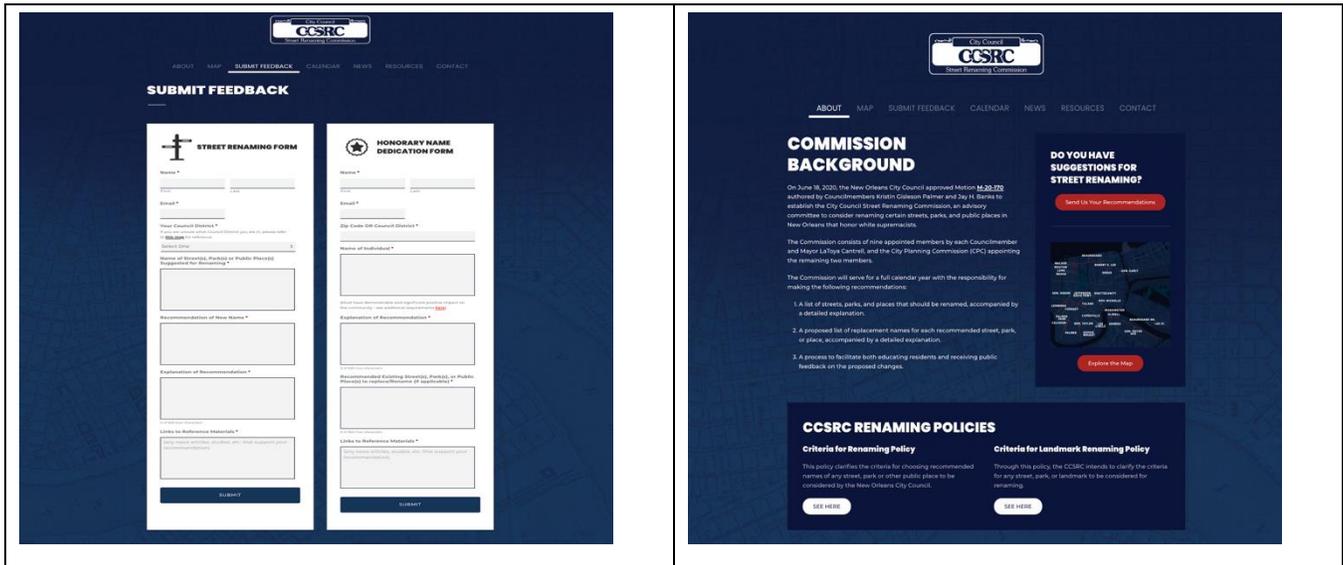


- B. A proposed list of replacement names for each recommended street, park, or place, accompanied by a detailed explanation
- C. A process to facilitate both educating residents and receiving public feedback on the proposed changes

In the course of auditing the list of City streets beyond those initially identified by the New Orleans Public Library, the Commission consulted a panel of experts to provide an additional set of names, which was used to formulate the recommendations listed in this report. The relationship of these names to the criteria are as follows and sometimes overlap:

1. Members of the Confederate military and those who solicited financial and military support for the treasonous insurrection against the United States from 1861-1865
2. Active participants in the attempt to overthrow the government of Louisiana at Liberty Place in 1874
3. Active participants in the denial of 14th and 15th
4. Amendment rights to Louisiana citizens via the Louisiana Constitutional Convention of 1898 (colloquially known as the 'Disenfranchising Convention' in modern scholarship)
5. Active participants in the passage of the City of New Orleans housing segregation act of 1924 (struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1927 in *Harmon v. Tyler*)

This report was compiled based on the scholarly work of a diverse team of experts, historians, support staff, and the New Orleans Public Library, balanced with the public input received to date during nine neighborhood outreach meetings and via two public comment forms available on the Commission's website ([nolaccsrc.org](http://nolaccsrc.org)). The comprehensive webpage, which was launched earlier this year, has helped the CCSRC carry out its most critical functions by allowing the public to learn more about their city through a rich set of historical resources and provide feedback on those it chooses to honor.



Outlined in this initial report, Commissioners have noted their recommendations (or forthcoming recommendations) to the Council regarding the renaming of the following streets and/or public places across New Orleans:

**Beauregard Avenue**

**Beauregard Drive**

**Behrman Avenue**

**Behrman Highway**

**Behrman Place**

**Behrman Road**

**Burke Avenue**

**Bragg Street.**

**Calhoun Street**

**Capdeville Street**

**Comus Court**

**Dreux Street.**

**Forshey Street**

**General Early**

**General Meyer Avenue**

**General Ogden Drive**

**Leonidas Street**

**McShane Place**

**Mouton Street**

**Palmer Avenue**

**Batton Street**

**Penn Street**

**Semmes Street**

**Raphael Semmes Street**

**Slidell Street**

**Tulane Avenue**

**Vignaud Street**

**Walker Street**

**Wiltz Lane**

**Sophie Wright Place**

**Behrman Park**

**Lee Circle**

**General Taylor Street.**

**General Nicholls Street.**

**Lane Street**

**Robert E. Lee Boulevard**

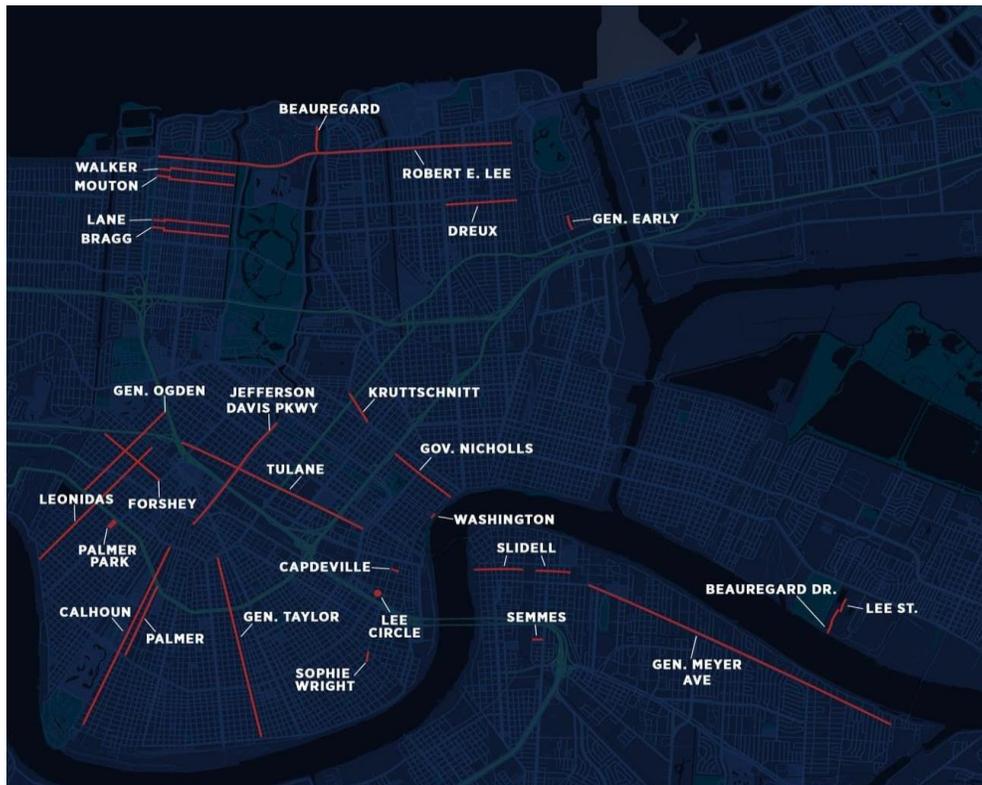
**Lee Street**

**Palmer Park**

**Judge John Minor Wisdom Park**

**Washington Park**

**Washington Artillery Park**



As the City of New Orleans continues to move forward with the renaming and public outreach process, ongoing discussion and engagement from all those who call it home will be critical. Each of the recommendations and subsequent street, park and places for renaming must be driven by the residents themselves and informed by public policy considerations.

The CCSRC encourages ongoing and open dialogue with all involved parties and stakeholders, including the panel of experts, partners on the Council, and members of the community, to ensure the recommendations provided in its final report embrace diversity and create a space for healing and reconciliation for generations to come.



## Letter from the Chair

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*I am New Orleans,  
A perpetual Mardi Gras  
Of wild Indians, clowns, lords and ladies,  
Bourbon Street Jezebels, Baby Dolls, and Fat Cats;  
Peanut-vendors, flower-sellers, organ-grinders,  
chimneysweepers, and fortune-tellers.  
And then, at the end, bone-rattling skeletons and  
flying ghosts.*

*I am New Orleans –  
A city that is a part of, and yet apart from all, America;  
A collection of contradictory environments;  
A conglomeration of bloods and races and classes  
and colours;  
Side-by-side, the New tickling the ribs of the Old;  
Cheek-by-jowl, the Ludicrous making faces at  
the Sublime.*

**Marcus Bruce Christian**  
*(1900 – 1976, Louisiana poet, historian and folklorist)*

New Orleans-based poet Marcus Bruce Christian aptly describes the city; it has many contradictions, including extreme wealth and poverty, higher education, and ignorance; all wrapped in 302 years of jealously guarded cultural ambiance.

The ghosts of our past haunt our present, literally as we walk on by. The Confederacy occupies only four years of New Orleans' more than three centuries. Yet our streets, parks, and public spaces are littered with commemorative names and monuments honoring actual traitors, and sympathizers of their cause, to our beloved United States of America.

While the work of this Commission has welcomed equitable outcomes, it is at heart patriotic. Thanks to the fortitude of our City Council, New Orleans will cease its passive participation in supporting the fictitious tales of the Confederacy's "Lost Cause;" and provide educational tools for its residents, guests, and global admirers on its accomplished citizenry; and factually contextualize its confederate and white supremacist past.

Through the tireless work of this nine-member Commission, City Council staff, and the panel of historians, experts, fellows, and the New Orleans Public Library, we have identified, assessed, and proposed solutions which reflect the values of our city and its commitment to all people irrespective of race, religion, gender or sexual orientation.

New Orleans is an international city, representing America to the world. We can no longer allow the abundance of Confederate streets and memorabilia still prominently displayed without context throughout our neighborhoods to define us.

**Karl J. Connor, JD, LL.M.**  
**City Council Street Renaming Committee Chair**

## Introduction

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The City of New Orleans' Vision Statement informs its readers that change for the betterment of our city is not just welcomed but cultivated.

**“New Orleans is a model city. We demonstrate to the world the power of strong leadership in the halls of City government and on streets. With resilience, we transform challenges into instruments of progress with the belief and assurance that change is possible.”**

There is no disputing that the year 2020 has brought a variety of challenges, many of which have had fatal consequences. They range from the new, COVID-19 pandemic, to the old, America's seemingly perpetual struggle with racism, sexism, and classism. These behavioral pandemics manifest in obvious as well as clandestine ways, necessitating change.

The viral public death of Mr. George Floyd on May 25, 2020, in Minneapolis renewed in some and awakened in others the need to ask a simple question with a complex answer, how? How could such injustices still happen today? Which brings us back to those "isms" and the often less apparent ways they get enshrined in our psyches and have been reinforced for at least a century, i.e., streets, parks, and public place names honoring treasonous soldiers and supporters of white supremacy.

These historic figures openly waged war on the United States of America and violated the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendment rights of others for personal gain, yet cities throughout America have let their likenesses and images, and by extension, their deeds, enjoy places of prominence and admiration for almost a century. Their presence buttresses the false narrative of the confederacy's "Lost Cause" and the mindset that allows racism, sexism, and classism to continue to exist.

The divisions in America seemed painfully obvious to most who watched the tragic last 8 minutes and 46 seconds of Mr. Floyd's life. The horrific direct and passive acts of those involved, inspired citizens and elected officials in several American cities to act, including New Orleans. This CCSRC report is a product of the deep reflection on public policy and its consequences following Mr. Floyd's death. It is metaphorically the collective breath of which he and too many others were tragically deprived.

The New Orleans Vision statement goes on to say:

**"We are a unified city where municipal employees and engaged citizens work together to create equitable, thriving communities for all. The City of New Orleans leverages the transformative power of our people to build safe neighborhoods and foster educational, economic, and cultural opportunities."**

To that end, on June 18, 2020, the New Orleans City Council approved Motion M-20-170 authored by Councilmembers Kristin Gisleson Palmer and Jay H. Banks to establish the City Council Street Renaming Commission, an advisory committee to consider renaming certain streets, parks, and public places in New Orleans that honor white supremacists.

The Commission consists of nine appointed members by each Councilmember and Mayor LaToya Cantrell, and the City Planning Commission (CPC) appointing the remaining two members.

The Commission will serve for a full calendar year with the responsibility for making the following recommendations:

- A list of streets, parks, and places that should be renamed, accompanied by a detailed explanation.



- A proposed list of replacement names for each recommended street, park, or place, accompanied by a detailed explanation.
- A process to facilitate both educating residents and receiving public feedback on the proposed changes.

This initial report contains the scholarly work of a diverse team of experts, historians, support staff, and the New Orleans Public Library, adopted by the Commission as detailed explanations for changing the names of the recommended streets, parks, and public spaces. Balanced with this research is the public input received to date using the Commission's Stakeholder Engagement Plan to fulfill the above-referenced Council charge.

**"The richness of diversity is manifested clearly in our culture-a beautiful mosaic that only New Orleans can create. Our commitment to excellence, coupled with timeless cultural heritage and creative vision, ensures New Orleans' greatness for generations to come."**

The initial recommendations of this Commission reflect and honor this visionary commitment. The Commission respectfully requests the New Orleans City Council members to consider its recommendations, and after holding a public meeting and a final report is submitted, to adopt them.



## New Orleans City Council Approved Motion [M-20-170](#) and Commission Charge

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## Policy Impacting Naming and Removal of Assets

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### 1. Criteria for Choosing Streets, Parks and Public Spaces to Rename (approved 8-19-2020)

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#### City Council Street Renaming Committee Criteria for Landmark Renaming Policy

##### I. Purpose and Scope:

The City Council Street Renaming Commission (CCSRC) has undertaken the responsibility of renaming streets, parks, monuments, or landmarks that memorialize white supremacy on the landscape of the city of New Orleans.

Through this policy, the CCSRC intends to clarify the criteria for any street, park, monument, or landmark to be considered for renaming. The criteria contained in this policy is consistent with the goals and objectives of the New Orleans City Planning Commission's Administrative Rules, Policies, and Procedures regarding street naming.

##### II. Definitions and Meanings

- A. White Supremacy: a person who believes that the white race is inherently superior to other races and that white people should have control over people of other races. <sup>[1]</sup>

To quote scholar Frances Lee Ansley, "By 'white supremacy,' I do not mean to allude only to the self-conscious racism of white supremacist hate groups. I refer instead to a political, economic, and cultural system in which whites overwhelmingly control power and material resources, conscious and unconscious ideas of white superiority and entitlement are widespread, and relations of white dominance and non-white subordination are daily reenacted across a broad array of institutions and social settings."

##### III. Evaluation Criteria

The CCSRC should consider each of the following factors when deciding whether to rename a street, park, monument, or other landmark. Each factor should be given equal weight and diligently applied in good faith.

##### A. Factors to be Considered for Removal

1. Harm caused by retaining the name or landmark

The CCSRC should consider:

- a) Whether retaining the namesake of the honoree(s) is harmful to members of the community and the City’s representation of its current values and identity
- b) The harm the honoree(s) caused during their lifetime
- c) The harmful impact associated with the naming or construction of the namesake or landmark
- 2. Potential harm of renaming
  - a) The CCSRC should consider the potential harm of removal to members of the community and to the City’s ability to represent its current values and identity
- 3. Nexus of white supremacy
  - a) Were the honoree(s)’s offensive beliefs or behaviors inextricably linked to white supremacy and their public persona or perception
  - b) Did the honoree(s) have any major redeeming actions or beliefs that significantly altered their nexus to white supremacy or other offensive beliefs or behaviors
- 4. Community connection or recognition
  - a) Is there a strong community association of the honoree(s) with the current values of our City or a significant connection to a positive culture or tradition that is held by a majority of citizens
- 5. Historical significance to New Orleans, the state of Louisiana, or the United States
  - a) Does the historical significance of the honoree(s) outweigh their nexus to white supremacy or their offensive beliefs or behaviors
- 6. Strength and clarity of historical evidence
  - a) Is evidence of offensive beliefs or behaviors clear and unambiguous
- 7. Mitigation Potential
  - a) Can the harm associated with retaining the honoree(s) be mitigated by providing historical evidence of the honoree(s) harmful beliefs or behaviors.

IV. References:

- A. “White supremacist.” *Merriam-Webster.com Dictionary*, Merriam-Webster, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/white%20supremacist>. Accessed 31 Jul. 2020.
- B. Vann R. Newkirk II. October 6, 2017. “The Language of White Supremacy” *The Atlantic*.<https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2017/10/the-language-of-white-supremacy/542148/> Accessed 31 July, 2020.

The CCSRC thanks Attorney Wayne P. Connor for his assistance drafting this policy statement.

**2. Criteria for Choosing New Names (approved 9-2-2020)**

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City Council Street Renaming Commission  
 Criteria for Renaming Policy

I. Purpose and Scope:

The City Council Street Renaming Commission (“CCSRC”) is responsible for studying and recommending renaming of streets, parks, and other public places that memorialize white supremacy<sup>i ii</sup> on the landscape of the city of New Orleans.

This policy clarifies the criteria for choosing recommended names of any street, park or other public place to be considered by the New Orleans City Council. The criteria contained in this policy is substantially consistent with the goals and objectives of the New Orleans City Planning Commission’s Administrative Rules, Polices, and Procedures regarding street naming.

## II. Evaluation Criteria

### A. Factors to be Considered

1. Baseline (people, concepts or events from entire scope of City history)
2. Nexus (connection of name to streets and neighborhoods proposed)
3. Process (council district meetings, City Planning Commission, local sensitivities)
4. Perplexity (ease of renaming)
5. Active Inclusion
  - a) Race
  - b) Ethnicity
  - c) Gender
  - d) Historical Period
  - e) Profession
  - f) Degree of Notoriety

### 6. Active Exclusion

- a) **Slave Ownership**
- b) **Documented history of:**
  - **gender or racialized violence**
  - **active attempts to circumvent democratic rights of citizens**
  - **profiting at the public expense**
- c) **Anyone whose honoring could give reasonable people a suspicion that they are being honored for specific political considerations of Commission/Council i.e., relative/friend/associate of a potential campaign donor/key endorser**

### B. Other considerations

## Assets: Defined and Prioritized

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### 1. Expert Panel Report and Recommendations

A note on the organization of this report: for ease of compiling relevant narratives into one document, we have provided the current street name, along with the brief biography of the person or organization for whom it is named, followed by the three narratives of New Orleanians who should be considered as potential honorees. Each



brief biography has additional links for further exploration of that person’s life, context, or labor. To the best of our ability, we have sought out materials at a range of reading levels and in a variety of mediums. We have only provided links where there are no paywalls, relying on our public institutions like the New Orleans Public Library and City Archives as well as the numerous other libraries and historical resources in which we are so fortunate to have collectively invested in building and maintaining.

**FINAL REPORT: Panel of Experts, New Orleans City Council Street Renaming Commission** linked [here](#).

## 2. NOPL Report

[https://cityofno.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view\\_id=42&clip\\_id=3671&meta\\_id=496608](https://cityofno.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=42&clip_id=3671&meta_id=496608)

## 3. Map of Considered Assets

<https://nolaccsrc.org/map>

## Summary of Engagement Activities (Voices from New Orleans Residents)

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A primary responsibility of the CCSRC is stakeholder engagement. We are charged by the City Council to educate residents and receive public feedback on the proposed name changes. Thankfully, the work of a fantastic team of historians, researchers, and academics provided the foundation for doing this work. There is much for everyone to learn that will advance the camaraderie of our residents, particularly the racial healing owed to our great city. This cannot happen without understanding the history underlying the current and proposed names of these streets, parks, and public spaces. And we are afforded the opportunity to learn about unsung heroines and heroes we choose to celebrate by renaming these streets, parks, and public spaces.

This Commission has responsibly engaged the public, given the inability to meet in person due to the COVID 19 pandemic. The public is invited to our regularly scheduled meetings held on the Zoom platform and is encouraged to submit public comments. As well, each City Council Member appointed a Commissioner to represent their district. To provide further outreach, each of these Commissioners contacted their Constituent Services Director to facilitate district outreach. The Commissioner also reached out to key stakeholders, neighborhood associations, and other constituent organizations to host a virtual meeting or an individual conversation. The goal of this engagement was to inform residents of the project, encourage them to visit the website to access the reports developed by our panel of experts and allow them the opportunity to submit their recommendations for renaming opportunities and leave comments.

The virtual meetings and individual conversations were engaging. Participants were curious to understand the goals of the Commission and the renaming process. They often had ideas for renaming streets and parks and were encouraged to document their ideas on the project website. The Commission explained the timeline for submitting recommendations and further opportunities for public input as well as the final decision-making process and procedures for implementation. Overall, residents welcomed the opportunity to learn about the renaming project and how they could further participate and stay informed.

The Commission initiated and participated in the following stakeholder engagement sessions:

1. Council Member Jay H. Banks Key Stakeholders (September 24)
2. University Neighborhood Association (October 27)
3. Carrollton United (October 28)
4. Carrollton Riverbend (October 29)
5. Audubon Community Meeting (November 9)
6. Central Carrollton Association (November 10)
7. Council Member Jason R. Williams Key Stakeholders (November 16)

8. Council Member Palmer Key Stakeholders (November 19)
9. Lakeview Civic Improvement Association (November 30)

The Commission received the following suggestions through stakeholder engagement via the website [www.nolaccsrc.org](http://www.nolaccsrc.org) , community meetings, emails, phone calls and Commission meeting public comments:

Current Street/Park/Public Place Name	Public Comment Name Proposals
Beauregard Avenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No change</li> <li>• Pelican Boulevard</li> <li>• Wisner Blvd</li> <li>• St. John Ave</li> <li>• Fort St. John</li> <li>• Homer L. Hitt Blvd</li> <li>• General Sherman</li> <li>• William Tecumseh Sherman</li> </ul>
Beauregard Drive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No change</li> <li>• Pelican Street</li> </ul>
Behrman Avenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>
Behrman Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>
Behrman Road (West Bank)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>
Burke Avenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>
Burke Road (New Orleans East)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>
Bragg St.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No change</li> <li>• Daly</li> <li>• Johnson</li> <li>• York</li> <li>• Verdun</li> <li>• Mountbatten</li> <li>• Lejeune</li> <li>• Mt. Carmel Street</li> <li>• St. Dominic Street</li> <li>• St. Paul Street</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rockery Street</li> <li>• Hynes St.</li> <li>• “Replace with names of the indigenous peoples who originally inhabited the area such as the Chitimacha, etc.”</li> </ul>
Calhoun St.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No change (4)</li> <li>• J. Skelly Wright</li> <li>• Sesame Street</li> </ul>
Capdeville St.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>
Dreaux St.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>
Forshey St.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>
General Early Dr.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (Lt.) General Honoré Drive</li> </ul>
General Meyer Ave.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Colin Powell Avenue</li> <li>• Patterson Road</li> <li>• Patterson Avenue</li> <li>• George Rainey Avenue</li> <li>• Jo Ellen Smith Ave</li> </ul>
General Ogden Dr.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PBS Pinchback</li> </ul>
Governor Nicholls St,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No change</li> <li>• Lolis Edward Elie</li> <li>• Dr. Louis Charles Roudanez</li> <li>• Rue Roudanez</li> <li>• Hotel Dieu</li> <li>• Tennessee Williams St.</li> <li>• Calle del Hospital</li> <li>• Hospital St. (2)</li> <li>• Bayou Road</li> <li>• Leah Chase St.</li> <li>• Thomy Lafon Ave</li> </ul>
Lane St,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daly</li> <li>• Johnson</li> <li>• York</li> <li>• Verdun</li> <li>• Mountbatten</li> <li>• Lejeune</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lavender</li> <li>• Mt. Carmel St.</li> <li>• St. Dominic St.</li> <li>• St. Paul St.</li> <li>• Rockery St.</li> <li>• Hynes St.</li> <li>• “Replace with names of the indigenous peoples who originally inhabited the area such as the Chitimacha, etc.”</li> </ul>
Leonidas St.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detective Marcus McNeil</li> </ul>
Robert E Lee Blvd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No change</li> <li>• Ulysses Grant</li> <li>• “Replace with names of the indigenous peoples who originally inhabited the area such as the Chitimacha, etc.” Blvd</li> <li>• Leah Chase Blvd (33)</li> <li>• George Rodrigue Blvd</li> <li>• Brown Pelican Blvd</li> <li>• Thomas L. Barbato Blvd</li> <li>• UNO Blvd</li> <li>• Lakefront Blvd</li> <li>• Lakeview Blvd (2)</li> <li>• Lake Blvd</li> <li>• Vista Drive</li> <li>• Ruth Bader Ginsburg</li> <li>• Ruby Bridges</li> <li>• Sister Camille Anne Campbell (2)</li> <li>• Homer L. Hitt Blvd</li> <li>• Adams Ave</li> <li>• Archbishop Phillip Hannan</li> <li>• Allen Toussaint Blvd (2)</li> <li>• Okwata</li> <li>• Old Lakeshore</li> <li>• Dr. John Blvd</li> </ul>
Lee Circle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No change</li> <li>• Blaine Kern Circle</li> <li>• Jazz Circle</li> <li>• Music Circle</li> <li>• Harmony Circle</li> <li>• Dorothy Mae Taylor Circle</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• J. Kelly Wright Circle</li> <li>• Nils R. Douglas Circle (2)</li> <li>• Leah Circle</li> <li>• Leah Chase Circle</li> <li>• Mardi Gras Circle</li> <li>• Place du Tivoli</li> <li>• Tivoli Circle</li> <li>• Andrew Jackson Higgins Circle</li> <li>• Allen Toussaint Circle</li> <li>• Eisenhower Circle</li> <li>• Veterans Circle</li> </ul>
Lee Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oscar Dunn</li> </ul>
McShane Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>
Mouton St.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daly</li> <li>• Johnson</li> <li>• York</li> <li>• Verdun</li> <li>• Mountbatten</li> <li>• Lejeune</li> <li>• Mt. Carmel St.</li> <li>• St. Dominic St.</li> <li>• St. Paul St.</li> <li>• Rockery St.</li> <li>• Hynes St.</li> <li>• “Replace with names of the indigenous peoples who originally inhabited the area such as the Chitimacha, etc.”</li> <li>• Sheep St.</li> </ul>
Palmer Ave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rededicate Palmer Avenue in honor of Earl Palmer (20)</li> <li>• J. Skelly Wright</li> <li>• Henry Clay Ave (2)</li> <li>• A leader of Temple Sinai</li> </ul>
Palmer Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rededicate Palmer Park in honor of Earl Palmer</li> <li>• John Minor Wisdom Park (3)</li> <li>• Hamilton Square (Park)</li> </ul>

Patton Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Father Joseph Fichter</li> </ul>
Penn Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>
Semmes St.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>
Slidell St.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>
Sophie Wright Pl.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>
Tulane Ave.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No change</li> <li>• Nils R. Douglas (2)</li> <li>• The Blues Highway</li> <li>• A. Baldwin Wood Ave</li> <li>• Medical Corridor Ave</li> </ul>
Vignaud Street (Esplanade Ridge/Bayou St. John)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>
Walker St.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daly</li> <li>• Johnson</li> <li>• York</li> <li>• Verdun</li> <li>• Mountbatten</li> <li>• Lejeune</li> <li>• Re-honor in name of Dr. Mary Walker</li> <li>• Runner St. (2)</li> <li>• Mt. Carmel St.</li> <li>• St. Dominic St.</li> <li>• St. Paul St.</li> <li>• Rockery St.</li> <li>• Hynes St.</li> <li>• “Replace with names of the indigenous peoples who originally inhabited the area such as the Chitimacha, etc.”</li> </ul>
Washington Artillery Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detective Marcus McNeil</li> </ul>

Washington Park (Marigny)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ellis Marsalis Park</li> </ul>
Wiltz Lane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>

The CCSRC welcomes ongoing engagement as the renaming process continues. The recommendations and subsequent street, park, and place renaming must be driven by New Orleans residents and informed by public policy considerations. The job of the CCSRC is to facilitate a robust and inclusive process in order to tell the story of this great American city in the truest and most celebratory way possible.

### City Council Street Renaming Commission Initial Recommendations

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The City Council Streets Renaming Commission recommends that the following streets, parks, and public spaces be renamed. Additionally, only one recommendation requires a waiver from the City Planning Commission because the honoree is still alive. The Commission respectfully requests the Council strongly support this waiver request.

Further, these are initial recommendations that may be modified as we continue stakeholder outreach prior to releasing our Final Report.

CURRENT NAME	RECOMMENDED RENAME	NOTES
Beauregard Avenue	Sherwood Gagliano Avenue	
Beauregard Drive	Doris Jean Castle Drive	
Behrman Avenue	Rodolphe Desdunes Avenue	
Behrman Highway	Elanora Peete Highway	
Behrman Place	P.B.S. Pinchback Place	
Behrman Road	TBD	
Burke Avenue/Burke Road	Juan San Malo Avenue	Combine into one street
Bragg Street.	Celestine Street	
Calhoun Street	Fr. Louis J. Twomey Street	
Capdeville Street.	Judge Ivan L. R. Lemelle Street	CPC waiver request needed
Comus Court	Julia Aaron-Humbles Court	
Dreux Street	Frances-Joseph Gaudet Street	
Forshey Street	Charles "Buddy" Bolden Street	
General Early Dr	Dent Drive	
General Meyer Ave.	Rudy Lombard Avenue	

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General Ogden Dr.	Norman Midlo Drive	
General Taylor Street.	Professor Longhair Street	
General Nicholls Street.	Lolis Edward Elie Street	
Lane Street.	Georges Street	
Robert E. Lee Blvd	Allen Toussaint Blvd	
Lee Street	Leontine Goins-Luke Street	
Leonidas Street	Mahalia Jackson Street	
McShane Place	Joseph Guillaume Place	
Mouton Street	Margaret Elizabeth Street	
Palmer Avenue	Edith Rosenwald Stern Avenue	
Patton Street	Nils R. Douglas Street	
Penn Street	Dr. Sara Mayo Street	
Semmes Street	Veronica Hill Street	
Raphael Semmes Street	Dolly Adams Street	
Slidell Street	Henry James "Red" Allen Street	
Tulane Ave.	Alison Tootie Montana Avenue	
Vignaud Street	Diane "Mama D" French Cole Street	
Walker Street	Jasper Street	
Wiltz Lane	Louis A. Martinet Lane	
Sophie Wright Place	John "Jack" Nelson Place	
<b>PARKS &amp; PLACES</b>		
Behrman Park	Morris F. X. Jeff, Sr Park	
Lee Circle	Leah Chase Circle	
Palmer Park	Judge John Minor Wisdom Park	
Washington Park	TBD	
Washington Artillery Park	TBD	Awaiting ownership clarification

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<sup>i</sup> White Supremacy: a person who believes that the white race is inherently superior to other races and that white people should have control over people of other races. *Merriam-Webster.com Dictionary*, Merriam-Webster, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/white%20supremacist>. Accessed 31 Jul. 2020.

<sup>ii</sup> To quote scholar Frances Lee Ansley “By ‘white supremacy’ I do not mean to allude only to the self-conscious racism of white supremacist hate groups. I refer instead to a political, economic and cultural system in which whites overwhelmingly control power and material resources, conscious and unconscious ideas of white superiority and entitlement are widespread, and relations of white dominance and non-white subordination are daily reenacted across a broad array of institutions and social settings.” Vann R. Newkirk II. October 6, 2017. “The Language of White Supremacy” *The Atlantic*. <https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2017/10/the-language-of-white-supremacy/542148/> Accessed 31 July, 2020.