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County Council Request: Renaming of Public Streets and Parks

Montgomery County Planning Department
Street Renaming Community Meeting



Meeting Agenda

Discussion items for this evening's meeting:

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Background and Project Overview
3. Process to Rename 3 Streets
4. Potential names associated with African American history of Montgomery County,
Natural Features and Place Names
5. Timeframe for collecting feedback post-meeting
6. Q&A

Council Request: June 15, 2020



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As stewards of Montgomery County's public assets, we are calling on you to initiate a comprehensive review of all County owned and maintained street names and public facilities to determine all those named for Confederate soldiers or those who otherwise do not reflect Montgomery County values. Following that review, we hereby request a public process to rename these county streets and facilities in a manner that more appropriately reflects the community to which they belong.

When we name a street or a building, we are not merely reflecting history. We are using our public funding and assets to bestow a high honor. These public tributes should appropriately reflect the entirety of our community and our values. This comprehensive review would build upon the efforts that the Board of Education has recently undertaken in reviewing the names of Montgomery County Public Schools facilities.

Per the County Council to County Executive Marc Elrich and Planning Board Chairman Casey Anderson:

*As stewards of Montgomery County's public assets, we are calling on you to initiate a comprehensive review of all County owned and maintained street names and public facilities to determine all those named for **Confederate soldiers or those who otherwise do not reflect Montgomery County values.** Following that review, we hereby request a public process to rename these county streets and facilities in a manner that more appropriately reflects the community to which they belong. . . . The names of our buildings and streets should reflect the people in and on them, not threaten and intimidate them.*

Council Request: Applies to all County Agencies



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Council's Letter of June 15, 2020 was addressed to the County Executive as well as the Planning Board Chair, with the expectation that all County agencies would undertake the renaming effort.

MCPS has initiated renaming efforts, beginning with renaming E. Brooke Lee Middle School to Odessa Shannon Middle School.

The Park & Planning Departments continue to coordinate with MCPS while proceeding with our work on renaming.

Updates on the renaming effort by other County agencies are still pending.

Initial Public Outreach

- Created website with FAQs
- Created public email address to accept input
- Corresponded with other Municipalities
- Requested information from MCPS
- Coordinated with MCDOT, 911/Emergency Services, DGS



<https://montgomeryplanningboard.org/m-ncppc-montgomery-county-street-and-parks-facilities-naming-review/>

Research Database, Categorization of Names, Phasing

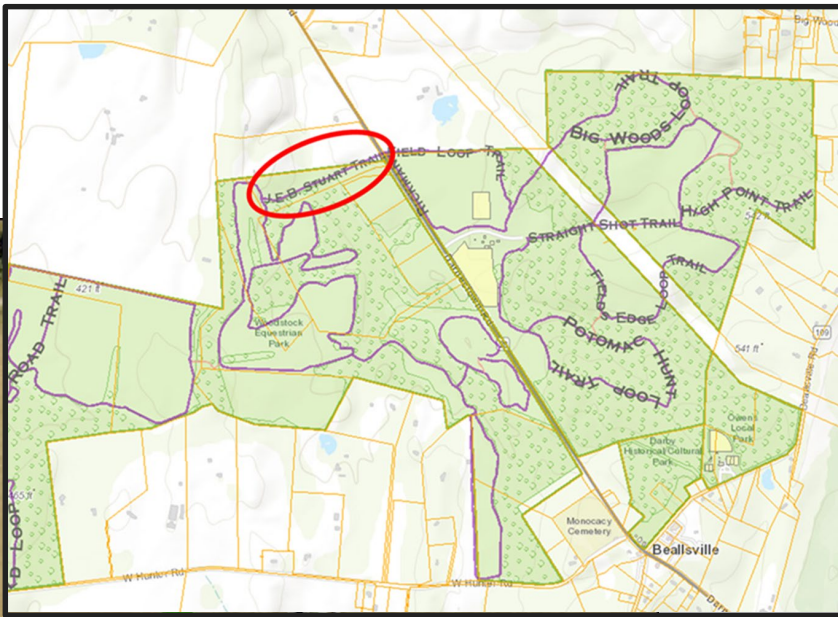
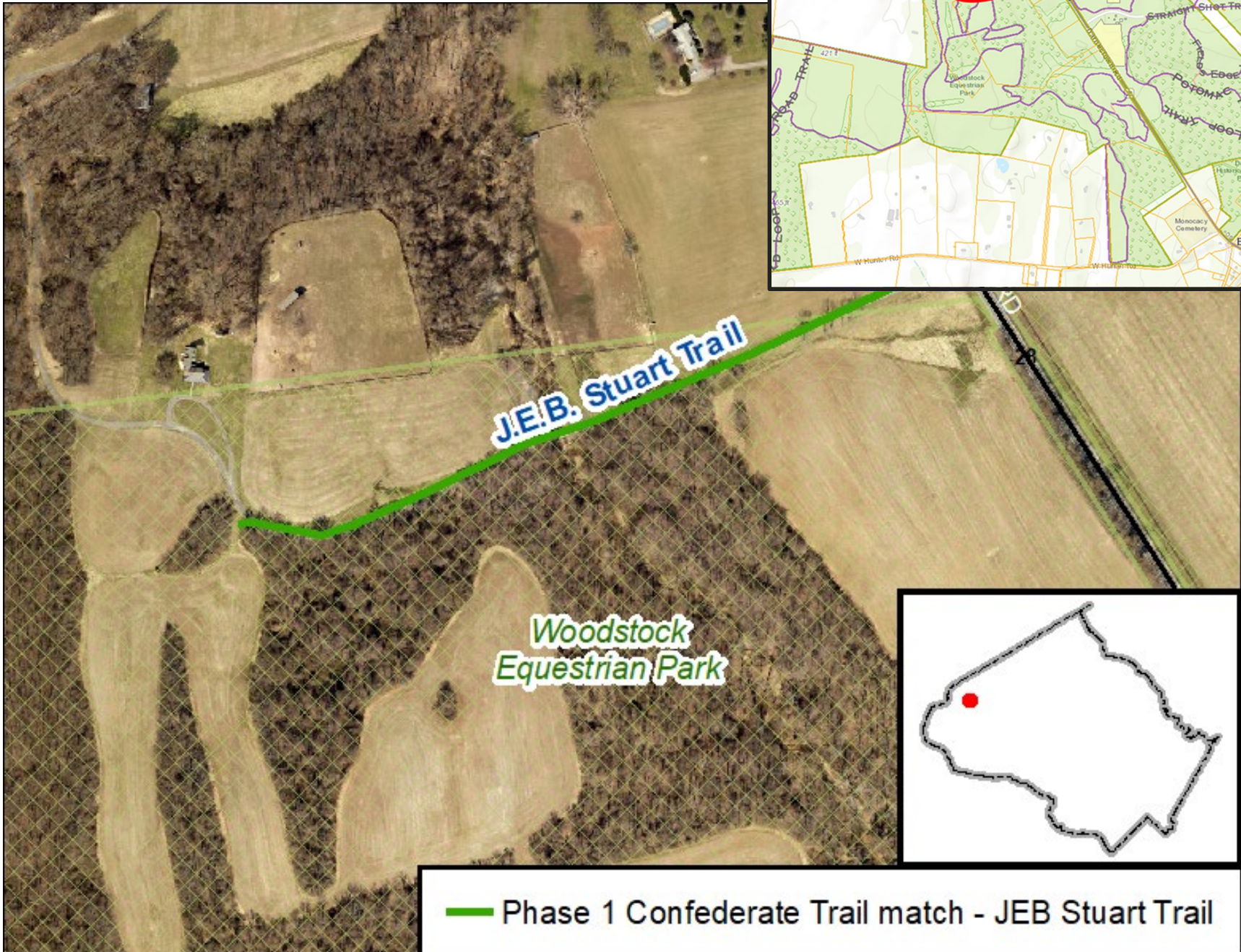
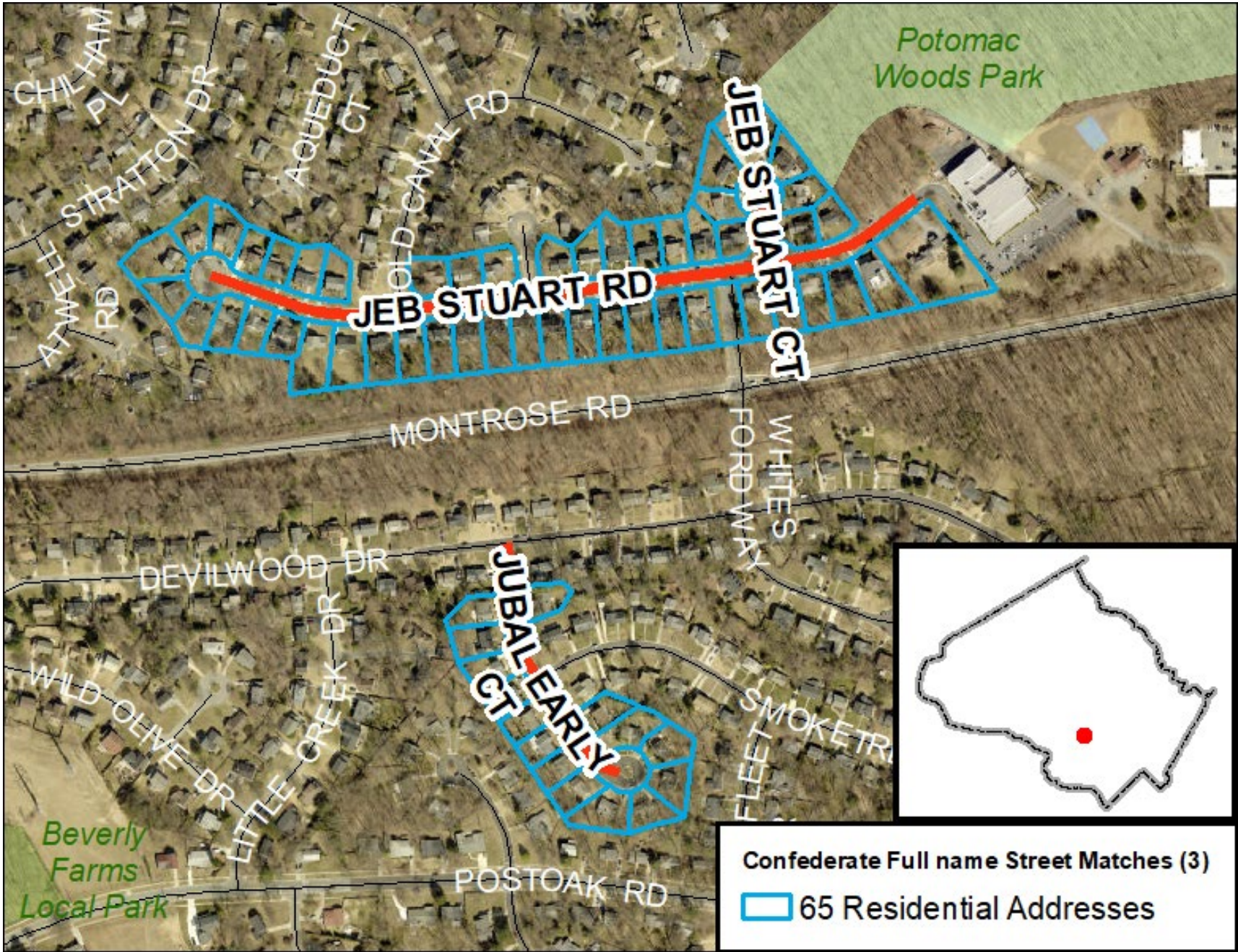
- **709 known Confederates; 5,826 slaveholders; 3,300** named enslaved individuals held in bondage in Montgomery County. These numbers reflect research to date.
- **325 Streets preliminary** match with Confederate surnames; **2 parks confirmed match** with Confederate surnames.
- **Note: Research still required to confirm surname associations.**
- Four categories of names initially identified in Phase 1 as “Confederate soldiers or those who otherwise do not reflect Montgomery County values”
 1. **Nationally Known Confederates –full name matches recommended for Phase 1 Action**
 2. Local Confederates
 3. Confederate Sympathizers
 4. Slaveholders

M-NCPPC Naming & Renaming Policies

- M-NCPPC is sole entity authorized with naming or renaming streets in Montgomery County, except within certain independent municipalities. **Planning Board has sole approval authority over street renaming.**
- Either a property owner or developer can request a street name or the Planning Board can initiate street naming.
- The *Addressing and Street Naming Manual* (2014) & Street Renaming Policy (2017) available online.
 - https://www.montgomeryplanning.org/development/about/documents/Address_Manual_Final.pdf
- Existing board-adopted park naming policy strongly encourages naming park assets after geographical or ecological features, neighborhoods, or nearby public facilities and grants board sole authority to commemoratively name park assets after individuals.

Phase 1: Nationally Known Confederates w/Full Name Matches

Matches: 3 Streets and 1 Trail



County Council Direction

- PHED Committee and County Council Briefings, December 2020/January 2021
- Proceed with renaming of three streets identified in Phase 1
- Follow up with City of Takoma Park regarding certain streets with nationally-known Confederate last name matches.
- Focus on facility Place Names per Council staff recommendations.
 - *Look for named associations that have nothing to do with the geographic location*
 - *Look for named associations that are not named for property owners or farms*
 - *Look for named associations that represent deliberate choice to send message as to who is welcome and who is not in certain communities and associations tied to Lost Cause efforts.*
- Investigate financial implications of the street renaming on affected property owners on those 3 streets and work with the County to explore options for providing financial resources to help property owners with those costs.

Planning Board Direction from January 14th Meeting



MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

MCPB No. 21-005

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Planning Board of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, by virtue of the authority vested upon it in Sections 17-212 and 20-202 of the Land Use Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, is the exclusive street naming and re-naming authority within that portion of the Regional District lying situate within Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Planning Board has delegated said authority to the Montgomery County Planning Department; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2020, the County Council of Montgomery County made the following request of the Chair of The Montgomery County Planning Board and of the County Executive:

[a]s stewards of Montgomery County's public assets, we are calling on you to initiate a comprehensive review of all County owned and maintained street names and public facilities to determine all those named for Confederate soldiers or those who otherwise do not reflect Montgomery County values. Following that review, we hereby request a public process to rename these county streets and facilities in a manner that more appropriately reflects the community to which they belong . . . ; and

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Planning Department timely conducted said review and determined, in consultation with the County Council, that the following streets within that portion of the Regional District lying situate within Montgomery County should immediately be subject to re-naming, to wit, Jubal Early Court, J.E.B Stuart Road, and J.E.B Stuart Court.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The Montgomery County Planning Board of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission does hereby direct the Montgomery County Planning Department to immediately initiate the process of renaming Jubal Early Court, J.E.B. Stuart Road, and J.E.B. Stuart Court.

Approved as to
Legal Sufficiency:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matter".
M-NCPPC Legal Department

- Planning Department adopted a Resolution to initiate the process of renaming Jubal Early Court, J.E.B. Stuart Road, and J.E.B. Stuart Court
- Letter sent to 70 owners/residents in early February announcing today's meeting.

Process to Rename 3 Streets

Planning Department

- Complete the street name and address changes.
 - Address numbers are also subject to change.
- Coordinate with Montgomery County DOT, DTS, DPS, and SDAT.
- Will also notify U.S. Postal Service of the address change.
- Closely monitor the transition to the new street name, ensuring that all public databases (SDAT, USPS, MC emergency services) reflect the correct information.

Residents

- Complete a Change-of-Address form with the U.S. Postal Service in order to continue receiving mail at both the old and new addresses during this transition.
- Updating all personal records and contacts regarding the new address, including with banks, schools, the MVA, subscriptions, any pertinent federal agency.

Potential Names for Consideration

- Following options generated by the community and the Planning Department.
- For each of the Historical Figures, Planning Department checked the first and last names separately in our street database and only one last name (Dutch) is not currently in use.

African American Historical Figures

- **Geneva Mason**
- **Uriah Perry**
- **Jeremiah Dutch**
- **Sidney Randolph**
- **John Diggs**
- **George Peck**

Natural Flora/Fauna

- **Blue Lilac**
- **Clivia**
- **Chipmunk**

Names Associated with the Original Subdivision/House models

- **Key**
- **Lock**

Rating the Proposed Street Names

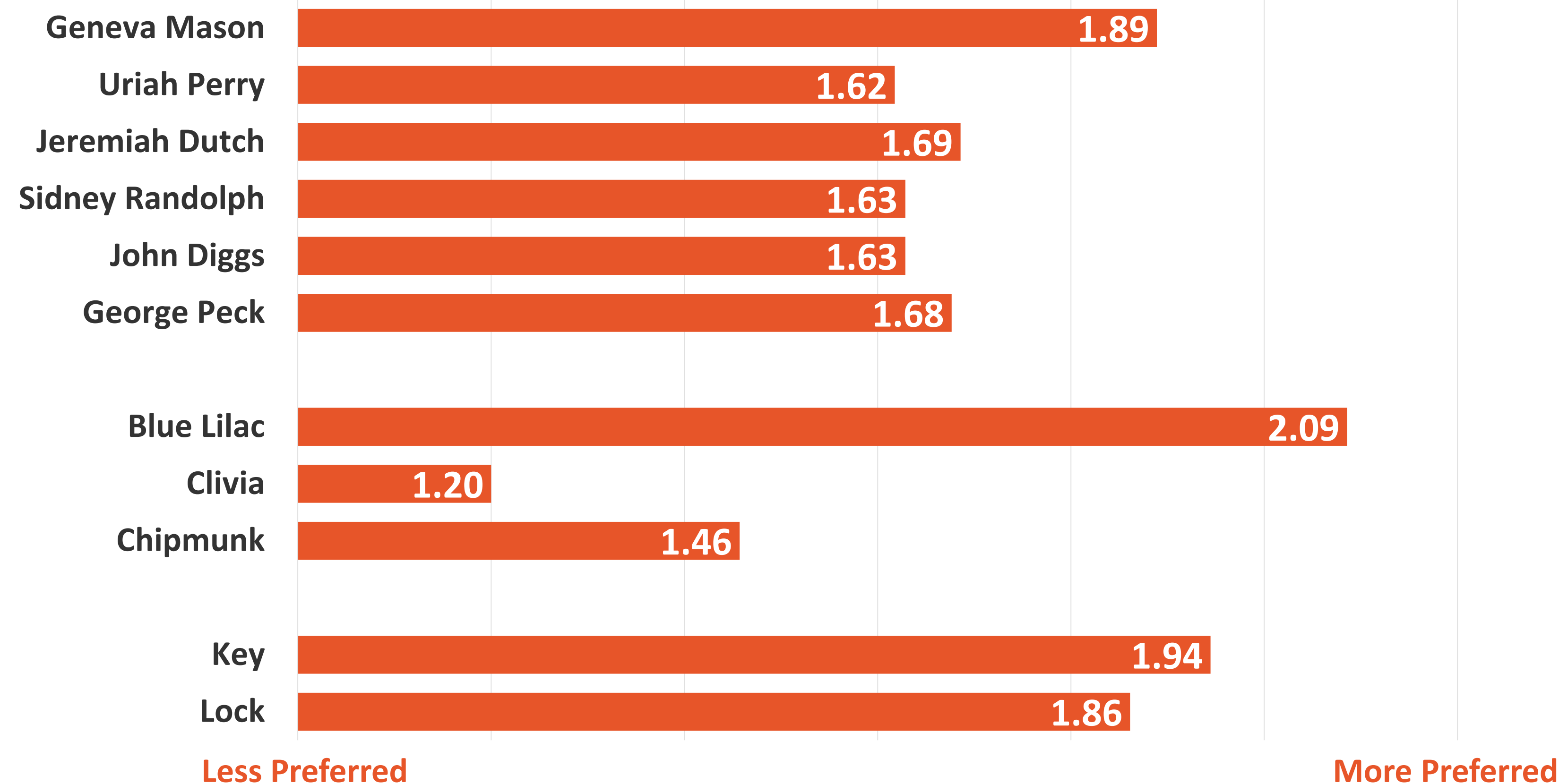
- Informal survey to receive community feedback on proposed street names.
- Survey will remain open through March 1.
- Visit link placed in the meeting chat (mcp-events.org/streetrenamingsurvey) or scan the QR code below:



- Rate each street name on a scale from 1-3
1=Not preferred, 2=Neutral, 3=Preferred

Q & A ?

Initial Street Name Ratings



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Thank you for joining us this evening!

Any further questions or comments can be sent to
renaming@montgomeryplanning.org