



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

MCPB No. 22-019

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 January 5, 2022, Montgomery County Councilmember Hans Riemer made the following request of Gwen Wright, Director of the Montgomery County Planning Department:

[t]o properly recognize Josiah Henson, I am pleased to join community leaders such as Catherine Leggett (Chair of the Henson Museum Advisory Board), Warren Fleming (who has worked for years to bring proper recognition to Josiah Henson), and many other luminaries, in requesting that M-NCPPC rename Montrose Parkway in his honor . . . Although less than two miles long, Montrose Parkway today runs through the northern part of the farm property where Josiah Henson lived and labored.

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Planning Department timely conducted an analysis of Councilmember Riemer's request and determined, that 1) a portion of Montrose Parkway does indeed run through the northern part of the property where Josiah Henson was enslaved; 2) there are only two properties that currently have addresses on Montrose Parkway: 3) one of the owners of property on Montrose Parkway – Peerless Rockville – has submitted a letter in enthusiastic support of the renaming; and 4) this renaming is an appropriate way to commemorate Josiah Henson, a historic figure of local, national and international significance.

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Approved as to

Legal Sufficiency: Matthew T. Mills

MNCPPC Legal Department

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 Montrose Parkway to Josiah Henson Parkway.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Montgomery County Planning Board of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission on motion of Vice Chair Verma, seconded by Commissioner Rubin, with Chair Anderson, Vice Chair Verma, and Commissioners Cichy and Rubin voting in favor of the motion, and Commissioner Patterson absent at its regular meeting held on Thursday, February 24, 2022, in Wheaton, Maryland.



Casey Anderson, Chair
Montgomery County Planning Board