

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
COMMITTEE REPORT**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

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**TO:** All Councilmembers

**FROM:** Chairman Phil Mendelson  
Committee of the Whole

**DATE:** March 20, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Report on Bill 22-117, the “Walter Alley Designation Act of 2018”

The Committee of the Whole, to which Bill 22-117, the “Walter Alley Designation Act of 2018” was referred, reports favorably thereon, with amendments, and recommends approval by the Council.

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**I. BACKGROUND AND NEED**

On February 14, 2017, Bill 22-117, the “Walter Alley Designation Act of 2018” was introduced by Councilmember Allen to officially designate the entire alley system in Square 756, which is bounded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Street N.E., 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, N.E., C Street, N.E., D Street, N.E., and Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., in Ward 6, as Walter Alley.<sup>1</sup> An official naming typically involves the designation of postal addresses and enables the placement of the primary entrance to residences or offices on the alley.

Square 756 contains 14 lots that abut the alley system within the Square, including three interior alley lots that do not front an exterior street. The initiator of this designation, Mr. Gary Robinson owns lot 826 (one of the three interior alley lots). Lot 826 functions as Mr. Robinson’s

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<sup>1</sup> On November 6, 2015, Bill 21-476, the “Walter Way Designation Act of 2015” was introduced by Councilmember Charles Allen to designate the alley system in Square 756. However, due to statutory changes to the naming and notice requirements pursuant to The Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982 (D.C. Law 4-201; D.C. Official Code § 9-204.01 *et seq.*) the designation was delayed and then reintroduced as Bill 22-117.

single-family home and as an office space leased to Workhorse Collective, a marketing company. The designation of the unnamed alley system will facilitate the assignment of addresses which, as Mr. Robinson hopes, will assist with emergency services and resolve the issue of mail and public utilities being incorrectly identified.<sup>2</sup> Further, the ANC 6C, in which the proposed designation is situated, is in support of the naming as a measure to improve emergency vehicle service within the alley.

Mr. Robinson intends that the designation of Square 756 as “Walter Alley” will “recognize the historical role the Washington DC [Walter] family played in shaping this small vestige of the carriage industry on Capitol Hill.”<sup>3</sup> Mr. Robinson has done extensive research on the history of the Walter family and in seeking community support for the designation, he has shared this history with his neighbors.

The Walter family immigrated to the United States from Germany around 1851.<sup>4</sup> Originally settling in Connecticut, William Walter and his wife, Katherine moved to Washington D.C. around 1856. William Walter began working as a blacksmith in the District, eventually working his way to operate and own a horse and carriage business at 14<sup>th</sup> and D Streets, N.W by 1868. Walter’s business quickly gained prominence in the District and was recognized for its workmanship and success regionally. Following William’s death in 1885, his sons, Charles and Frederick continued to run the coach and carriage manufacturing business. In 1889, Charles took over sole ownership of the carriage business, renaming it “William and Walter’s Son Carriage Manufacturer.” Despite a devastating fire in 1890, the business recouped and continued specializing in woodwork, blacksmith work, upholstery, painting, and finish.

In 1894, Charles purchased the northeast quadrant of square 756 and built two homes for his family and mother-in-law along with a stable.<sup>5</sup> Later, in 1904, Charles built a three-story concrete and brick building along the existing stable that was used as a coach and carriage factory. After Charles’ death in 1904, his nephew, Joseph Walter continued to run the family’s cottage coach and carriage business. The buildings in square 756 supported the carriage and early auto industry up until the wide use of assembly line automobiles around 1920. Over the following years, the building experienced multiple ownerships and use as a warehouse, a cabinet manufacturer, and artist studios.

### ***Legal Background***

The Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201; D.C. Official Code § 9-204.01 *et seq.*) (“Act”) establishes procedures for closing streets and alleys, opening new streets and alleys, naming public spaces, and other procedures related to streets and alleys. Specifically, the Act authorizes the Council to symbolically or officially designate or change the name of any public space in the District of

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<sup>2</sup> Letter from Gary Robinson, initiator, to Chairman Phil Mendelson (Mar. 21, 2017) (on file with the Committee of the Whole and attached to this report).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> Gary Robinson, *Charles & Lizzie Walter: a Factory, a Family, and a Business*, Oct. 11, 2016.

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

Columbia, including streets and alleys.<sup>6</sup> In October 2016, the Act was amended to create a clear distinction between official and symbolic street and alley namings and to establish distinct processes and requirements for each type of naming.<sup>7</sup>

An “official name” refers to the legal designation of an alley or a street for mailing address and other purposes,<sup>8</sup> whereas a symbolic name for a street or alley shall be in addition to and subordinate to any name that is an official name.<sup>9</sup> An alley may only be designated with an official name when the alley provides the only access or the primary access to a residential or commercial property.<sup>10</sup> Further, an official name of an alley shall contain the suffix “Alley” or “Court.”<sup>11</sup> A symbolic name of a street or alley shall contain only the suffix “Way” or “Plaza.”<sup>12</sup>

“Walter Alley” will be an official alley designation. Furthermore, the public alley system in Square 756 provides the only access to three lots (Lots 47, 813, and 826) located within the Square.

The Act also establishes notice requirements for official designations. First, at least 15 days, but no more than 60 days prior to the scheduled public hearing, the initiator of the proposed designation shall: 1) give written notice of the date, time, and location of the hearing to each owner of property and household occupying property that abuts the alley or street, or portion thereof, proposed to be designated with an official name; and 2) post signs that indicate the date, time, and location of the Council hearing at each intersection with any other alley or street of the portion of the alley or street proposed to be designated.<sup>13</sup> The initiator shall certify to the Council that the notice required has been given.<sup>14</sup> Second, at least 30 days prior to the scheduled public hearing, the initiator shall submit a copy of the proposed legislation for review and comment to each Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC”) in which the portion of the alley or street to be designated is located.<sup>15</sup> Third, at least five days prior to the hearing, the initiator shall submit to Council letters or a petition in support of the proposal that have been signed by a majority of the owners of property and households occupying property that abuts the portion of the alley or street proposed to be designated with an official name.<sup>16</sup>

Lastly, prior to consideration of a designation by the Council, the Mayor shall provide to the Council a surveyor’s plat of the alley or street and adjacent properties.<sup>17</sup> The District Department of Transportation (“DDOT”) provided the Council with a surveyor’s plat of Square 756 at the February 26, 2018 hearing on Bill 22-117.

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<sup>6</sup> See D.C. Official Code § 9-204.01 *et seq.*

<sup>7</sup> See D.C. Law 21-161, effective from Oct. 8, 2016, Published in DC Register Vol 63 and Page 12933.

<sup>8</sup> D.C. Official Code § 9-201.01(5A).

<sup>9</sup> D.C. Official Code § 9-204.03a(a).

<sup>10</sup> D.C. Official Code § 9-204.03(a).

<sup>11</sup> D.C. Official Code § 9-204.03(c).

<sup>12</sup> D.C. Official Code § 9-204.03a(c).

<sup>13</sup> See D.C. Official Code § 9-204.21(b).

<sup>14</sup> D.C. Official Code § 9-204.21(e).

<sup>15</sup> D.C. Official Code § 9-204.21 (d).

<sup>16</sup> D.C. Official Code § 9-204.21(f). However, if the Mayor or a Councilmember introduces the designation without an initiator, then the petition requirement does not apply. D.C. Official Code § 9-204.21(i).

<sup>17</sup> See D.C. Official Code § 9-204.21(g).

Regarding Bill 22-117, the notice requirements have been met by the initiator, with the exception of the petition requirement.<sup>18</sup> At the February 26, 2018 hearing, Mr. Robinson had not obtained enough petition signatures to constitute a majority, despite his mailing efforts. Council Chairman Mendelson suggested that Mr. Robinson commit to collect additional signatures. In effect, obtaining additional petition signatures would raise awareness for the alley naming and garner support from the community. As of adoption of this report, Mr. Robinson had obtained 20 signatures in support of the alley naming.

After the official street or alley designation legislation becomes law and all conditions required by the Council and the Act have been satisfied, DDOT will install signage indicating the official name of the alley or street, or portion thereof and remove signs, if any, with a previous name.<sup>19</sup> “At least one sign bearing the previous name of the alley or street, or portion thereof, shall be transferred to the Archives of the District of Columbia.”<sup>20</sup> The Mayor shall update relevant records of the District of Columbia to reflect the official name of an alley or street, or portion thereof, including: Fire and Emergency Medical Service records, Homeland Security and Emergency Management records, District of Columbia maps, and any other record that the District of Columbia uses for way-finding or address purposes.<sup>21</sup> The Mayor shall also notify the United States Postal Service, other relevant government agencies as determined by the Mayor, and relevant private sector entities.<sup>22</sup> Additionally, the Surveyor of the District of Columbia shall record a copy of the legislation and the Surveyor’s plat in the Office of the Surveyor.<sup>23</sup>

Officially designating the alley system in Square 756 as “Walter Alley” will facilitate the assignment of addresses to the unnamed alley and memorialize the Walter Family’s historical contributions to the carriage industry on Capitol Hill. For these reasons, the Committee of the Whole recommends the approval of Bill 22-117, the “Walter Alley Designation Act of 2018.”

## II. LEGISLATIVE CHRONOLOGY

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| November 6, 2015  | Bill 21-476, the “Walter Way Designation Act of 2015” is introduced by Councilmember Allen.   |
| February 14, 2017 | Bill 22-117, the “Walter Alley Designation Act of 2018” is introduced by Councilmember Allen. |
| February 17, 2017 | Notice of Intent to Act on Bill 22-117 is published in the <i>DC Register</i> .               |
| February 21, 2017 | Bill 22-117 is officially referred to the Committee of the Whole.                             |

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<sup>18</sup> Copies of the initiator’s submitted proof of notice requirements can be found in the hearing record for Bill 22-117.

<sup>19</sup> See D.C. Official Code § 9-204.24(a)(3). There is no previous name that the Committee is aware of.

<sup>20</sup> *Id.* However, there are no signs of a previous name for this alley.

<sup>21</sup> See D.C. Official Code § 9-204.24(a)(1).

<sup>22</sup> See D.C. Official Code § 9-204.24(a)(2).

<sup>23</sup> D.C. Official Code § 9-204.24(c).

- January 19, 2018 Notice of Public Hearing on Bill 22-117 is published in the *DC Register*.
- February 16, 2018 Revised notice of Public Hearing on Bill 22-117 is published in the *DC Register*.
- February 26, 2018 A Public Hearing is held on Bill 22-117 by the Committee of the Whole.
- March 20, 2018 The Committee of the Whole marks up Bill 22-117.

### III. POSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE

Todd McIntyre, Chief of Staff, District Department of Transportation, testified on behalf of the Executive in support of the Walter Alley Designation pursuant to Bill 22-117. His testimony is summarized below.

### IV. COMMENTS OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONS

In a letter dated October 19, 2015, ANC 6C, in which the proposed official designation is located, unanimously voted 6-0, in support of renaming the alley in Square 756 as “Walter Way” recognizing the family that had a stable and coach factory in that alley at the turn of the century.”

ANC6C also submitted a more recent letter dated February 7, 2018 reasserting ANC6C’s support for the designation of the alley as “Walter Alley” to conform with the naming requirements pursuant to the Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982 (D.C. Law 4-201; D.C. Official Code § 9-204.01 *et seq.*). Copies of both letters are attached to this report.

### V. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

The Committee of the Whole held a public hearing on Bill 22-117 on Monday, February 26, 2018. The testimony summarized below is from that hearing. Copies of written testimony are attached to this report.

***Ashleigh Ferran, Partner, Marketing + Brand Strategy Director, Workhorse Collective*** testified in support of Walter Alley designation. Ms. Ferran explained that the initiator, Mr. Robinson is the landlord of the property that Workhorse Collective (a marketing company) leases. She testified that the property’s primary entrance is from the alley system within Square 756. She continued to state that the official designation is necessary for two reasons: there is a need for addresses as it is difficult to receive mail and direct customers who visit Workhorse; and there is an issue with people parking cars all over the alley system.

As Mr. Robinson was out of town on the date of the hearing, Ms. Ferran provided updates on the notice requirements. She testified that Mr. Robinson posted signs and sent mailings out. She described that while Mr. Robinson had received a low response rate to the petition letters, he

has put a lot of time in. Ms. Ferran also testified that to her knowledge there is no community opposition.

*Todd McInyre, Chief of Staff, District Department of Transportation*, testified that the Executive supports the “Walter Alley” designation. He noted that DDOT stands ready to assist the Council and all other stakeholders with any ceremonial unveiling activities.

The Committee received letters in support of the Walter Alley designation from Gary Robinson II and Yeong Kyung Chung. The Committee also received a letter in opposition to Bill 22-117 from Doris Blackman. Copies of the letters are attached to this report.

## VI. IMPACT ON EXISTING LAW

Bill 22-117 has no impact on existing law. D.C. Official Code § 9-204.01<sup>24</sup> authorizes the Council to designate any public space. D.C. Official Code § 9-204.03 authorizes the Council to designate an official name for an alley “where an alley provides the only access to a residential or commercial property.”<sup>25</sup> Ernest Everett Just Court provides the only access three lots within Square 756. Additionally, “an official name of an alley shall contain the suffix Alley or Court,” such as the name proposed by Bill 22-117.<sup>26</sup> Further, the Act provides that, with limited exception, no public space shall be named in honor of any living person or in honor of any person who has been deceased less than two years.<sup>27</sup> Joseph Walter, the last family member to run the William and Walter’s Son Carriage Manufacturer passed away over two years ago.

## VII. FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2018 through fiscal year 2019 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. Because the cost to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is an estimated \$60 per official sign for fabrication and \$110 for installation, the cost of Bill 22-117 can be absorbed, as noted in the Fiscal Impact Statement (attached).

## VIII. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

Section 1 States the short title of Bill 22-117.

Section 2 Officially designate the entire alley system in Square 756, which is bounded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Street N.E., 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, N.E., C Street, N.E., D Street, N.E., and Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., in Ward 6, as “Walter Alley” notwithstanding the requirements of D.C. Official Code § 9-204.21(f) pertaining to petition

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<sup>24</sup> Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201).

<sup>25</sup> D.C. Code § 9-204.03(a).

<sup>26</sup> D.C. Code § 9-204.03(c).

<sup>27</sup> See D.C. Code § 9-204.05.

requirements.

Section 3 Directs the Council to transmit a copy of this act to the Mayor, the District Department of Transportation, and the Office of the Surveyor.

Section 4 Adopts the Fiscal Impact Statement.

Section 5 Establishes the effective date by stating the standard 30-day Congressional review language.

## **IX. COMMITTEE ACTION**

## **X. ATTACHMENTS**

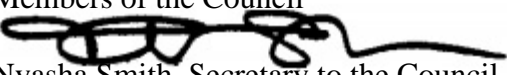
1. Bill 22-117 as introduced
2. Written Testimony and Letters
3. Letters from ANC 6C
4. Fiscal Impact Statement for Bill 22-117
5. Legal Sufficiency Determination for Bill 22-117
6. Committee Print for Bill 22-117

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.**  
**Washington D.C. 20004**

Memorandum

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To : Members of the Council

From :   
Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council

Date : February 14, 2017

Subject : Referral of Proposed Legislation

Notice is given that the attached proposed legislation was introduced in the Office of the Secretary on Tuesday, February 14, 2017. Copies are available in Room 10, the Legislative Services Division.

TITLE: "Walter Alley Designation Act of 2017", B22-0117

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Allen

The Chairman is referring this legislation to the Committee of the Whole.

Attachment

cc: General Counsel  
Budget Director  
Legislative Services





Councilmember Charles Allen

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A BILL

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To officially designate the alley in Square 756, between Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., and C Street, N.E. in Ward 6 as Walter Alley.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Walter Alley Designation Act of 2017”.

Sec. 2. Pursuant to the Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201; D.C. Official Code § 9-204.01 *et seq.*), the Council officially designates the alley in Square 756 between Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., and C Street, N.E. in Ward 6 as Walter Alley, as “Walter Alley” in recognition of the family that owned the William Walter’s Son Carriage Repository and coach shop in that alleyway at the turn of the century.

Sec. 3. Transmittal.

The Council shall transmit a copy of this act, upon its effective date, to the Mayor, the District Department of Transportation, and the Office of the Surveyor.

Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

31           The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal  
32 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,  
33 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

34           Sec. 5. Effective date.

35           This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
36 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as  
37 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
38 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of  
39 Columbia Register.

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
*District Department of Transportation*



Public Hearing on  
Bill 22-117, the “Walter Alley Designation Act of 2017”

Testimony of  
Todd McIntyre

Chief of Staff  
Office of the Director  
District Department of Transportation

Before the

Committee of the Whole

Council of the District of Columbia

Monday, February 26, 2018  
11:30 a.m.  
Hearing Room 123  
John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20004



Good morning Chairman Mendelson, members of the Council, staff, and District residents. My name is Todd McIntyre, and I am Chief of Staff at the District Department of Transportation, commonly referred to as DDOT. I am here today to present testimony on behalf of Mayor Muriel Bowser and DDOT Director Jeff Marootian regarding Bill 22-117, the “Walter Alley Designation Act of 2017.”

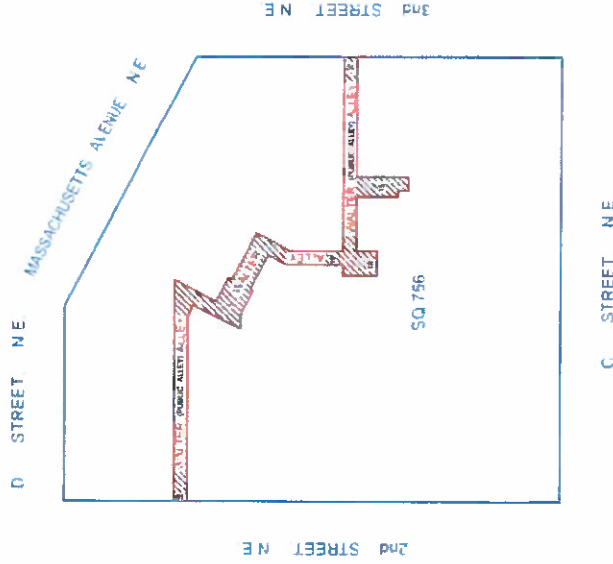
The stated purpose of Bill 22-117 is to officially designate the alley between Massachusetts Avenue NE and C Street NE in Ward 6 as Walter Alley. As per the requirements of DC Act 21-489, Section 421(g), I have attached to this testimony a copy of the surveyor’s plat showing the public alley in square 756.

In fiscal terms, the cost of each installed sign for this designation is approximately \$170 (\$60 for sign fabrication and \$110 for sign installation). This installation will require two signs. DDOT is able to absorb the costs of these signs within its current budget and does not foresee any operational impact this designation would have on the District’s transportation network.

Therefore, the Administration has no objection to this designation, and DDOT stands ready to assist the Council and all other stakeholders with any ceremonial unveiling activities that may materialize as a result of this Bill being passed.

This concludes my testimony. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify before you today. I am available to answer any questions that you may have.

# NAMING OF A PUBLIC ALLEY SQUARE 756



IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ACT OF MARCH 10, 1908, AS AMENDED, THE ALLEY SHOWN ON THIS PLAN IS HEREBY DESIGNATED AS "WALTER ALLEY".

OFFICE OF THE SURVEYOR, D.C.  
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I CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAN IS CORRECT AND IS RECORDED

SURVEYOR, D.C.

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Government of the District of Columbia

## Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6C

October 19, 2015

Honorable Charles Allen  
Ward 6 Council Member  
John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20004

Re: Proposed naming of alley "Walter Way," Square 756

Dear Council Member Allen:

On October 14, 2015, at a duly noticed, regularly scheduled monthly meeting of ANC 6C, with a quorum of 6 out of 6 commissioners and the public present, the above-mentioned matter came before us.

The commissioners voted unanimously, 6:0:0, to support the naming of the east-west alley between Massachusetts Avenue and C Street N.E as "Walter Way," recognizing the family that had a stable and coach factory in that alley at the turn of the century. We understand the reason for naming this alley is in response to city officials who have urged the applicant, Gary Robinson, that his residence in that alley could be best served by emergency vehicles such as fire trucks and ambulances, if the alley had a name. Mr. Robinson has reached out to neighbors nearby and secured a number of signatures of support.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of ANC 6C.

On behalf of ANC 6C,

Karen Wirt  
ANC 6C chair



Government of the District of Columbia

## Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6C

P.O. Box 77876 Washington, D.C. 20013, (202) 547-7168

February 7, 2018

Mr. Sydney Hawthorne  
D.C. Council

Re: Walter Alley, hearing for B22-117

Dear Mr. Hawthorne,

In answer to your email inquiry, the ANC 6C commissioners voted in 2015 to approve the naming of the alley in Square 756, between Massachusetts Avenue N.E. and C Street N.E. for easy identification in case of emergency for residents who live in that alley. At the time of the original request, and the ANC vote, the name suggested was "Walter Way." The commissioners have no objection to changing the name to "Walter Alley" so as to be consistent with other alley names in the District of Columbia.

Thank you for giving great weight to ANC 6C recommendations.

On behalf of ANC 6C,

Karen Wirt  
ANC 6C chair

March 21, 2017

Council of the District of Columbia  
Committee of the Whole  
1350 Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20004

SUBJECT: Bill 22-117, Walter Alley Designation Act Testimony

My wife and I, who reside in the alley, have submitted to designate "Walter Alley" to recognize the historical role the Washington DC family played in shaping this small vestige of the carriage industry on Capitol Hill. The alley retains much of the same feel today as it did when the Walter family built a carriage cottage industry at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. All the original buildings and period architecture exist along the original yellow paver lined alleyway complete with carriage wheel marks still present on brick building corners along with corresponding granite carriage wheel bumper (Bollard) stones. Due to the alley's sharp turns, small width, and irregular shape pedestrians primarily use the alley today.

The Walter family immigrated to Washington from Germany in 1851, becoming one of the city's major carriage manufacturers. Charles Walter and his wife Elizabeth were both born in Washington and in 1885 took over the family business managing carriage factories nearby the White House and in Chinatown. The couple first moved to Capitol Hill in 1886 just down the street at 415 3<sup>rd</sup> St NE. In 1890, Charles purchased the NE quadrant of square 756 and built two homes for his family and mother-in-law along with a stable and carriage factory which has shaped the alley throughout the past century.

As illustrated in the 2014 DC Historic Preservation Office Historic Alley Buildings Survey, the proposed "Walter Alley" exemplifies a deep and fascinating history and the alley evokes a palpable sense of time and place representing Capitol Hill's early expansion. The survey recommended increasing alley visibility by naming alleys and establishing signage to increase public awareness of past associated residents, owners, and activities that took place there. Also, during the permitting process, DCRA and the Fire Marshall recommended naming the alley to assist with emergency services not to mention the ongoing frustration of mail and public utilities being incorrectly identified.

In addition to naming the alley, our hope is to include the alley as part of future historical tours and work towards a historical marker detailing the alley's use and significance to the city and the neighborhood. Having talked with many of our neighbors and submitting their signatures of support to name the alley, we greatly appreciate the opportunity to recognize a past Washington family and a present day tie to the cottage industry which contributed to the rich history of Capitol Hill.

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'G' followed by a horizontal line and a smaller signature.

Gary Robinson II & Yeon Kyung Chung  
320 3<sup>rd</sup> St NE Rear  
Washington, DC 20002



**From:** [Doris Blackman](#)  
**To:** [Hawthorne, Sydney \(Council\)](#)  
**Subject:** Designation of " Walter Alley " Bill # B22-117  
**Date:** Monday, February 26, 2018 10:15:47 AM

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Good Morning All,

My name is Doris Blackman, the owner of 318 3rd Street N.E ,Washington,DC. My home is where the alley sign will be posted. I am not in favor of naming this alley. The reason for naming this space " Walter Alley " is not enough to make this move. A lot of issues that may occur from this change should be considered.

Sorry I am unable to attend. Please send me a copy of the results of this meeting.

Thank you.

Doris B. Blackman, 318 3rd. Street N.E., Washington,DC. 20002  
Phone # 202-544-7165.

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19 Street, N.E., in Ward 6, as Walter Alley.

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
21 act may be cited as the “Walter Alley Designation Act of 2018”.

22 Sec. 2. Pursuant to sections 401, 403, and 421 of the Street and Alley Closing and  
23 Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201; D.C. Official  
24 Code §§ 9-204.01, 9-204.03, and 9-204.21), and notwithstanding the requirements of section  
25 421(f) of the Act (D.C. Official Code § 9-204.21(f)), the Council officially designates the entire  
26 portion of the public alley system in Square 756, which is bounded by 2nd Street N.E., C Street,  
27 N.E., 3rd Street, N.E., Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., and D Street, N.E., in Ward 6, as “Walter  
28 Alley”.

29 Sec. 3. Transmittal.

30 The Council shall transmit a copy of this act, upon its effective date, to the Mayor, the  
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32 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

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35 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

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37           This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
38 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as  
39 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
40 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of  
41 Columbia Register.