

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

**CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING**

on

Bill 23-508, Elaine M. Carter Community Center Designation Act of 2019
Bill 23-532, Dr. Montague Cobb Way Designation Act of 2019
Bill 23-533, Lucy Diggs Slowe Way Designation Act of 2019
Bill 23-538, Elaine M. Carter Way Designation Act of 2019
Bill 23-609, Gail Cobb Way Designation Act of 2020
Bill 23-619, Lafayette-Pointer Park and Lafayette-Pointer Recreation Center Designation Act of 2020
Bill 23-680, Cecelia's Way Designation Act of 2020
Bill 23-787, Black Lives Matter Plaza Designation Act of 2020
Bill 23-839, Earl Wright, Jr. Way Designation Act of 2020
Bill 23-840, Ronald "Ron" Austin Memorial Park Designation Act of 2020

on

Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Live via Zoom Video Conference Broadcast
Council Channel 13 (Cable Television Providers)
DC Council Website (www.dccouncil.us)

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces a public hearing before the Committee of the Whole on Bill 23-508, the “Elaine M. Carter Community Center Designation Act of 2019,” Bill 23-532, the “Dr. Montague Cobb Way Designation Act of 2019,” Bill 23-533, the “Lucy Diggs Slowe Way Designation Act of 2019,” Bill 23-538, the “Elaine M. Carter Way Designation Act of 2019,” Bill 23-609, the “Gail Cobb Way Designation Act of 2020,” Bill 23-619, the “Lafayette-Pointer Park and Lafayette-Pointer Recreation Center Designation Act of 2020,” Bill 23-680, the “Cecelia's Way Designation Act of 2020,” Bill 23-787, the “Black Lives Matter Plaza Designation Act of 2020,” Bill 23-839, the “Earl Wright, Jr. Way Designation Act of 2020,” and Bill 23-840, the “Ronald "Ron" Austin Memorial Park Designation Act of 2020.” The hearing will be held from **9:00 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, September 15, 2020** via a Zoom virtual hearing.

The stated purpose of **Bill 23-508** is to designate the Douglass Community Center, located at 1922 Frederick Douglass Court, S.E as the Elaine M. Carter Community Center. The stated purpose of **Bill 23-532** is to symbolically designate the 600 block of W Street, N.W. as Dr. Montague Cobb Way. The stated purpose of **Bill 23-533** is to symbolically designate the 2400 block of 4th Street, N.W. as Lucy Diggs Slowe Way. The stated purpose of **Bill 23-538** is to symbolically designate the Frederick Douglass Court, SE in Square 5880 as Elaine M. Carter Way. The stated purpose of **Bill 23-609** is to symbolically designate the 300 block of 14th Place, N.E. as Gail Cobb Way. The stated purpose of **Bill 23-619** is to designate Lafayette Park located at 5900

33rd Street and Quesada Street NW as the Lafayette-Pointer Park and designates the Lafayette Recreation Center as the Lafayette-Pointer Recreation Center. The stated purpose of **Bill 23-680** is to symbolically designate Wiltberger Street, N.W., between S Street, N.W., and T Street, N.W. as Cecelia's Way. The stated purpose of **Bill 23-787** is to symbolically designate 16th Street, N.W., between H Street, N.W., and K Street N.W. as Black Lives Matter Plaza (This has already been legislated through temporary legislation). The stated purpose of **Bill 23-839** is to symbolically designate the 3800 block of 10th street NW, between Quincy, Randolph, and 10th Streets, N.W. as Earl Wright, Jr. Way. The stated purpose of **Bill 23-840** is to designate the park located on the 6100 block of North Dakota Avenue bounded by Quackenbos Street, N.W. and 2nd Street, N.W. as the Ronald 'Ron' Austin Memorial Park.

For streets and alleys, a symbolic naming is for ceremonial purposes and shall be in addition to and subordinate to any name that is an official name; an official designation typically involves the designation of postal addresses and enables the placement of the primary entrance to residences or offices on the street or alley. Public spaces other than a street or alley, such as parks or buildings, may also be symbolically or officially named.

Those who wish to testify are asked to email the Committee of the Whole at cow@dccouncil.us, or call Evan Cash, Committee and Legislative Director, at (202) 724-7002, and to provide your name, address, telephone number, organizational affiliation and title (if any) by close of business Friday, September 11, 2020. Witnesses who anticipate needing spoken language interpretation, or require sign language interpretation, are requested to inform the Committee office of the need as soon as possible but no later than five business days before the proceeding. We will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, although alternatives may be offered. Requests received in less than five business days may not be fulfilled.

Persons wishing to testify are encouraged, but not required, to email their written testimony to cow@dccouncil.us. If submitted by the close of business on September 11, 2020 the testimony will be distributed to Councilmembers before the hearing. **Witnesses should limit their testimony to three minutes; less time will be allowed if there are a large number of witnesses. The hearing will be limited to three hours.** Copies of the legislation can be obtained through the Legislative Services Division of the Secretary of the Council's office or on <http://lims.dccouncil.us>. Hearing materials, including a draft witness list, can be accessed at <http://www.chairmanmendelson.com/circulation>, 24 hours in advance of the hearing.

If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made part of the official record. Written statements should be submitted to the Committee of the Whole, Council of the District of Columbia, Suite. 410 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on September 29, 2020.