



## HISTORIC SITE AND MONUMENT COMMISSION (HSMC)

### Application for Historical Markers, Monuments, and Public Art

HSMC reviews all historical markers, monuments, and public art on public property; markers, monuments, and public art visible from the public right-of-way on private property within all local historic districts; murals visible from the public right-of-way. Applications must be complete before the HSMC can begin the review process. Submit this application form and all supplemental documentation as required in the "Instructions: Submittal Criteria Checklist" with one hard copy and in PDF electronic format. **Email submissions to [historic@thempc.org](mailto:historic@thempc.org). Ensure the file size does not exceed 15 MB.** If Email is not available, contact the office for alternate arrangements.

File No.: \_\_\_\_\_ (staff only)

#### Applicant Contact Information:

Name: Donald Jones

Address: 922 Bowden Street

City: Savannah

State: Georgia

Zip: 31405

Phone: 9124126496

E-Mail Address: dbj9222@gmail.com

#### Property Owner Contact Information and Consent (Complete only if the marker will be on private property):

Name: City of Savannah- Joe Shearouse

Address: 2 East Bay Street

City: Savannah

State: Georgia

Zip: 31402

Phone: 912-429-4084

E-Mail Address: jshearouse01@savannahga.gov

Official Correspondence: ☒ Applicant ☒ Owner ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_ (Check all that apply)

#### Property Information: (PIN information can be found at [www.sagis.org](http://www.sagis.org).)

☒ Public Property ☐ Private Property PIN (Property Identification Number): 2006804001

Address: 1000 BOWDEN ST

#### Scope of Work: (Check all that apply.)

HISTORICAL MARKER:	MONUMENT:
<input type="checkbox"/> Freestanding	<input type="checkbox"/> Person
<input type="checkbox"/> Wall-Mounted	<input type="checkbox"/> Place
<input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Embedded	<input type="checkbox"/> Event
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
PUBLIC ART / MURAL (Commissioned or Existing Work):	NAMING AND RENAMING:
<input type="checkbox"/> Mural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Property
<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Facilities
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Streets

**Project Description:** Describe the proposed project and scope of work in detail. Additional pages may be attached. Submit all supplemental documentation as required in the separate "Instructions: Submittal Criteria Checklist."

Petition to name an unnamed park located at 1000 Bowden Street to "George Washington Carver Neighborhood Park". Supplementally materials attached.

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**2022 Savannah-Chatham County Historic Site and Monument Commission Meeting Schedule:**

<b>Application Deadline (Due by 3:00 pm)</b>	<b>Meeting Date</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, December 2, 2021	Thursday, January 6, 2022
<input type="checkbox"/> January 6	February 3
<input type="checkbox"/> February 3	March 3
<input type="checkbox"/> March 3	April 7
<input type="checkbox"/> April 7	May 5
<input type="checkbox"/> May 5	June 2
<input type="checkbox"/> June 2	July 7
<input type="checkbox"/> July 7	August 4
<input type="checkbox"/> August 4	September 1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> September 1	October 6
<input type="checkbox"/> October 6	November 3
<input type="checkbox"/> November 3	December 1

**Estimated Cost of the Proposed Work:** \$ 0

**Filing Fee Schedule:**

No filing fee is required for HSMC review.

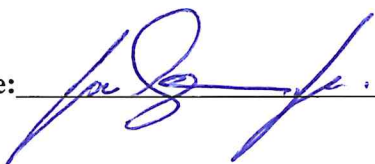
**Public Notice for Historic Site and Monument Commission Meetings:**

The applicant is responsible for posting the Board Meeting signs provided by the MPC fifteen (15) days prior to the HSMC Meeting. Refer to *Chapter 9 of the Markers, Monuments, and Public Art Master Plan and Guidelines for the City of Savannah* for additional posting requirements.

**Signature of Legal Owner or Authorized Agent:**

I have read and understand all the information enclosed in this application form. I understand that an Escrow Payment is required for any historical marker erected on public property. I hereby certify that I am the legal owner or authorized agent for the legal owner of the subject property.

**Signature:**



**Date:** 08/16/22



Unnamed Park Naming Request- "George Washington Carver Neighborhood Park"

**Proposal**

<b>Current Name:</b>	Unnamed Park
<b>Proposed Honorary Name:</b>	"George Washington Carver Neighborhood Park"
<b>Location:</b>	Bowden Street between Winburn and Blun Avenue
<b>Petitioner:</b>	Donald Jones (912) 412-6496 and Carver Village Neighborhood Association





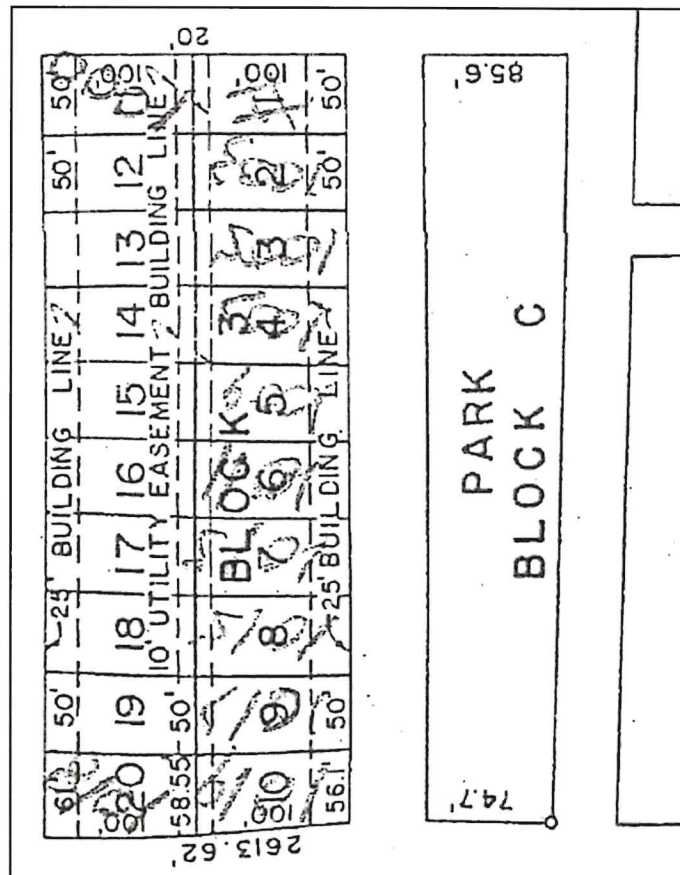


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The park bounded by Winburn Street on the north, Allen Avenue on the east, Blun Avenue on the south, and Bowden Street on the west has been called by various names throughout its history and documentation, including variations on: Bowden Park; Bowden Playground; Bowden Street Playground; Carver Playground; Carver Village Playground, and Carver Heights Community Park. To date, no designation for a park name has been discovered in the official City records.

The block was designated as "Park Block C" on neighborhood subdivision plat drawn by Thomas & Hutton, Engineering and approved by City Council at their January 9, 1948 meeting.



"Carver Village," Thomas & Hutton, Engineering, January 1948.

Record Series 3121-007, Engineering Department – General Maps, #XH-33, City of Savannah Municipal Archives.

"An article in the *New York Times*, dated June 28, 1948, stated that the name of the subdivision was chosen to honor George Washington Carver, the noted African American scientist. On January 9, 1948 the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah acknowledged and accepted the dedication of the names of the streets in the subdivision. The chosen names were selected to honor city officials who worked to make the project come to fruition, specifically the city council, which chose to name the streets after themselves. Each street was named after the aldermen..." [National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form for Carver Village, Section 8, page 18, prepared by Sara Farr, Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission, April 2015]

The unnamed park has alternately carried the name of Carver for Carver Village and in essence George Washington Carver and Bowden, likely named for either Haywood S. Bowden, Sr., a longtime educator, or Haywood S. Bowden, Jr., his son and manager with the local newspaper.



According to "Carver Heights: A History" which was prepared and presented by Rep. Dorothy Pelote for a Community banquet meeting in 1997, neighborhood residents proposed to develop the "Bowden Street playground" with permission of the City on the grounds that the park was fenced and the neighborhood cover the cost of the playground equipment in 1950. ["Carver Heights: A History," compiled by Carver Heights Oral History Committee, Metropolitan Planning Commission, Chatham County, Savannah, GA, 1997]

On January 17, 1958, City Council approved to "secure equipment for the playground in Carver Village," but no name for the park was given.

The City Manager requested authority for installation of new lighting in the public library in the amount of \$4,442.50 and to secure equipment for the playground in Carver Village at cost of \$2,172.70. Said authority was granted upon motion of Alderman Brennan, seconded by Alderman Raders and unanimously carried.

*Official Proceedings of City Council (17 January 1958)*

On November 17, 1977 in the City Council minutes, the park is referred to as the "Bowden Playground."

in use.

Elder Clarence Powers appeared in Council. His petition for various improvements in Carver Village had received the following recommendation: Streets in Carver Village are scheduled for paving under Community Development Program, and improvements to Kennedy Park are in the 1978 budget. Elder Powers said he wanted something in writing about the specific improvements for Kennedy Park and for Bowden Playground and also about closing the streets in Carver Village to trailer traffic. Alderman Jackson pointed out to Elder Powers that there is apparently some lack of communication between Carver Village residents and the Council as these matters have come up before and Council has been very cooperative and plans for improvements have been spelled out before. The City Manager asked Elder Powers to contact his office for answers to whatever specific questions he might have.

Mr. Clyde Thompson Attorney, appeared in Council to represent Eastern Heights Pres.Church, which had requested con-

*Official Proceedings of City Council (17 November 1977)*

The City Council minutes for September 3, 1981 call the park the "Carver Playground."

FROM THE MAIL INTO RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD. DENIED. PET.#16043

'CARVERHEIGHTS MISSION IMPROVEMENT ORGANIZATION, BY DOROTHY PELOTE requesting the Park and Tree Commission to replant trees in Carver Playground, Kennedy Park. Report: Trees will be placed in park as part of 1982 tree planting program. APPROVED. Pet.#16058

*Official Proceedings of City Council (3 September 1981)*

The City Manager's Administrative Subject Files included correspondence that referred to the park in a few different ways:

- A memo from John Tidwell, Director of Leisure Services, to the City Manager on May 27, 1981 included the subject line "Light of Basketball Courts, Carver Village Bowden Street Park."
- A memo from Henry Moore, Assistant City Manager – Development to the City Manager on June 9, 1981 included the subject line "Basketball Court Lights in Carver Village Park."
- In July 1982, the City Manager received a message about "Carver Village Playground" plans.
- Record Series 3101-019 Public Development – Plans includes plans for improvements to this park titled "Carver Heights Community Park" (#34.7).

Historic Carver Village Neighborhood Association

905 Collat Ave.

Savannah, GA 31415

October 11, 2021

The Honorable Mayor Van Johnson and Members of City Council

2 East Bay Street

Savannah, GA 31401

Dear Mr. Mayor and Aldermen:

The members of the Historic Carver Village Neighborhood Association voted 23-0, to request that the name of Carver Village Park, located on Bowden Street between Winburn and Blun Avenue, be changed to **George Washington Carver Neighborhood Park**. The vote was taken at our meeting held on August 9, 2021.

Please consider this name change request, which honors a noted scientist who our historic neighborhood is named after.

Sincerely,



Rev. Chester A. Ellis, President



Mrs. Grace Taylor, Secretary

### Applicant Information

Name: DONALD BERNARD JONES Phone Number: 912 412 6496  
Address: 922 BOWDEN STREET SAVANNAH GA. 31415  
Email: dbj9222@gmail.com

### Request Type

- ☐ Honorary street designation
- ☐ Newly acquired or created public property or previously unnamed
- ☒ Public property renaming request

### Property Type

- ☒ Park, playground, trail or recreation space
- ☐ Building or facility
- ☐ Street or roadway
- ☐ Other public property

### Property Location

Property address and/ or location description:

1000 Block of Bowden Street. (It sits between Allen Avenue and Bowden Street)

Aldermanic District:

☒ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6

Present property name:

CARVER VILLAGE PARK.

Proposed Name:

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER Community PARK.



# Renaming of front park

## City of Savannah Name Change Petition Form

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I (We) plan to request a name change with Savannah's City Council through the City Manager's Office.

I (We) understand that our address will change if a permanent street name request is approved by City Council.

Present Name: CARVER Village Park

Proposed Name: GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER Neighborhood PARK

This is your opportunity to express your opinion about the proposed name change.

ADDRESS	SIGNATURE	Owner		Tenant	
		Agree	Disagree	Agree	Disagree
George Washington Carver Neighborhood Park					
4601 Sylvan Dr.	Trace Fields	✓		✓	
1001 Bowden St	Elliot Simmons	✓		✓	
1003 Bowden St	Low St Jones	✓		✓	
1005 Bowden St	Theresa Smith	✓			
1007 Bowden St	Clare Trope	✓			
1009 Bowden St.	Margaret C. Sleep			✓	
922 Bowden St.	Gregory Tate	✓		✓	
923 Bowden St.	CL Dean			✓	
904 CARROLL ST.	Don Hill	✓			
916 Lynch St.	A. H. Askey			✓	
1202 Stiles Ave	Ernest E. Olson		✓		
1044 Ahlen Rd	Tom A. Cox	✓		✓	
1017 Bowden St	Roslyn Blige	✓		✓	
	Philip Blige	✓		✓	

*[Handwritten signature]*

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## We Cannot Forget Our History

It is a proud history that we have here in the Carvervillage neighborhood. I grew up here from a baby till now (69). My mother with other mother's had a dream and that dream was about a place where there children could have a safe place to play. Well as a fact the only area we had to play was Pearl Lee Smith School's playground and for most children that was to far to go and play. Outside of that area we had nothing I mean nowhere to play. So again my mother with a lot of other parents and mother's got together and as I can remember some of those meeting being held at our home on Bowden Street and I am quite sure other meeting where held at other parents home to. Just to name a few of the parents.

My mother Nurse Lanie Mae Jones RN, Mrs. Dora Norris, Mrs. Henry Mack, Mrs. Pallador, Mrs. Fields, Mrs. Helen Gordon, Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Ruth Myers and Mrs. Southwood, Mrs. Major, just to name a few. But these mother's got together and had petitions signed raised money's these mother's all worked together for the common good of putting a playground on the Ten Hundred Block of Bowden Street.

And then everything was starting to come together, they started cleaning off the area for the playground to come together. We as children did our share in cleaning the area. The field was cleared finally it was done.

Now when they started laying the concrete for the basketball court I was there I saw it all, the swings, sliding board, seesaw, and other play things added, that was a sight I mean everyone was watching them put everything together it was wonderful, people from the front of the village and people from the back of the village was all there looking at what was happening. There was power in those mother's that day, the moment the emotions it was fantastic that's all I can say about it.

Well all of the parents that were instrumental in making that dream come true are all gone now, but some of their children are still here and they have memories also of what went on. But what they accomplished is still there. Let give it a good name one that means something and something that the mother's put so much into. Oh they were a proud group of mother's when they saw what they had accomplished. So I am okay with the name that's stand for a strong people because that's what we are here in Carvervillage, that name best suits this area is George Washington Carver Community Park. Thank you so much for what's about to happen.

Donald B. Jones

Requirements for Honorary Street Naming Designations. (Sec.4-1104)

**Purpose**

- ✓ Honorary street name designations are intended to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the City. The designation will be a temporary assignment of the honorarium and shall not interfere with the official name of the street.

**Restrictions**

- ✓ Roadways under the control of the Federal Highway Administration, Georgia Department of Transportation or Chatham County are not subject to honorary naming.
- ✓ Honorary designations shall be limited to one approved designation per City Council member per calendar year.
- ✓ Individual family tributes, commercially concerned and corporate-related recognitions shall not be eligible for honorary designation.

**Requirements**

- ✓ The proposed namesake made a sustained contribution over an appreciable time period, exerted efforts of benefit or significance to local, state or national affairs and/or demonstrated leadership in governmental, cultural or historical affairs, humanitarian efforts, or community development;
- ✓ The proposed namesake made contributions that beneficially changed the nature and characteristics of the community;
- ✓ The proposed namesake resided in the City for at least 5 years.
- ✓ A statement of reasons supporting the honorary naming request, including a discussion of the historical significance, contributions, heroic service or personal sacrifice by the honoree to the City, state or nation;
- ✓ Identification of the particular section or block of an existing City street for which the honorary designation is sought.
- ✓ A supporting petition signed by not less than 51 percent of all property owners abutting the subject right-of-way
- ✓ An endorsement by the current Mayor, an at-large alderman or the alderman representing the district in which the property is located.
- ✓ A check for \$150 made to the City of Savannah