



**SAVANNAH-CHATHAM COUNTY HISTORIC SITE AND MONUMENT
COMMISSION
NAMING RECOMMENDATION**

PETITIONER: Joe Shearouse, Jr.
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FILE No.: 18-004315-HM

LOCATION: 201 Montgomery Street

DATE: September 6, 2018

NATURE OF REQUEST:

The applicant is requesting approval to name a building located at 201 Montgomery Street. This building, which is a new cultural arts center, is proposed to be named the 'Savannah Cultural Arts Center'.

FINDINGS:

The standards in Article E, Section 4:110-1108, which was adopted by City Council on October 26, 2017, apply to the naming of the building:

Criteria:

- *All public property names should meet one of the following criteria:*
- *To honor and commemorate noteworthy person associated with the City of Savannah, Chatham County, State of Georgia, or the United States of America;*
- *To commemorate local history, places, events, or culture;*
- *To strengthen neighborhood identity;*
- *To recognize native wildlife or natural features*

The standards are met. The name of the building, the Savannah Cultural Arts Center, relates to local events and culture. It will also strengthen neighborhood identity.

Restrictions:

- *Persons that resided in the City of Savannah for less than 5 years, other than prominent national figures;*

- *Names assigned to existing public property within the City or unincorporated Chatham County where duplication of the name is likely to lead to confusion;*
- *Except as set forth in Section 4-1106, commercial names where usage of such name would amount to advertising*

The standards are met. None of these restrictions apply.

Considerations:

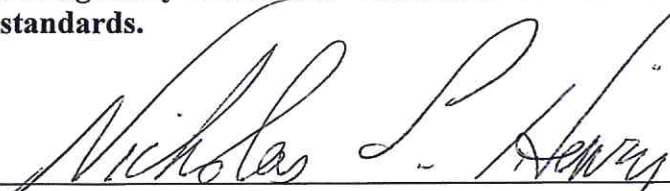
- *Naming requests shall take into account:*
- *The number of residents and businesses directly affected;*
- *Community diversity;*
- *The historical significance of preexisting name or location;*
- *The appropriateness and compatibility of the request in relation to the existing area;*
- *The impact on emergency service delivery;*
- *Continuity and stability*

The standards are met.

Public Notice: As required in the Master Plan and Guidelines, written notice was sent to all property owners, and the neighborhood association, within 200 feet of the subject property. A sign was posted on the property fifteen days prior to the meeting. No comments were received from the public.

RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL:


Recommend approval to City Council to name the new cultural arts center at 201 Montgomery Street the ‘Savannah Cultural Arts Center’, because the name meets the standards.



Dr. Nicholas Henry, Chairman
Historic Site and Monument Commission 9/10/18
Date



Melanie Wilson, Executive Director
Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission 9/7/18
Date



Ellen I. Harris, Director of Urban Planning and Historic Preservation
Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission 9/7/18
Date