

2019 CHARLOTTESVILLE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Procedural Recommendations for Renaming of Public Spaces, Buildings, Streets and Other Infrastructures

- Naming of public spaces, buildings, streets or other city-owned infrastructures should be weighed for its alignment to City goals and values in with particular attention to equity and inclusion.
- If a person or family name is recommended, thorough review of their past and contributions to the community should be considered. There should also be a specific time-period that has passed since the death of the individual.
- The Charlottesville community should have input. The community engagement process should be clearly defined with the following questions:
 1. Is there evidence that the original name holder marginalized or oppressed a group of people?
 2. Is renaming necessary for citizen health and well-being?
 3. What is the financial or other impact of changing the name of a public space, building, street, or infrastructure?
 4. Has a historian or other expert been involved in checking the background of the renaming candidate?
 5. What is the value to the community with an honorary naming?

City of Charlottesville Goals:

- Inclusive, Self-sufficient Community
- Healthy and Safe City
- Beautiful Environment
- Strong, Diversified Economy
- Responsive Organization

City of Charlottesville Organizational Values

- Creativity
- Leadership
- Trust
- Respect
- Excellence