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November 1, 2017

Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department  
5841 Brookshire Blvd  
Charlotte, NC 28216  
Attention: Jim Garges, Director

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of The Committee to Restore and Preserve Third Ward, Inc., and at the request of its Chair, Virginia Woolard, I am pleased to submit the enclosed application to rename "Third Ward Park" as "James Dennis Rash Third Ward Neighborhood Park."

Attached to the application are the signatures of more than 25 county residents who support the application (including all members of the corporation's board of directors) – thus satisfying a condition of your naming policy for public areas less than 200 acres. For reference, I have also enclosed a tax map/aerial photo of the 0.55 acre park and a reduced-size copy of a recorded map with the park highlighted thereon.

Dennis, who died on July 25, 2017, was a lifetime champion of urban neighborhoods, including Third Ward and Fourth Ward in Charlotte. For that and his other considerable contributions to this city and state, renaming the park in his memory and honor would be entirely deserved.

Surely, Dennis was – in the words of the County's naming policy – a person who "made a significant contribution to the enhancement of the quality of life in the community and is widely recognized and highly regarded for [his] work in the community."

Sincerely,

  
Robert C. Sink

Enclosures

cc: Virginia S. Woolard

## MECKLENBURG COUNTY FACILITIES NAMING AND RENAMING POLICY APPLICATION

### I. General Policy Statement

The Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) shall be responsible for approving all names of facilities in Mecklenburg County Government consistent with the Mecklenburg County Facilities Naming Policy.

### II. Applicant's Information

Name of Individual/Group Making Application: **The Committee to Restore and Preserve Third Ward, Inc.**, a North Carolina nonprofit corporation

Address: (Attn: Virginia S. Woolard), 1001 W. First St., Charlotte, NC 28202

Telephone: Home: 704.333.0287 Business: 704.333.2158

Mobile: 704.534.7761 Fax: 704.333.4934

Email: virginiaswoolard@gmail.com

Site of Naming/Renaming to be Considered: Third Ward Park (Tax Parcel 073-213-30)

### III. Recommendation and Supporting Information

Recommended Name: **"James Dennis Rash Third Ward Neighborhood Park"**

The recommended name is a reference to (check one of the following):

☐ a living person

☒ a deceased person

☐ other reference (please explain): \_\_\_\_\_

*(If none of the above, please skip all remaining questions and provide a one-page rationale to support recommended name)*

### IV. Background Check

If the request is to name a facility after a person, living or deceased, please provide the following information about that person. This information will be used only to conduct a background check on the person for whom the naming is being requested and will be held confidential.

Current Address (if living): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: December 13, 1939

Social Security Number: To be supplied by separate letter

V. *Name of civic/community activities, position of leadership and dates of involvement:*

North Carolina A&T State University, Board of Trustees (Member)

North Carolina Board of Transportation (Member)

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library, Board of Trustees (Member; Chairman)

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library, Main Library Reinvention Committee (Chairman)

First Presbyterian Church (Charlotte), Elder and Deacon

VI. *Organizations and positions held:*

Attorney, Moore & Van Allen

Dean of Students, UNCC

President, NCNB Community Development Corporation (1978-2001) (NCNB CDC)

Executive-in-residence and visiting professor, UNCC (2001-15)

VII. *Awards and honors:*

Morchad Scholar, UNC-CH (1958-62)

Order of the Old Well, UNC-CH

Order of the Golden Fleece, UNC-CH

Order of the Grail, UNC-CH

Distinguished Service Award, UNCC and UNCC Foundation (2013)

VIII. *Additional comments:*

In 1978, under the leadership of Hugh McColl and Dennis Rash, NCNB (now Bank of America) formed the first U.S. bank-owned, community development corporation – to promote the revitalization of inner-city residential neighborhoods. Dennis became its first President and served as such for the next 23 years.

In 1981, NCNB CDC became interested in the renewal of Third Ward, which was then a neighborhood of detached, single-family homes in the shadow of a scrapyard stretching from the railroad tracks to Cedar Street. The City had already acquired and cleared some of the Third Ward land and had initiated efforts to acquire the scrapyard land. Dennis envisioned the development of urban-scale townhouses on some of the City's vacant land, but was eager not to disturb the existing neighborhood or displace its residents. To that end, he created a nonprofit corporation for the neighborhood, The Committee to Restore and Preserve Third Ward, Inc. (with resident Mildred Baxter Davis as its president), which in turn formed a joint venture with NCNB CDC.

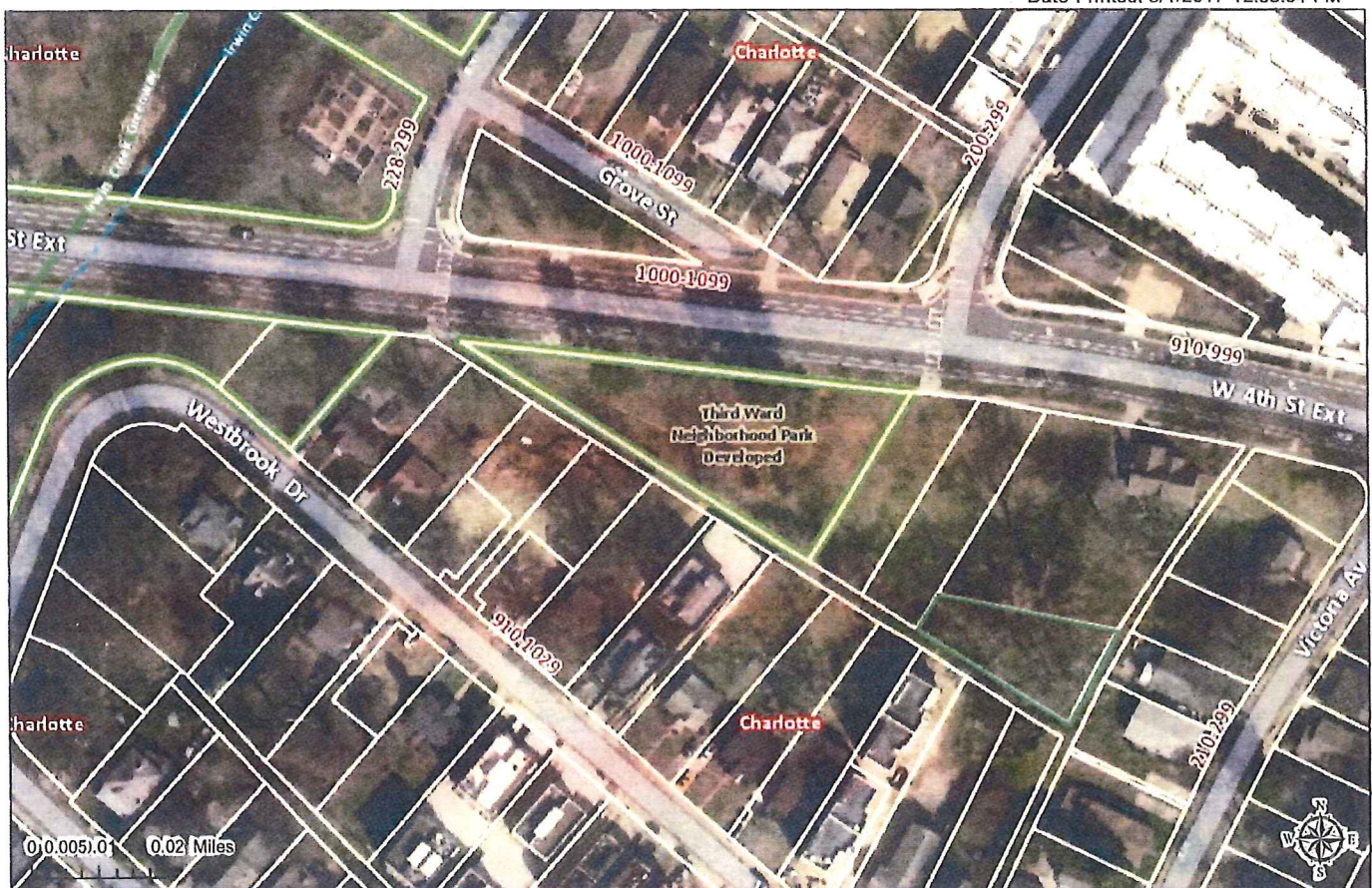
As its first project, and as a catalyst for future revitalization efforts, the joint venture built 40 townhouses. The joint venture continued its redevelopment for many years on more than 15 acres in Third Ward. The joint venture distributed a substantial share of its profits to the neighborhood nonprofit, which has continued its restoration and preservation work for more than 35 years.

NCNB CDC, as a representative of the City, completed negotiations for the relocation and environmental cleanup of the scrapyard and the acquisition of the scrapyard land as a neighborhood buffer.



## Polaris 3G Map – Mecklenburg County, North Carolina

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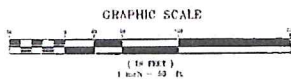


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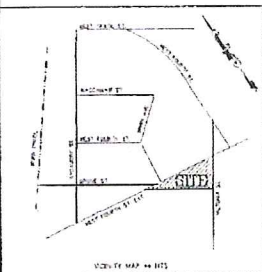


STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF MIDDLEBURG  
CIVIL DIVISION  
FILE NO. 92-110323  
IN RE: ESTATE OF  
JAMES H. BAKER  
JANUARY 1992

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NOTES

1. THIS PLAN SUPERSEDES THAT RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 25, PAGE 151, THE PURPOSE OF THIS PLAN IS TO CORRECT A PREVIOUSLY RECORDED PLAN.
2. ALL CORNER MARKS WITHIN 2000 FEET OF THE PROPERTY LINES FOR THIS AND SUE OF LOT 2 AND 3 AND NEAR SLIPSTOPS ARE TO BE SET AS SHOWN.
3. THE SURVEY IS OF EXISTING PARCELS OF LAND AND IS NOT SUBJECT TO A 500 FOOT DISTANCE.
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WEST FOURTH STREET EXTENSION

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THIS PLAN IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE OR MIDDLEBURG COUNTY SUBDIVISION ORDINANCES AND DOES NOT REQUIRE THE APPROVAL OF THE CHARLOTTE-MIDDLEBURG PLANNING COMMISSION. HOWEVER, ANY FUTURE SUBDIVISION OF THIS PROPERTY MAY BE SUBJECT TO THESE PROVISIONS.

CHARLOTTE-MIDDLEBURG PLANNING COMMISSION  
APPROVED: [Signature]  
DATE: 1/15/92

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CHARLOTTE, NC 28202  
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Supporters of the Application to Rename Third Ward Park

By our signatures below, we affirm our support for the application of The Committee to Restore and Preserve Third Ward, Inc. to rename Third Ward Park in memory and honor of James Dennis Rash.

	SIGNATURE	TYPED OR PRINTED NAME
1	<i>Virginia S. Woolard</i>	Virginia S. Woolard
2	<i>Charlie S. Dannelly</i>	Honorable Charlie S. Dannelly
3	<i>Regina Gill</i>	Regina Gill
4	<i>Beverly Earle</i>	Honorable Beverly M. Earle
5	<i>Chris A. Ogunrinde</i>	Chris A. Ogunrinde
6	<i>Robert C. Sink</i>	Robert C. Sink
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10	<i>Linda Flowers</i>	<i>Linda Flowers</i>
11	<i>Don C. Baucom</i>	DON C. BAUCOM
12	<i>Michael Hebis</i>	Michael Hebis
13	<i>Beverly Glover Logan</i>	BEVERLY GLOVER LOGAN
14	<i>Tyler Hager</i>	Tyler Hager
15	<i>Kelley J. Colwell</i>	Kelley J. Colwell
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17	<i>Elaine M. Powell</i>	Elaine M. Powell
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	SIGNATURE	TYPED OR PRINTED NAME
1	<i>Tommi Badger</i>	Tommi Badger
2	<i>Robert Wilson</i>	ROBERT Wilson
3	<i>Mary E. Heald</i>	MARY E. HEALD
4	<i>Christine Wilson</i>	Christine Wilson
5	<i>Ann Carvie</i>	ANN CARVIE
6	<i>Margaret Creed</i>	MARGARET CREED
7	<i>Ann Huskey</i>	ANN Huskey
8	<i>Mary Lee Martin</i>	Mary Lee Martin
9	<i>David W. Machell</i>	DAVID W. MACHILL
10	<i>Ann Marsh</i>	ANN MARSH
11	<i>Ann A. Inorn</i>	ANN A. INORN
12	<i>Susan Holland</i>	Susan Holland
13	<i>Laura W. Holmes</i>	Laura W. Holmes
14	<i>Willie Holmes</i>	Willie Holmes
15	<i>Thomas A. Tillman</i>	Thomas A. Tillman
16	<i>Roger Sarow</i>	Roger Sarow
17	<i>Rolfe Neill</i>	Rolfe Neill
18	<i>Rosemary C. Neill</i>	Rosemary Neill
19	<i>Gaile Dry-Burton</i>	Gaile Dry-Burton
20	<i>Edward H. Burton</i>	Edward H. Burton
21	<i>Natalie B. Garden</i>	Natalie B. Garden
22	<i>Katharine L. Carnie</i>	Katharine L. Carnie
23	<i>Margaret A. Woolard</i>	Margaret A. Woolard
24	<i>Horrie Hochstetler</i>	Horrie Hochstetler
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10. Linda Flowers
11. Don C. Baucom
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1. Tommi Badger
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5. Ron Carnie
6. Margaret Creed
7. Ann Huskey
8. Mary Lee Mamlin
9. David W. Mitchell
10. Ann Marsh
11. Ann A. Irwin
12. Susan Holland
13. Laura W. Holmes
14. Willie Holmes
15. Thomas A. Tillman
16. Roger Sarow
17. Rolfe Neill
18. Rosemary Neill
19. Gaile Dry Burton
20. Edward H. Burton
21. Natalie R. Gordon
22. Katherine L. Carnie
23. Margaret A. Woolard
24. Korrie Auchstaetter

**Houston, Patsy E.**

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**From:** Houston, Patsy E.  
**Sent:** Friday, February 23, 2018 12:40 PM  
**To:** Houston, Patsy E.  
**Subject:** FW: Background Check

**From:** Rhode, Tamara  
**Sent:** Monday, November 27, 2017 10:48 AM  
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**Cc:** Vanhoy, Rachel <[Rachel.Vanhoy@mecklenburgcountync.gov](mailto:Rachel.Vanhoy@mecklenburgcountync.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Background Check

I don't show that Mr. Rash has ever been charged with anything in the NC court system. Please let me know if you need anything further. Thanks.

Tamara Rhode  
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