

EXHIBIT 2

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: Susan B. Harden, Mecklenburg County Commissioner District 5 & Queens University of Charlotte

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Site of Naming/Renaming to be Considered: Pedestrian Bridge connecting Little Sugar Creek Greenway with Queens Sports Complex at Marion Diehl Park

III. **Recommendation and Supporting Information**

Recommended Name: Jerry and Irene Blackmon Bridge and Trails

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

☒ X a living person (Jerry)

☒ X a deceased person (Irene)

☐ 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): 2445 Selwyn Ave, Charlotte, NC, 28209

Date of Birth: 12/23/1928

Social Security Number:

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

Vestry at St. John's Episcopal Church in Charlotte, NC.

Dec 3, 1984 – Dec 3, 1990: Mecklenburg County Commission At- Large

January 1, 1991-December 31, 1996: NC State Senator

2007-2011: Appointed to NC State Ethics Commission

- VI. Organizations and positions held:

CoChair of the Charlotte Area Transit Citizens Group

Board of Directors of Arts & Science Council during 1980's

Board of Directors of Central Piedmont Community College

Carolinas Transportation Compact 1992, Urban Institute @ UNCC

- VII. Awards and honors:

June 1992: Order of the Long Leaf Pine

Established the Senator John G. Blackmon Endowed Scholarship in Mechanical Engineering in 2003 at University of South Carolina

Holds a patent in the air conditioning industry

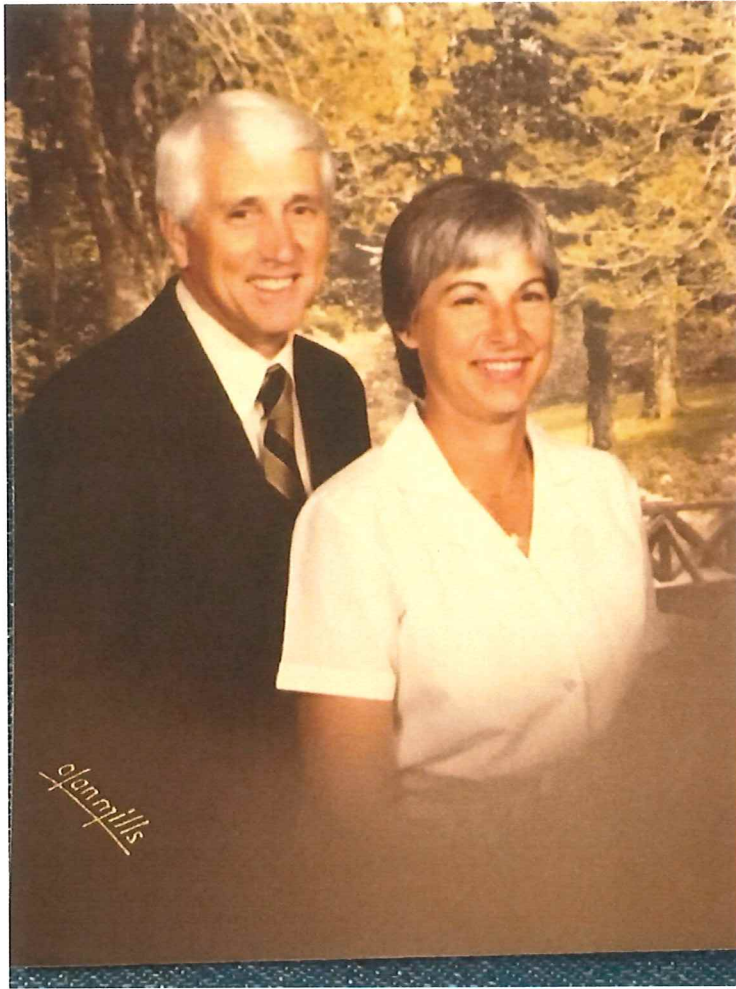
- VIII. Additional comments:

John G. "Jerry" Blackmon is a long-time public servant, United States Veteran, and beloved community leader. He served on the Mecklenburg County Commission from 1984-1990 and the North Carolina State Legislature from 1991-1996. While on the commission, Mr. Blackmon was an early champion for the development of Greenways. His generous contributions support & develop the greenway system at the Queens University Sports Complex at Marion Diehl Park.

Addition Information:

Mr. Blackmon was born on December 23, 1928 in Asheville, NC. Graduated from York High School in 1946. At the age of 17 he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. In 1950 he entered the University of South Carolina, the same year he met the best person ever – Irene Herty. They married in 1952, staying married 66 years

until her death in 2018, and having four children John (Atlanta, GA), Rick (Virginia), Anne (Charlotte, NC), and William (Charlotte, NC), along with grandchildren and great grandchildren. He majored in mechanical engineering and graduated in 1954. Traveled to several states working, and back to South Carolina in 1959. In 1965 he moved to Charlotte and in 1984 became involved in politics. He worked for 12 years for Chrysler Corporation's Airtemp Division and the Trane Company before later starting his own sales agency, J.G. Blackmon and Associate, which was located in Charlotte with sub-office in Raleigh, Greensboro, Greenville and Columbia. Eventually, he sold each office to its branch manager. Jerry & Irene have been active members at St. John's Episcopal Church since 1965.







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April 30, 2019

Susan B. Harden
Mecklenburg County Commission, District 5
Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center
600 East 4th Street
Charlotte, NC 28202

Dear Commissioner Harden,

It is my sincere honor and privilege to write to you today to share my profound support for the naming of the Blackmon Pedestrian Bridge and Trails at Marion Diehl Park. Jerry Blackmon shares our vision to provide an accessible, vibrant greenway for the people of Mecklenburg County, and it is with the trails and bridge named for him and his wife, Irene, that this vision will become a reality.

Senator Blackmon reached out to Queens to partner on this effort so that in addition to greater access for county residents, Queens students could reach our Sports Complex at Marion Diehl Park on foot. It seems fitting to name the trails and bridge for the Blackmons who not only provided the inspiration, but also the funding to make this greenway connection possible. Queens is grateful for the generosity of and collaboration with the Blackmons, and we would be proud to have the Blackmon Pedestrian Trails and Bridge as part of Queens' campus.

Sincerely,



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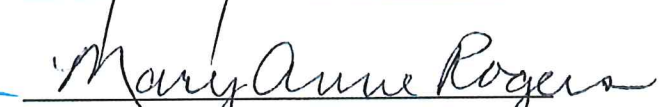

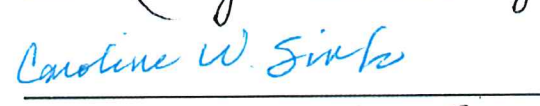
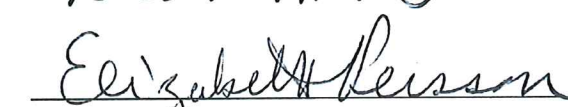

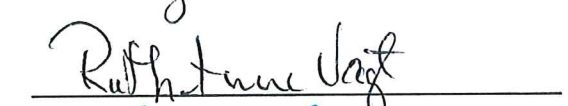



Dear Commissioner Harden,

We, the undersigned Board of Trustees of Queens University of Charlotte, hereby offer our unwavering support of the proposed plan to name the pedestrian bridge and trails at Marion Diehl Park in honor of Jerry and Irene Blackmon.

The naming of the Blackmon Pedestrian Bridge and Trails would celebrate the exemplary service Jerry Blackmon provided both Mecklenburg County and the state of North Carolina as a county commissioner (1984-1990) and a state senator (1990-1996). Queens would be honored to have the Blackmons recognized at this county park, also the proud home to Queens' Sports Complex.

Agreed this second day of May 2019.

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