



**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6E**

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May 20, 2018

Honorable Charles Allen  
Council of the District of Columbia  
1350 Pennsylvania Ave NW, #406  
Washington, DC 20004

Re: Official Naming of Crowdy Court

Dear Councilmember Allen,

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E conducted a public meeting on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at the Watha T. Daniel/Shaw Library, 1630 7th Street, NW, to consider the official naming of the alleyway in the 400 block of M Street.

At the Commission's meeting, duly noticed and with this case listed in the notice, with a quorum present (four out of seven Commissioners required to be in attendance to achieve a quorum), ANC 6E voted unanimously (6 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstention) to officially name the alleyway in question Crowdy Court.

ANC 6E thoroughly engaged the community and relevant stakeholders throughout the naming process to consider a name that would speak to the historic nature of the alley as well as provide residents with a sense of place. Naming the alleyway Crowdy Court will memorialize the profound humanitarian contributions of the First Tabernacle Beth-El Church of God and Saints of Christ and its founder, Pastor William Saunders Crowdy. The Church is located off of the alley at 401 New York, Ave., NW, and is a foundational stakeholder in the community.

At ANC 6E's May 1st meeting, Rabbi Marcus L. Carr addressed the Commission and attendees and provided a history of the Church and Pastor Crowdy, who purchased the then-named Fletcher Chapel on August 22, 1906. Since then, the Chapel has been renovated, restored, expanded and was re-dedicated in May 2001. Today, it is over 150

years old and is one of the oldest buildings in the Nation's Capital. The building eventually became a historical gem not only for the Church of God and Saints of Christ, but the entire U.S., as it is now registered both locally and nationally as an historic landmark.

Rabbi Carr and his congregation continue to make history by providing hope to thousands members and non-members alike in our community. They provide the less fortunate with first needs such as food, clothing, health and wellness supplies and vital services. They have numerous partnerships with local government agencies, non-profit organizations and area businesses that understand the challenging needs of our diverse community. Their efforts to build and strengthen the lives of the less fortunate have set them apart as one of the most recognized faith-based entities not only in Ward 6, but around the DC Metro area.

ANC 6E is proud to have the First Tabernacle in our community, and believe that naming the alleyway after its founder will reflect the community's appreciation for its many contributions. We ask you to move forward with legislation to officially name the alleyway Crowdy Court.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alexander T. Marriott", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alexander T. Marriott  
*Chair*  
ANC 6E