



**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6E**  
PO Box 93020 Brentwood Station, Washington, DC 20090

November 2, 2021

Chairman Phil Mendelson  
Chair, Committee of the Whole  
Council of the District of Columbia  
1350 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20004

RE: Resolution Supporting the Wiltberger East Alleys Designation Act of 2021 (B24-0336)

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

On November 2, 2021, at a duly noticed and regularly scheduled meeting of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E (“ANC 6E” or “Commission”) conducted virtually via videoconference and with a quorum of 6 out of 7 Commissioners and the public present, ANC 6E approved the following resolution by a vote of 6 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions:

WHEREAS, Wiltberger Street NW runs for one block between T Street NW and S Street NW. Extending east from Wiltberger Street NW are two unnamed alleys that both terminate on a third unnamed alley that parallels Wiltberger Street NW between Florida Avenue NW and S Street NW. The east side of Wiltberger Street NW and the alley complex to the east of Wiltberger Street NW are located within the jurisdictional boundaries of ANC 6E in Single Member District 6E02;

WHEREAS, despite its small size, Wiltberger Street NW and the Wiltberger east alley network have a rich and varied history including being the center of DC’s wholesale bakery industry, a nightlife and jazz destination during the era of Black Broadway, and as a tight-knit residential community;

WHEREAS, among the many businesses, community organizations, and residents that have contributed to the history and culture of Wiltberger Street NW, ANC 6E wishes to recognize three entities, each representing a distinct period and facet of the Wiltberger story, for the purposes of symbolic designation for the Wiltberger East Alleys:

- Holzbeierlein Bakery (1900 - 1953)
- All Sports Club Way (1940 - 196?)
- Wiltberger Club House Way (1960s - 2000s)

WHEREAS, the Holzbeierlein Bakery operated a wholesale production facility at 1815-1827 Wiltberger Street NW between 1900 and 1953, employing a union workforce that included as



many of 70 employees and 30 delivery trucks, and producing breads and cakes under the trade names Fa-Mus and Bamby that were sold in groceries across the District. The Holzbeierlein Bakery was founded by Michael Holzbeierlein, a Bavarian immigrant who helped introduce mechanized and “sanitary” baking practices to the DC bakery industry during the Progressive Era. In 2017, the DC Historic Preservation Review Board designated the Holzbeierlein Bakery complex a historic landmark in the DC Inventory of Historic Sites for the period of significance 1891-1930;

WHEREAS, the All Sports Club was a restaurant, bar, and jazz club founded in 1940 by Black broadcaster and radio pioneer Harold “Hal” Jackson, sportscaster for the Homestead Grays and Howard University. All Sports Club was sold to Joe and Mae Hurd around 1950, who operated it through the 1950s and 1960s. Located at 1831 Wiltberger Street NW, across the stage door from the historic Howard Theater, the All Sports Club hosted jazz concerts and after-hours jam sessions that helped define the Black jazz scene that flourished in the Shaw/U Street area during the era of Black Broadway. Known as the “crossroads of the [B]lack sports world” the All Sports Club was a popular destination for Black athletes and celebrities to socialize and take in the jazz shows.<sup>1</sup>

WHEREAS, the Wiltberger Club House was a social and athletic club for residents of Wiltberger and the surrounding community. The Club House was well-known for fielding sports teams and sponsoring picnics, cabarets, block parties, and dances. The Club House dances were attended by members of social clubs from across the District and often featured the DJ skills of a young Chuck Brown.<sup>2</sup> In their later days, Club House members were a reliable presence in Wiltberger, usually assembled in a semi-circle of lawn chairs in the middle of Wiltberger Street, watching the big game on a television mounted near an open Club House window. The Wiltberger Club House represented a social hub for residents of the Wiltberger community and a consistent community through several decades of neighborhood change.

WHEREAS, at its May 4, 2021, ANC 6E voted unanimously to support the symbolic designation of the Wiltberger East Alleys to support the following symbolic designations:

- Designate the eastern alley parallel to Wiltberger Street NW as Holzbeierlein Bakery Way;
- Designate the northern alley running east from Wiltberger Street NW as Joe and Mae Hurd All Sports Club Way; and
- Designate the southern alley running east from Wiltberger Street NW as Wiltberger Club House Way;

WHEREAS, upon recommendation of ANC 6E, Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen introduced the Wiltberger East Alley Designation Act of 2021 (B24-0336)

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<sup>1</sup> Catteau, Daniel. “Forgotten Champions”. *The Washington Post*, 3 June 1990.

<sup>2</sup> Morris, Ayesha. “Members Only”. *Washington City Paper*, 3 August 2001.



THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 6E supports the Wiltberger East Alleys Designation Act of 2021 and requests a favorable determination on this bill from the DC Council Committee of the Whole;

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachelle Nigro". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rachelle Nigro,  
Chair

CC: Charles Allen, Ward 6 Councilmember

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**I**T'S the pride of Holzbeierlein's Bakery — Washington's famous cake makers. **NEW** and **DIFFERENT** all the way through—*made* different and *baked* different! An appetizing flavor and wholesome goodness that you never tasted in bread before.

It took a long while for FA-MUS Bread to attain the peak of perfection which it now holds. Much experiment and expense was involved. But now that it has become the supremely delicious loaf that everyone acclaims it, our efforts to develop a *better* bread have been crowned with success.

Try this big, sunny-brown loaf at dinner today! It gives added enjoyment to every meal. And it's always **FRESH** and baked to a uniformly delicious flavor. In two sizes—long and short.

*Ask your grocer for FA-MUS Bread—but be persistent this time. **INSIST** on FA-MUS Bread.*

Figure 2: Advertisement for Holzbeierlein Bakery. Washington Evening Star. 25 October 1921.

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**TO TELL YOU ALL ABOUT FA-MUS BREAD!**

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Figure 2: Advertisement for Holzbeierlein Bakery, Washington Evening Star, 17 October 1921.

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HAROLD JACKSON  
The voice you hear at Howard games  
Announcer for  
Homestead Grays  
Invites You to  
WINE & DINE ....  
Before and After the Game  
at  
"The Meeting Place of Sports"

**JACKSON'S  
All-Sports Club**

1831 Wiltberger Street, N. W.  
*Across from Howard Theatre Stage Door*



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Figure 2: Advertisement for Jackson's All-Sports Club,

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## *The House That Jack Built*



*Jackson's All Sports Club in Washington, DC, 1940s.*

Figure 3: Photograph of Jackson's All Sports Club  
From Jackson, Harold. 2001. The House that Jack Built: The Autobiography of a Successful American Dreamer Businessman and Entertainer. P.54. 2001. P.54





Figure 4: Undated Photograph of Mae Hurd behind the bar at the All Sports Club





Figure 5: Cover story on the Wiltberger Club House in the August 3-9, 2001 issue of Washington City Paper.