

Date June 28, 2021

RESOLUTION HOLDING HEARING ON HONORARY NAMING OF WASHINGTON AVENUE BETWEEN 16TH STREET AND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PARKWAY AS DR. BOBBY YOUNG AVENUE

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2009, by Roll Call No. 09-801, the City Council adopted a policy for the naming and renaming of City streets, facilities and park land in the City of Des Moines, which policy provides, in part, that the Mayor, Council Member, or Council as a whole may sponsor a request for naming or renaming on the Council agenda and that Council action to approve a name change may be expedited if deemed appropriate by Council; and

WHEREAS, on June 14, 2021, by Roll Call No. 21-0866, the City Council received a communication from the City Plan and Zoning Commission advising that at a public hearing held on June 3, 2021, its members voted 10-0 to recommend APPROVAL of a request by Angela Young (resident) to provide an honorary name of "Dr. Bobby Young Avenue" to a segment of Washington Avenue between 16th Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway to honor Reverend Dr. Bobby Young, neighborhood resident and long-time community advocate, with addressing and wayfinding retaining the name of Washington Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the above-referenced naming policy provides that public notice will be given and a public hearing held on any naming or renaming proposal; and

WHEREAS, on June 14, 2021, by Roll Call No. 21-0866, it was duly resolved by the City Council that the proposal to provide an honorary name to the above-described segment of Washington Avenue be set down for hearing on June 28, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall; and

WHEREAS, due notice of said hearing was published in the Des Moines Register, as provided by law, setting forth the time and place for hearing on said proposed street renaming; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with said notice, those interested in said proposed honorary street naming, both for and against, have been given opportunity to be heard with respect thereto and have presented their views to the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, as follows:

- 1. Upon due consideration of the facts, and any and all statements of interested persons and arguments of counsel, any objections to the proposed honorary naming of "Dr. Bobby Young Avenue" to the segment of Washington Avenue between 16th Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway, are hereby overruled, and the hearing is closed.
2. The honorary naming of the segment of Washington Avenue between 16th Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway as "Dr. Bobby Young Avenue" is hereby approved.
3. Angela Young, as initial requestor, is responsible for ordering the signs through the City's Traffic and Transportation Division. The cost for materials and labor for purchase and installation of the honorary name signage shall be invoiced by the City to Angela Young as initial requestor.

APPROVED AS TO FORM: MOVED BY TO ADOPT.

/s/ Glenna K. Frank
Glenna K. Frank, Assistant City Attorney

(11-2020-1.08)

Table with 5 columns: COUNCIL ACTION, YEAS, NAYS, PASS, ABSENT. Rows include COWNIE, BOESEN, GATTO, GRAY.

CERTIFICATE

I, P. KAY CMELIK, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.



June 8, 2021

Honorable Mayor and City Council  
City of Des Moines, Iowa

Members:

Communication from the City Plan and Zoning Commission advising that at their June 3, 2021 meeting, the following action was taken regarding a request from Angela Young, 935 24<sup>th</sup> Street, to name a segment of Washington Avenue between Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway and 16<sup>th</sup> Street with an honorary name "Dr. Bobby Young Avenue".

**COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:**

After public hearing, the members voted 10-0 as follows:

Commission Action:	Yes	Nays	Pass	Absent
Francis Boggus	X			
Dory Briles				X
Abby Chungath	X			
Kayla Berkson				X
Jann Freed				X
Johnny Alcivar	X			
Lisa Howard	X			
Carolyn Jenison	X			
Greg Jones				X
William Page	X			
Rocky Sposato	X			
Steve Wallace	X			
Greg Wattier	X			
Emily Webb	X			

**APPROVAL** of the request to honorarily rename a segment of Washington Avenue between 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway as "Dr. Bobby Young Avenue".  
(11-2021-1.08)

## Written Responses

2 in Favor

2 in opposition

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO THE P&Z COMMISSION**

Staff recommends approval of the request to honorarily rename a segment of Washington Avenue between 16th Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway as “Dr. Bobby Young Avenue”.

## **STAFF REPORT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

### **I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

- 1. Purpose of Request:** Angela Young submitted a request to add an honorary street name to the segment of Washington Avenue extending from 16<sup>th</sup> Street to Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. The proposed honorary street renaming would add the name “Dr. Bobby Young Avenue” to Washington Avenue. Reverend Dr. Bobby Young lives at 1834 Washington Avenue and is a long-time community advocate. For purposes of addressing and wayfinding, the official name of the street would remain Washington Avenue.
- 2. Size of Site:** Approximately 60,335 square feet.
- 3. Existing Zoning (site):** “N5” Neighborhood District.
- 4. Existing Land Use (site):** Street right-of-way.
- 5. Adjacent Land Use and Zoning:**
  - North** – “N5” District; Uses are single-family dwellings.
  - South** – “N5” District; Uses are single-family dwellings.
  - East** – “N5” District; Uses are single-family dwellings.
  - West** – “N5” District; Uses are single-family dwellings.
- 6. General Neighborhood/Area Land Uses:** The requested honorary street renaming is located in a residential area that primarily consists of one household dwellings.
- 7. Applicable Recognized Neighborhood(s):** The subject property is located within the Mondamin Presidential Neighborhood and within 250 feet of the Drake Neighborhood. All neighborhood associations were notified of the meeting by mailing of the Preliminary Agenda on May 14, 2021. Additionally, separate notifications of the hearing for this specific item were mailed on May 24, 2021 (10 days prior to the hearing) to the primary titleholder on file with the Polk County Assessor for each property adjacent to the requested honorary street renaming. A Final Agenda was mailed to all the recognized neighborhood associations on May 28, 2021.

All agendas and notices are mailed to the primary contact designated by the recognized neighborhood association to the City of Des Moines Neighborhood Development Division. The Mondamin Presidential Neighborhood notices were mailed to Terri Mitchell, 1822 Jefferson Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50314. The Drake Neighborhood notices were mailed to Lori Calhoun, 2808 Cottage Grove Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50311.

8. **Relevant Zoning History:** None.
9. **PlanDSM Land Use Plan Designation:** Low-Density Residential.
10. **Applicable Regulations:** The Commission, considering the criteria set forth in Chapter 18B of the Iowa Code, reviews all proposals for honorary street renaming. The recommendation of the Commission is forwarded to the City Council.

## II. ADDITIONAL APPLICABLE INFORMATION

1. **Utilities:** There is an existing sanitary sewer within the specified right-of-way. There is an existing 8-inch water main within the specified right-of-way. There are no storm sewer conduit or structures in the specified right-of-way.
2. **Street System/Access:** The requested honorary street renaming would not impact vehicular or pedestrian movement in the area.
3. **Addressing Committee Policy:** The general guidelines for establishing honorary street names are to recognize individual citizens, organizations, entities and special events. Applications can be supported by a short essay that provides justification for the designation.
  1. Could be named for a prominent person who:
    - a. Achieved prominence as the result of his or her significance, positive contribution to the history of the world, United States, the State of Iowa, or the City of Des Moines.
    - b. Is a real person.
    - c. Has been deceased for at least five years.
  2. Could be a geographical place name of prominence.
  3. Could be named for flora, fauna, or geologic materials.
  4. Could be names for a commemorative event which has achieved distinction as the result of significant and positive contribution to the world, United States, the State of Iowa, or City of Des Moines.
  5. Could be named for the description of the area in which the street is located or a prominent landmark nearby.

Staff notes that the proposal does not fully comply with the policy, as the honoree is living. However, exceptions to this guideline have been made in the past when warranted.

## SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Emily Webb asked if any member of the public or the commission desired to speak on the item. No one requested to speak.

### COMMISSION ACTION:

Carolyn Jension made a motion for approval of the request to honorarily rename a segment of Washington Avenue between 16th Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway as "Dr. Bobby Young Avenue".

Motion passed: 10-0

Respectfully submitted,



Jason Van Essen, AICP  
Planning & Urban Design Administrator

JMV:tjh

Angela Young (resident), 935 24th Street.		File #		
		11-2021-1.08		
<b>Description of Action</b>	Name a segment of Washington Avenue between Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway and 16th Street with an honorary name "Dr. Bobby Young Avenue".			
<b>PlanDSM Future Land Use</b>	Current: Low Density Residential. Proposed: N/A.			
<b>Mobilizing Tomorrow Transportation Plan</b>	No planned improvements.			
<b>Current Zoning District</b>	"N5" Neighborhood District.			
<b>Proposed Zoning District</b>	N/A.			
<b>Consent Card Responses</b>	In Favor	Not In Favor	Undetermined	% Opposition
<b>Outside Area (200 feet)</b>	2	2		
<b>Within Subject Property</b>				
<b>Plan and Zoning Commission Action</b>	Approval	X	<b>Required 6/7 Vote of the City Council</b>	Yes
	Denial			No

Young, Washington Avenue between M. L. King, Jr. Pkwy & 15th Street

11-2021-1.08



1 inch = 303 feet

11-2021-1.08

Item: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 5-27-21

Please mark one of the following

I am in favor of the request

I am not in favor of the request

Staff Use Only

Signature: Paulette Butler

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

11-2021-1.08

Item: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 5-25-2021

Please mark one of the following

I am in favor of the request

I am not in favor of the request

Staff Use Only

Signature: David Lee Odair

Name: DAVID LEE ADAIR

Address: 1504 WASHINGTON AVE

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Item: 11-2021-1.08 Date: 5/25/21

Please mark one of the following

I am in favor of the request

I am not in favor of the request

Staff Use Only

Signature: Nancy Bunker, Manager  
Bunker Family Ent., LC

Name: Nancy J. Bunker

Address: Home: 1911 - 6<sup>th</sup> Windsor Hts, IA 50324

Affected Property - 1909 Washington, Des Moines, IA 50314

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

I feel the address should remain  
Washington Ave, in the interest of continuity  
& clarity.

Please do NOT approve this change! NJB



11-2021-1.08

Item: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 5-31-21

Please mark one of the following

I am in favor of the request

I am not in favor of the request

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Keri Ruvaldt*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Keri Ruvaldt*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*1508 Washington*

Star

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below.

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**Peters, Laura A.**

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**From:** Donovan, SuAnn M.  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 27, 2021 7:49 AM  
**To:** Peters, Laura A.  
**Subject:** FW: Dr.,Pastor Young/AKO

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**Subject:** Fwd: Dr.,Pastor Young/AKO

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To Whom it may concern,

This letter is written as a character witness for Dr. Pastor Bobby Young.

It is an honor to be able to participate in the making of an honorary re-naming to the Dr Bobby L Young Drive. Dr. Young has been a pillar in this community for decades, from counseling the distraught, housing the homeless, or feeding the homeless. His commitment is unconditional to the youth not only in Des Moines but in the state and has provided an avenue for young people to see and experience hope. Giving an honorary name would show young adults what can be accomplished for standing for what matters and what they can accomplish from honest hard work and investment in community, family, and self

Ako Abdul-Samad  
Iowa State Representative

**Peters, Laura A.**

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**From:** Donovan, SuAnn M.  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 27, 2021 7:50 AM  
**To:** Peters, Laura A.  
**Subject:** FW: Street Change request  
**Attachments:** Dr. Bobby Young's Bio.docx

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**Sent:** Friday, March 26, 2021 12:41 AM  
**To:** Donovan, SuAnn M. <SMDonovan@dmgov.org>  
**Subject:** Re: Street Change request

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Hello Ms Donovan.  
Please see attached letter for bio.

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To: [angelalyia@aol.com](mailto:angelalyia@aol.com) <[angelalyia@aol.com](mailto:angelalyia@aol.com)>  
Sent: Wed, Mar 24, 2021 10:35 am  
Subject: RE: Street Change request

It might be a factor. If you want to give me background and support for the honorary street name I will take it to the addressing committee and see how staff feels about waiving that provision of the policy.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 24, 2021 10:21 AM

To: Donovan, SuAnn M. <[SMDonovan@dmgov.org](mailto:SMDonovan@dmgov.org)>  
Subject: Re: Street Change request

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Thank You for the guidelines.  
This person is Not deceased. Is that still a factor?

-----Original Message-----

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To: [angelalyia@aol.com](mailto:angelalyia@aol.com)<[angelalyia@aol.com](mailto:angelalyia@aol.com)>  
Sent: Wed, Mar 24, 2021 10:09 am  
Subject: RE: Street Change request

Angela,

This is the policy guideline:

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Can you give me a biography? Something we can use to present the request to P&Z. The more information I can get to support the proposal the better chance it has to succeed.

Is this request being made on behalf of a group or organization?

I do not believe the city provides the signs and I am not sure who installs them. I will find out.

I would think that the P&Z could hear this in April and Council in May if I can get the information put together. In the next week or so.

Let me know if you have any questions.

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**Subject:** Re: Street Change request

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Yes, You did ask and I most definitely will provide that information again.  
The current street is Washington Ave - the 1800 block going east bound, off MLK in Des Moines.  
The honorary name is Dr. Bobby Young- He is a pillar and great community advocate in the community.  
Can you tell me what is the time frame of this procedure?

-----Original Message-----

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To: [angelalyia@aol.com](mailto:angelalyia@aol.com)<[angelalyia@aol.com](mailto:angelalyia@aol.com)>  
Sent: Wed, Mar 24, 2021 8:43 am  
Subject: RE: Street Change request

I am sorry did I already ask what street and what the honorary name would be? I need to put it on a Plan and Zoning Commission meeting for a recommendation which is then put on a council agenda.

Thanks,

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Hello, Ms Donovan. This is Angela Young. Hoping we can move forward with the honorary street name change. Can you tell me what is the next step?

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To: [angelalyia@aol.com](mailto:angelalyia@aol.com)<[angelalyia@aol.com](mailto:angelalyia@aol.com)>  
Sent: Thu, Mar 4, 2021 1:39 pm  
Subject: RE: Street Change request

Angela,

Can you tell me the area/street you are interested in and the honorary name you want considered?

Thank you,

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Hello, My name is Angela Young.

Who can help with an inquiry regarding getting a section of a street with a memorial posting on the sign? What is the procedure?

You can also reach me at 515-240-7914

**Peters, Laura A.**

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**From:** Donovan, SuAnn M.  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 27, 2021 7:48 AM  
**To:** Peters, Laura A.  
**Subject:** FW: Dr Young/Celebration of Life

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Dr. Bobby Young is a man of high integrity. A man that has the love for community betterment, education, and development. Dr Young choices to be a part of making sure people are aware of the opportunities at hand and how they are obtainable. Dr. Young seeks to help people fulfill their full potential in life. Dr. Young is a man of wisdom, knowledge, and patience. He has the gift of explaining things so others understanding. He is indeed a man worthy of this honor.

Celebration of Life, Inc.  
Ruthie Duncan- Moore

## Peters, Laura A.

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To whom it may concern:

I met Dr. Bobby Young in September of 2019, where I was fortunate enough to be asked to attend a revival with Dr. Karliss Kimbrough Meeting him for the first time, I met a man that was very cordial, down to earth, and some would say, very friendly. After attending the revival, it was pleasant to know that each and every night he was concerned about our comfort, making sure that all of our needs were met. One evening I mention about our school of theology, well soon he became the first student from Iowa in the National School of Theology, we were excited to have him in our doctoral program. He made an immediate impact not just on the school itself but on the students within the doctoral program. Everybody always asks



where Dr. Young was. Because of his church experience and life history he was able to pour into many that was willing to hear of his experiences and knowledge. We are grateful to have met him and have been blessed because of him.

### **In His Service**

Dr. Orlando E. Short D.D  
National School of Theology  
Professor

Dr. Stephanie Pinckney-Rose  
National School of Theology  
Administrator

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My Pastor, Dr. Bobby L. Young, is one that's easy to love and to follow as Pastor. He follows the guidance of the Holy Spirit. He reaches out to the community to help anyone that he can. He believes in the work of missionary society. Under his leadership Mt. Hebron Missionary Baptist Church has sponsored a successful feeding program, distributed food to anyone in need of food. Through his leadership the members of Mt. Hebron has a motto which is to LIVE AND LET LIVE. PRAISE GOD FOR PASTOR DR. BOBBY L YOUNG.

Sent from my iPhone

Deacon Jerry Thompson  
Mt. Hebron Missionary Baptist Church

First I want to say that my Pastor Dr. Bobby L. Young has the five fold ministry within him. He is an Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Teacher and my Pastor.

Pastor Young has nurtured me and been a disciplinarian to me. I have matured and learned so much under his tutelage. He has blessed me with teachings in the bible that are so advanced. When Pastor teaches my mind is like a sponge. I want to learn more and more. I love fellowshiping with him during bible study on Tuesday evenings and on Saturday mornings during minsters class.

He has always been there for me when I need him. Really, he is there for many who are in need. He has a good, kind heart and rarely says no.

I thank God for bringing Pastor Dr. Bobby L. Young into my life. It has been a blessing to me and my family. To God be the glory.



# United Ministries For Christ

Apostle Dr. Claude & Apostle Dr. Elaine I. Woodson

March 2021

## Simply The Word Ministries

Apostle, Dr. Claude Woodson  
Apostle, Dr. Elaine I. Woodson  
Co-Founders

## Victorious Women in Christ

Apostle, Dr. Elaine I Woodson,  
Founder  
St. Louis, MO – Des Moines, IA –  
San Antonio, TX – Accra, Ghana  
West Africa

## Iron Sharpens Iron

Bishop Benjamin Bell  
Sr. Pastor Charles Kimbrough  
Deacon Tommie Young  
Des Moines, IA – San Antonio, TX

## Touching God Ministry

Evangelist, Jacqueline Ewing  
St. Louis, MO

## Grace House of Refuge

Bishop, Dr. Karliss Kimbrough  
Sr. Pastor, Charles Kimbrough  
San Antonio, TX

## Healing and Mending Ministry

Pastor, Francello McCoy  
St. Louis, MO

## World Harvest Ministries

Bishop, Terry Glenn  
Pastor, Erika Glenn  
Kansas City, MO –  
Bangladesh, South Asia

## Sword of the Spirit Ministry

Pastor, Arnim Eric Triplett  
Co-Pastor Rita Elise Triplett  
St. Peters, MO

## Bread of Life Ministry

Pastor Reginald Rodgers  
Pastor Rosalind L. Rodgers  
East St. Louis, Ill

I write this letter to Dr. Bobby Young, who serve as Pastor of one of the greatest ministries in Des Moines Iowa, known as Mount Hebron Missionary Baptist Church.

I have nothing but the utmost respect for you as you stand in the pulpit each and every Sunday Morning to feed the Word of God to the people of God.

- **I respect your competence.** You have a supernatural ability to take a passage of biblical text and pull out the truths that bring comfort and guidance toward right living.
- **I respect your patience and kindness.** You love unconditionally in spite of “bad advice” on how you should preach or lead the church.
- **I respect your bravery.** You do not shy away from tough passages which are not well-received in a politically correct culture.
- **I respect your diligence.** There are countless hard choices you are forced to constantly make.
- **I respect your preparation.** Every seven days you give a fresh Word from God.
- **I respect your family.** You live in a fishbowl and have to appear perfect.

There is one body and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope and your calling; One Lord, One Faith  
One Baptism, One God, and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in you all.

Ephesians 4: 4-6

- **I respect your compassion.** I know your knees are callused as a result of constantly praying for the people of God.
- **I respect your commitment to Jesus and His mission.** Because you love Him so much you answered the call to go into an incredibly unstable profession.
- **I respect your vision.** You see those in your church as what they could be, not just what they currently are.
- **I respect you for being there.** Every significant moment of life—salvation, baptism, wedding, hospitals, baby dedications, funerals. You were there.
- **And I respect what no one sees.** I respect the fact that you were broken to pieces by God. Personal Heartbreak. Sadness. Doubt. Disappointment. Devastation. Hurt Feelings. Sleepless Nights. Unspeakable Pain. You don't talk about this part of your journey much. But one of the main reasons God uses you so effectively is you have been broken to pieces for His glory and our benefit and did not quit. You will finish this race.

**And for this I say, "Thank You."** I'm sure countless others will thank you every day for eternity because you were willing to pay a personal price that others did not.

**You may not think anyone notices the price you paid.** But this is not true. You are loved and respected. And I just want to say one more time to you, your spouse, and the entire First Family, "Thank You."

Only Because of the **Blood** of Jesus – I remain:

Apostle, Dr. Elaine I. Woodson (One of Your Sheep)

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## **REVEREND DR. BOBBY YOUNG**

**Rev. Dr. Young has a track record as 'A Man of God'. I know REV. DR. BOBBY YOUNG as a Pastor and honorary Apostle in his own right. Dr. Young is a Christian teacher, Prophet and full time Evangelist and Missionary. His achievements and accomplishment cover many decades and are evident in the community around Sixth Avenue and Forests Avenue and greater Des Moines area.**

**Additionally, prior to the pandemic Pastor Young could be sited feeding the community at his church and at local Quick Trip .... purchasing coffee for those in need while expounding Hope in the Christian faith.**

**Additionally, fellow clergy support Rev. Dr. Young's Wellness phone line with host preachers on call line from Arkansas, Virginia, Louisiana, Missouri and Iowa. God "...gave some apostles; and some, prophets; evangelist; and some pastors and teachers .....for the work of the ministry....and of the knowledge of God...and the fullness of Christ:.." Ephesian 4:11-13.**

**Rev. Dr. Young has evidence of a proven Man of God.**

**Submitted by,**

**Rev. Pearl Jefferson-Wilson, Ph. D  
Clergy West Side MBC- St. Louis, MO**

**"Co-Laborer in service with God" 1Cor. 3:9**

***From: Diane Kimberly Koger***

***Title: Sr. Pastor, Second Baptist Church of Ottumwa, IA***

***To Whom It may Concern:***

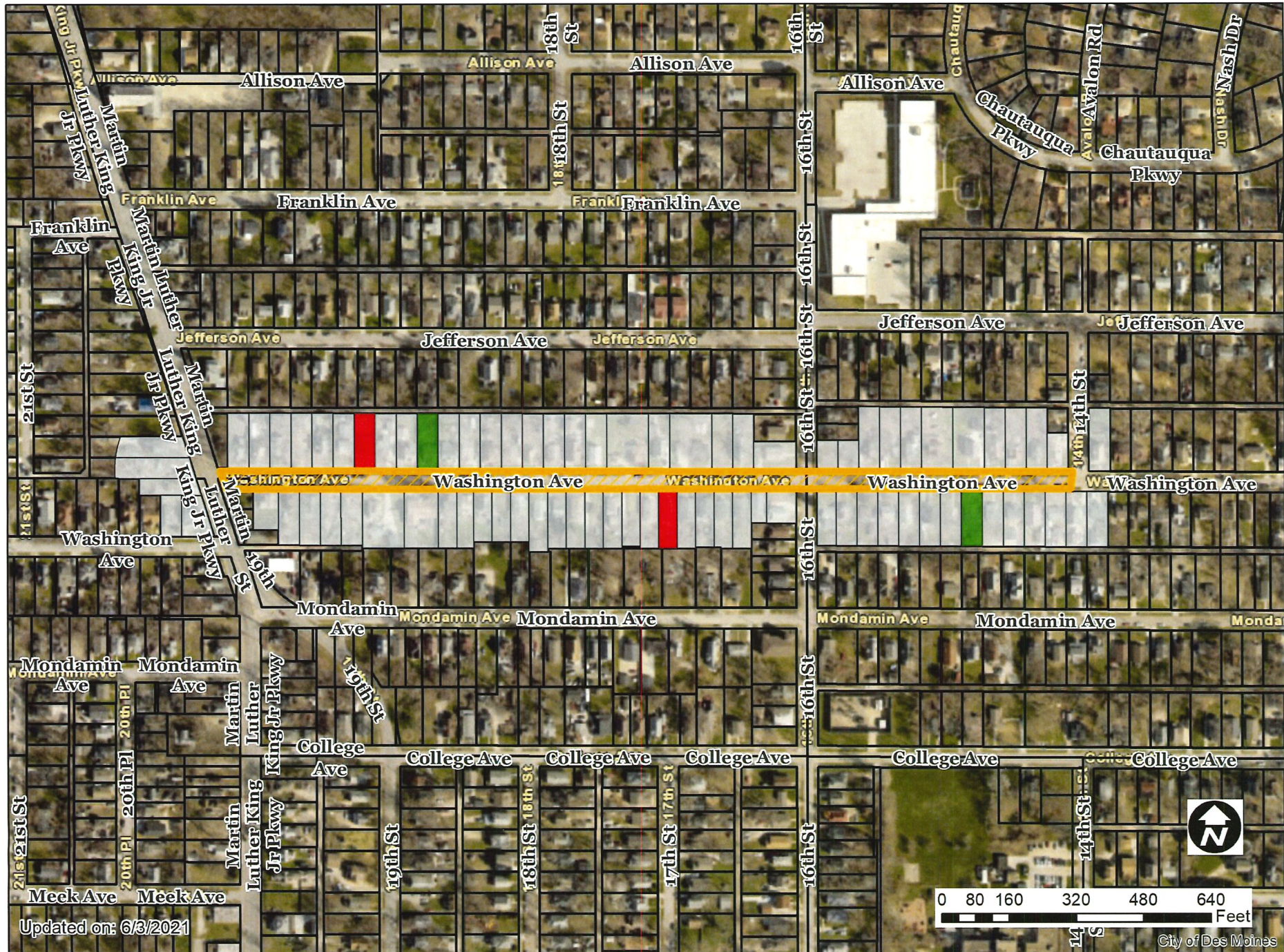
***Pastor Bobby Young is my Pastor, Mentor and friend. A man that displayed a tremendous Character as a Former Business Owner, Leader in the Community, Heading Fund Raisers, Leading Christian Education and supporting Family and Friends. He has always been a visionary who has touched many lives in the Des Moines area and across the State of Iowa. Interesting enough, I have a heart for evangelism and it's so comforting to know that this is a Fundamental area of his ministry at Mount Hebron Missionary Baptist Church in Des Moines, Iowa. If you talk to people like State Representative Akail and members of the community, Pastor Young always brings a message of Hope. He has such a tremendous understanding of the scriptures, that it helps the people to apply it to their life. He continues to help others grow in their walk of life, work, school activities and church. Pastor Young and his Church always put on a yearly carnival for children and their families in the Community to come out and enjoy a moment of fellowship and fun. He is a man that Lead by Example and I am so privileged to receive Spiritual Council from him. Pastor young was also instrumental in Installing me as the First African American Female Baptist Pastor in the State Of Iowa! It is for this and his many other acts of Kindness, I will forever be grateful for him.***

***Sincerely,***

***Sr. Pastor Diane K. Koger,  
Second Baptist Church, Ottumwa, Iowa***

# Young, Washington Avenue between M. L. King, Jr. Pkwy & 15th Street

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