




Wilsonville Town Center Street Naming Information Handbook

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- ▶ This informational handbook is a reference document to accompany Resolution No. 3171 which adopted the naming convention criteria and names to be included in Town Center.
 - ▶ The names in this handbook were thoughtfully selected and recommended to the City Council by the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee in August 2024.
 - ▶ Over 80 individuals were researched by Aria Azizi, Summer Administration Department Intern, before the DEI Committee selected the final names.

Street Name List

Individual Leader	Street Name
Willie Beatrice Barrow	Barrow
Gertrude Simmons Bonnin	Bonnin
Beatrice Morrow Cannady	Cannady
Letitia Carson	Carson
Don Cohen	Cohen
Mercedes Deiz	Deiz
Marie Equi	Equi
Elizabeth Furse	Furse
Edith Green	Green
William Hillard	Hillard
Annabelle Jaramillo*	Jaramillo
William "Bill" McCoy	McCoy
Maurine Brown Neuberger	Neuberger
Dr. Clarence O. Pruitt	Pruitt
Harriet "Hattie" Redmond	Redmond
Dr. Walter Reynolds	Reynolds
Mary Ann Cooke Thompson	Thompson
Lizzie Weeks	Weeks
Ida B. Wells-Barnett	Wells-Barnett
Minoru Yasui	Yasui
York	York

* Name can be used when the leader has passed on

Requires Tribal Government Approval

Individual Leader	Street Name
Principal Chief Tiacan	Tiacan
Jacquiline S. "Jackie" Taylor**	Taylor
Kathryn Harrison	Harrison

**Name is listed on the Historical Names in Wilsonville List

Proposed Street Name:

Barrow

Full Name: Willie Beatrice Barrow

- Sex: Female
- Connection to Oregon: Yes

Social Justice she stands for:
Racial Justice/Women's Rights



Brief summary of her life and community impact:

Willie Beatrice Barrow led demonstrations of rural African American schoolchildren against segregation. She was a social and spiritual advocate. “She was a field organizer for Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, where she was responsible for the organization of transportation, shelter, meetings and rallies for demonstrations, including the 1965 March on Selma, Alabama.”

Barrow participated in the Vietnam Peace Treaty. She worked to assist people in need. She was the co-chair of the Rainbow/ PUSH Coalition (organization fighting for social change).

Proposed Street Name:

Bonnin

Full Name: Gertude "Zitkala-Sa"
Simmons Bonnin

- Sex: Female
- Connection to Oregon: Yes



Social Justice she stands for:
Native American Rights/Appreciation

Brief summary of her life and community impact:

Gertrude "Zitkala-Sa" Bonninn fought for women's rights and voting rights for Indigenous people as a writer, musician and activist. She attended an assimilation boarding school as a child. She witnessed and spoke out about the unjust treatment of Indigenous people and was a member of the Society of American Indians. After the 19th Amendment was passed, she still fought for Indigenous people's right to vote as many were not United States citizens. She urged American women to use their vote to pass the Indian Citizenship Act which gave Native Americans the right to vote.

Proposed Street Name: Cannady

Full Name: Beatrice Morrow Cannady

- Sex: Female
- Connection to Oregon: Yes

Social Justice she stands for:
Racial Justice



Brief summary of her life and community impact:

Beatrice Morrow Cannady edited Oregon's largest African American newspaper. She was a founding member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in 1913. She was the first Black woman to graduate law school in Oregon. Cannady was a fierce advocate for equality and regularly protested against segregation in business and government.

Proposed Street Name: Carson

Full Name: Letitia Carson

- Sex: Female
- Connection to Oregon: Yes

Social Justice she stands for:
African American Rights



Brief summary of her life and community impact:

Letitia Carson was a former slave who fought for land rights which were promised to her and became the only Black woman in Oregon to successfully secure a land claim under the Homestead Act (1862).

Proposed Street Name: Cohen

Full Name: Don Cohen

- Sex: Male
- Connection to Oregon: Yes

Social Justice he stands for:
Honoring and Recognizing Korean War
Veterans



Brief summary of his life and community impact:

Don Cohen fought in the Korean war and received a purple heart and bronze star. He was instrumental in fundraising and planning the Oregon Korean War Memorial in Town Center Park. He is a past President of the Oregon Trail Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association.

He is inspirational for his efforts to create the Oregon Korean War Memorial to honor veterans and those who served in the Korean War.

Proposed Street Name:

Deiz

Full Name: Mercedes Deiz

- Sex: Female
- Connection to Oregon: Yes

Social Justice she stands for:
Legal Equality/Community
Empowerment



Brief summary of her life and community impact:

Mercedes Deiz was the first African American woman to practice law in Oregon and first African American woman to be appointed as a Judge in Oregon.

Proposed Street Name:

Equi

Full Name: M.D Marie Equi

- Sex: Female
- Connection to Oregon: Yes

Social Justice she stands for:
Women's Reproductive Rights



Brief summary of her life and community impact:

Dr. Marie Equi was one of the first 60 women to become a doctor in Oregon and the first publicly known lesbian on the west coast. She was a doctor who served the working poor and believed in women's reproductive rights.

She advocated for civic and economic reform including women's right to vote and the eight - hour workday. She was influential during the 1913-1914 unemployment crisis in Portland. She regularly marched with the poorest to demand better conditions and aligned herself with the International Workers of the World.

Proposed Street Name:

Furse

Full Name: Elizabeth Furse

- Sex: Female
- Connection to Oregon: Yes

Social Justice she stands for:
Women's Rights/Native American
Rights/Health Care



Brief summary of her life and community impact:

Elizabeth Furse took progressive positions on many issues, including the rights of women and Native Americans, nuclear nonproliferation, and health care. She worked on a women's self-help project and worked with Cesar Chavez to unionize farmworkers. She was also involved in Native American rights including fishing and treaty rights and served in the United States Congress.

Proposed Street Name: Green

Full Name: Edith Green

- Sex: Female
- Connection to Oregon: Yes

Social Justice she stands for:
Women's Rights/Education



Brief summary of her life and community impact:

Edith Green was the second Oregonian woman to be elected to the United States House of Representatives and served 10 terms. As a member of Congress, she did significant work on Elementary and Secondary School Education. Played a key role of the passage of Act 1965 (improving opportunities for disadvantaged children) and Title IX (prohibiting sex discrimination in federally funded education programs). She lived in Wilsonville during the later portion of her life.

Proposed Street Name: Harrison

Full Name: Kathryn Harrison

- Sex: Female
- Connection to Oregon: Yes

Social Justice she stands for:
Indigenous Rights



Brief summary of her life and community impact:

Kathryn Harrison was a member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde (tribe was terminated from 1954-1983) and attended “Indian Boarding School” where they were assimilated into American culture. She helped to restore the Siletz (her parent's tribe) and Grand Ronde tribes. At the time there were concerns about sport fishing and logging industries. In order to restore the Grand Ronde tribe and receive logging rights for 20 years, they had to give up hunting and fishing rights. She was the only person to serve on two different tribal councils for Oregon and help restore two tribes. She also helped lead efforts to expand Indian gaming with the opening of Spirit Mountain Casino and worked to restore tribal culture and history.

Proposed Street Name: Hilliard

Full Name: William Hilliard

- Sex: Male
- Connection to Oregon: Yes

Social Justice he stands for:
Racial Equality



Brief summary of his life and community impact:

William Hilliard was the first Black employee of the Oregonian and eventually became the first Black editor - in- chief of the newspaper. He advocated for tolerance of other races and sexual orientations as well as removing Native American mascots from Oregon schools (now illegal) in his articles. He assisted with the merger of the Oregonian in the 1980s and served as the first Black president of the American Newspaper Association. He continued in the journalism profession even after being encouraged to take another path due to his race.

Proposed Street Name: Jaramillo

Full Name: Annabelle Jaramillo

- Sex: Female
- Connection to Oregon: Yes
- Alive: Yes

Social Justice she stands for:
Racial Justice/LGBTQ Rights



Brief summary of her life and community impact:

Annabelle Jaramillo was one of the first Latinas to hold elected office in Oregon. She served as a Benton County Commissioner and worked against discrimination

She was the only student of color in her classroom at a young age after her mother staged a brief sit-in to force the school to integrate. This inspired her to support civil rights and LGBTQ rights.

Proposed Street Name:

McCoy

Full Name: William "Bill" Lipscomb
McCoy

- Sex: Male
- Connection to Oregon: Yes

Social Justice he stands for:
Racial Justice



Brief summary of his life and community impact:

William McCoy served in the United States Navy during World War II and moved to Portland following his service. He served in the Oregon Legislature and introduced House Resolution 13, ratifying the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which Oregon had never formally ratified after rescinding a previous ratification. He was the first African American elected to the Oregon Legislature.

Proposed Street Name: Neuberger

Full Name: Maurine Brown Neuberger

- Sex: Female
- Connection to Oregon: Yes

Social Justice she stands for:
Consumer Advocate/Women's Rights



Brief summary of her life and community impact:

Maurine Brown Neuberger was Oregon's first woman to serve in the United States Senate. She advocated for consumer rights and women's issues. Both she and her husband were reelected in 1952 and were the first married couple to serve together in a state legislature.

Proposed Street Name: Pruitt

Full Name: Dr. Clarence O. Pruitt

- Sex: Male
- Connection to Oregon: Yes

Social Justice he stands for:
African American Rights



Brief summary of his life and community impact:

Dr. Clarence O. Pruitt was the first Black person to graduate from and later teach at the University of Oregon Dental School (now OHSU). He faced significant discrimination and exclusion both in school and as a practicing dentist but worked to mentor and encourage Black students pursuing dentistry. He volunteered his dental services at school clinics and provided free dental care to low-income families in northeast Portland.

Proposed Street Name: Redmond

Full Name: Harriet "Hattie" Redmond

- Sex: Female
- Connection to Oregon: Yes



Social Justice she stands for:
African American Rights/Women's
Rights

Brief summary of her life and community impact:

The daughter of freed slaves, Harriet "Hattie" Redmond resided in Portland during a time when Oregon's laws and constitution were written to prevent Black Americans from living or owning property in the state. Undeterred, Redmond struggled for acceptance and representation. Portland society barred Redmond from the women's rights groups frequented by White suffragists. She instead organized meetings and lectures on suffrage at Mt. Olivet First Baptist Church and in 1912 served as president of the Colored Women's Equal Suffrage Association.

Proposed Street Name: Reynolds

Full Name: Dr. Walter Reynolds

- Sex: Male
- Connection to Oregon: Yes

Social Justice he stands for:
African American Rights



Brief summary of his life and community impact:

Dr. Walter Reynolds was the first African American graduate of the University of Oregon Medical School (now OHSU) and one of only two Black doctors practicing in Portland in the mid-twentieth century. He treated everyone who came into his clinic and cared for Portland's Romani population when other doctors refused. He worked with several community organizations to advance opportunities for Black medical students and practitioners as well as his community.

Proposed Street Name: Taylor

Full Name: Jacqueline S. "Jackie"
Taylor

- Sex: Female
- Connection to Oregon: Yes

Social Justice she stands for:
Education



Brief summary of her life and community impact:

Jacqueline "Jackie" Taylor was born in Oklahoma and was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. She served in the Oregon state legislature, representing the North Oregon Coast, in the 1990s. She focused on education issues and funding while she was in the legislature. She served on environmental, economic and transportation committees as well.

Proposed Street Name: Tiacan

Full Name: Principal Chief Tiacan

- Sex: Male
- Connection to Oregon: Yes

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Social Justice he stands for:
Indigenous Rights

Brief summary of his life and community impact:

Chief Tiacan, with Second Chief Alquema, was instrumental in negotiating with the federal government during two treaty periods in 1851 and 1855. Their tribe was one of the first to refuse to move from their homelands and negotiated for a reservation between the forks of the Santiam River. Other Kalapuya tribes joined with them for these negotiations. Congress refused to ratify the treaties. In 1956, many tribes were forcibly removed from their homelands.

Proposed Street Name: Thompson

Full Name: Mary Anna Cooke
Thompson

- Sex: Female
- Connection to Oregon: Yes

Social Justice she stands for:
Women's Rights



Brief summary of her life and community impact:

Mary Anna Cooke Thompson was the first woman physician in Portland. She advocated for women and infants, especially around childbirth, and pushed for sanitation, rest, and recuperation. She believed that voting rights would cure political corruption and vice.

Proposed Street Name: Weeks

Full Name: Lizzie Weeks

- Sex: Female
- Connection to Oregon: Yes

Social Justice she stands for:
Racial Justice/Women's Rights



Brief summary of her life and community impact:

Lizzie Weeks became an activist in Portland following the women's suffrage proclamation in Oregon (1912) and helped to build networks with activists outside Oregon. Weeks helped to organize a 1914 meeting for women of color to support the Republican party which was popular with African Americans until the Great Depression. These women would go on to found the Colored Women's Republican Club and they elected Weeks as its president. The club's chief aim was getting African American women registered to vote.

Proposed Street Name: Wells-Barn

Full Name: Ida B. Wells-Barn

- Sex: Female
- Connection to Oregon: No

Social Justice she stands for:
Women's Rights/African American
Rights



Brief summary of her life and community impact:

Ida B. Wells-Barn was an educator and activist. She often spoke out against the lynching of African American people. She also called out White women for not addressing the issue. She participated, with other African American leaders, calling for the boycott of the World's Columbian Exposition. The boycotters accused the exposition committee of locking out African Americans and negatively portraying the Black community. She was active in the women's rights movement and the founder of the National Association of Colored Women's Club and although not listed, she was in Niagara Falls for the founding of the NAACP.

Proposed Street Name:

Yasui

Full Name: Minoru Yasui

- Sex: Male
- Connection to Oregon: Yes

Social Justice he stands for:
Japanese American Rights



Brief summary of his life and community impact:

Minoru Yasui was the first male Japanese American lawyer in Oregon. He tried to report for military duty in 1941 but was turned down. He challenged the constitutionality of Executive Order 9066, which allowed the military to set up exclusion zones, establish curfews and intern Japanese Americans during World War II. He ended up being arrested and served jail time for defying these regulations. After serving a year in jail he was released and then went to an internment camp in Idaho. During the summer of 1944 he was allowed to leave the internment camp. He spent the rest of his life seeking redress for Japanese Americans who lived in internment camps and fighting for the rights of other minorities. Two years after his death, the Civil Liberties act of 1988 was signed which granted redress for all Japanese Americans during WWII.

Proposed Street Name:

York

Full Name: York

- Sex: Male
- Connection to Oregon: Yes

Social Justice he stands for:
Racial Justice

Brief summary of his life and community impact:

York was an important member of the Lewis and Clark expedition, was enslaved to William Clark. After the expedition, he did not receive recognition and was not freed until 1811 - 1815. He helped to navigate trails and hunt. As a Black man, Native American's were awestruck by his appearance which might have helped Clark with their interactions with the tribes they encountered. He had a vote on decisions during expeditions but returned to a life of slavery when the expedition ended. The era did not provide many opportunities to African Americans. African American explorer challenging racial barriers despite physical abuse and extended enslavement.

