

# Policy Briefing Summary

## City Council



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<b>Regarding:</b>	<b>Resolution Establishing a Section of West Main Street as Mel's Walk</b>
<b>Staff Contact(s):</b>	James Freas, Deputy City Manager
<b>Presenter:</b>	<b>James Freas, Deputy City Manager</b>
<b>Date of Proposed Action:</b>	February 2, 2026

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### Issue

Charles "Alex-Zan" Alexander submitted an honorary street designation application on behalf of Melvin "Mel" Eugene Walker, who passed away May 28, 2024. Mel was the owner-chef of Mel's Cafe. Mel's Cafe was an essential community gathering spot, playing host to all members of the community.

### Background / Rule

The City Council, from time to time, may designate an honorary street to recognize the contributions of an individual to the Charlottesville community.

Mr Alexander originally submitted the application to designate Cream Street but staff review determined that the identified section of Cream Street is not a publicly-owned street. In discussion with the applicant, the application was shifted to the identified section of West Main Street.

### Analysis

Staff has not identified any technical reason to not designate the requested street section as Mel's Walk.

### Financial Impact

N/A

### Recommendation

N/A

### Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

### Attachments

1. RESOLUTION\_MelsWalk
2. Mels Way - Alex Zan app 8-26-2025