

The following facts and concerns were taken into account in arriving at our conclusions:

New York City has more than 2,500 secondary (honorary) street names – streets that have been given an additional name to memorialize a notable citizen or institution with a connection to that street.

For years, there was no master list of these co-named streets or any readily accessible way to learn why a particular person or institution was honored with a street naming.

In 2014 a private citizen, Gilbert Tauber, created a website -- www.nycstreets.info – to catalog all secondary streets and provide information on their honorees, listed alphabetically by borough. This website is free and publicly available to all.

Mr. Tauber maintains the website at his own expense and regularly updates it as the New York City Council adds new secondary street names.

Mr. Tauber, a resident of Community Board 7 Manhattan, is now 85 years old and does not know how long he will be available to maintain his website.

A website hosted and maintained by the City Council or a City agency would be more permanent and in a better position to track new secondary street names.

The City has technical personnel who could improve the website, making it more easily searchable, perhaps including photographs and a map interface to pinpoint co-named streets.

Mr. Tauber has stated his willingness to donate his existing website and copyrights to any City agency designated to run such a website.

Mr. Tauber has also created and maintains a searchable website of more than 1,600 former street names in Manhattan.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7 Manhattan urges the City Council to enact legislation directing that the Council or a City agency, such as the Department of Records and Information Services or the Department of Transportation, establish and maintain a searchable website that lists and gives information on all persons or institutions memorialized with a secondary street

name in the City of New York, and that the Council or agency work with Mr. Tauber to transfer his rights and information from his existing website to the City.