J. Clifford MacDonald Honorary Street Name Sign

File No. CM22-75558 & CM22-75409

Motion: (Viera-Maniscalco) That Council reschedules the honorary street renaming request for Walter L Smith from September 1, 2022 to January 5, 2023 under Staff Reports and Unfinished Business; further, that Council reschedules the honorary street renaming request for J Clifford MacDonald from August 25, 2022 to October 6, 2022 under Staff Reports and Unfinished Business.

J. Clifford MacDonald advocated for children with disabilities since 1942. Mr. MacDonald enlisted parents and civic groups to establish the first preschool for children with disabilities in the nation in Drew Park. He founded the Hillsborough Association for Retarded Children in 1953.

The MacDonald Training Center was first to provide services and training to older children. As an advocate for the advancement of educational, vocational, and residential opportunities, Clifford MacDonald founded the Florida State Council for Retarded Children. He served as President of the National Association for Retarded Children and as Chairman of the National Committee for Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment. He was awarded the Medal of freedom in 1963 by President John F. Kennedy.



Mobility Department recommends the installation of a doubled-sided J. Clifford MacDonald street naming sign (SNS) consisting of a black legend and border on a white background below the existing legal SNS. Honorary SNS to be installed at the southwest corner of W. Cypress Street at N. Reo Street.

The installation site is adjacent to the MacDonald Training Center located at 5402 W. Cypress Street.