



CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

COMMEMORATION COMMISSION

**PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING STREETS POTENTIALLY NAMED FOR CIVIL WAR GENERALS
(Grant, Hancock, Lee, Sheridan, and Sherman Avenues)**

**Monday, January 29, 2018 – 7:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium**

The Commemoration Commission is developing a recommendation for the City Council's consideration regarding five streets named for Civil War generals. To inform the recommendation, the Commission is holding this public hearing to gather comments and suggestions from residents, especially those living on the streets potentially named for Civil War generals: Grant Avenue, Hancock Avenue, Lee Avenue, Sheridan Avenue, and Sherman Avenue.

7:30 PM **Call to Order – Welcome and explanation of the purpose of the hearing.**

7:35 PM* **Presentation from Montgomery County Planning Staff on the current process for requesting street name changes**

7:45 PM **Public Comments**

Each speaker may speak for up to two minutes. Written testimony is also welcome. Use the online form: <http://bit.ly/StreetNameComment>

Residents are asked to comment on the following options:

- 1) The City Council should pursue renaming of the street(s) through the formal process with Montgomery County or seek renaming authority from Montgomery County;
- 2) The City Council should maintain the street names but add a commemorative name and signage to provide historic context for the existing names; or,
- 3) The City Council should make no change.

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**Times are estimated.*

The Commemoration Commission is a City Council-appointed commission that documents, maintains, and preserves past, present, and future memorials, commemoratives, and recognitions in the City. The Commission also recommends to the City Council procedures and programs for honors and recognitions and implements those programs.

Historical Context for Naming of Grant Avenue, Lee Avenue, Sherman Avenue, Hancock Avenue and Sheridan Avenue

These five streets sit on land that belonged to Gen. Samuel Sprigg Carroll. He died in 1893, and his estate was sued by his creditors. The 33.25 acres (known at the S.S.Carroll Tract), north(west) of Carroll Avenue was auctioned of by two court-appointed trustees, both prominent Montgomery county residents: Blair Lee and Charles W. Prettyman. Blair Lee was a member of the local Blair family. His father, Samuel Lee, was a Union naval officer and distant cousin to Robert E. Lee.

Blair and Prettyman platted the land into ten sections and most likely allocated street names (as is generally done on early plats). The auction notice specifically mentions Grant Avenue, and all five names appear on the 1906 Map of Takoma Park. (Research by Pierre Perrolle)

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and the city's Commemoration Commission.

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