

**PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 16, 2021, 6:00PM FOR  
MHZC PUBLIC HEARING FEBRUARY 17, 2021**

**SUMMARY**

Haynes Heights: 1 in opposition and 14 in support  
1417 Russell St: 1 in opposition

**HAYNES HEIGHTS OPPOSITION**

**From:** Valerie Grimes <valerie.grimes10@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 12, 2021 3:03 PM  
**To:** Zeigler, Robin (Historical Commission) <Robin.Zeigler@nashville.gov>  
**Subject:** Historic Overlay at Haynes Heights

**Attention:** This email originated from a source external to Metro Government. Please exercise caution when opening any attachments or links from external sources.

Robin, i am emailing you to state that i am opposed to the historic overlay application for the Haynes Heights neighborhood. While i understand the reason or the desire for the application, the people in the neighborhood are afraid that change will come to our neighborhood, and developers will take away what they have always known here. I live on 2617 walker lane in Haynes Heights. I live in a common brick ranch home. I am planning on improving my property with an addition because, as per zoning I am not allowed to build a new home on my 1.3 acre lot.

If this overlay is put in place i will not be able to do several things and I will have to get the Commissions approval before i do anything at all. You mentioned to me on the phone if i add an addition it will have to be brick like my home, if that is so, I will have to paint my entire home as well as the addition so the bricks match. You cannot match these old bricks that have aged. In the overlay it states that painting the bricks is not an option. If i am mistaken please let me know, but if i am allowed to paint, that requires more maintenance and money for the remainder of the life of the home. If i were allowed to use siding, that would not require costly maintenance and would not have to match the brick.

Its not just me, its the new owners that come into this neighborhood in the future. 90% of the homes in this neighborhood are in need of severe repair. I would bet 100% have structural and foundation problems due to the gravel pit blasting. Your going to limit the materials we can use for our replacements and or new construction. That is unfair to the homeowners. I can understand limiting the type of buiding , shape and style to maintain the neighborhood eclectic. But we need homeowners to be able to improve their property with all available materials, now and 40 years from now.

Valerie Grimes

## **HAYNES HEIGHTS-SUPPORT**

**From:** Patience Barton Moore <patiencebarton@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Friday, February 12, 2021 12:04 AM

**To:** Historical Commission <historicalcommission@nashville.gov>; Planning Commissioners <Planning.Commissioners@nashville.gov>; Council Members <CouncilMembers@nashville.gov>; qmartin@leadersforprogress.org

**Cc:** Eric Moore <eric\_d.moore2@yahoo.com>; Tifinie Capehart <tifiniea@hotmail.com>

**Subject:** Conservation Overlay for Haynes Heights

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My name is **Patience Barton Moore** and live at **2513 Shreeve Lane** in District 2 - Haynes Heights 37207 community. I have lived here for 1 year. This public comment comes **IN SUPPORT OF** the application for **HISTORIC CONSERVATION OVERLAY FOR HAYNES HEIGHTS 37207** in the case/bills:

**HISTORIC COMMISSION - 2021 NHC-001-001**

**OFFICE OF PLANNING -2021 NHC-001-001**

**METRO CITY COUNCIL – BL 2021-645**

My husband and I moved to Haynes Heights because we wanted to be a part of a close knit community in the city limits that created a feel of suburbia. We wanted a historic home like no other. The beautiful architecture of this neighborhood is like nothing I have seen in middle Tennessee. The architects who developed these homes were before their time. Since moving from the Germantown area we have enjoyed quiet walks, friendly neighbors, stunning mid century designs, and a total sense of community that was already established before we arrived. We truly believe that sense of community exists because of the heritage that has been preserved in this area. A historic overlay will assist in preserving Haynes Heights, one of Nashville's mid century modern architectural treasures.

- Haynes Heights was developed by and for African Americans during the 1950s Jim Crow segregation era. The neighborhood was built and populated by doctors, lawyers and educator and other professionals of the Black community to fulfill their vision of home ownership that was not available to them in established White neighborhoods.
- Many of the homes are representative of the popular, mid-century ranch style, including traditional, transitional, and split-level forms with a wide variety of architectural features and materials.
- Throughout the years, the homeowners have fought the city, county, and state against non-residential growth. These include low-income housing, group homes, landfills, industrial and warehouse complexes, or highway development. Many of the long-term residents of Haynes Heights feel as though the neighborhood has never truly been safe from inappropriate development.
- Despite this lack of appreciation over the years, the Haynes Heights neighborhood remains intact and well maintained. Many of the homes are contributing resources to the National Register eligible district with very few demolitions and or new construction. The lots are large yards with minimal property subdivisions. The values and goals of early residents remains today of a diverse family-oriented cultured, middle- to upper-class oasis embodied in the physical layout and architecture of the homes in this neighborhood.
- Haynes Heights residents organize through a neighborhood association to voice and steer their commitment to the quality of life of the community on matters of land use, environmental protection, public services, consumer protection, civic welfare, and preservation of the historic and unique character.
- This Overlay application is the culmination of a two-year process by the Haynes Heights Neighborhood Association, with 99% home-owner support, to preserve that quality of life through the design guidelines for residences as stated in the application.

I am requesting that you **APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR THE HISTORIC CONSERVATION OVERLAY FOR HAYNES HEIGHTS** per the case/bill submitted. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Patience Barton Moore

[www.PatienceBarton.com](http://www.PatienceBarton.com)

**From:** Gayle Barbee <gsbarbee@bellsouth.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 11, 2021 11:04 PM  
**To:** Historical Commission <historicalcommission@nashville.gov>; Planning Commissioners <Planning.Commissioners@nashville.gov>; Council Members <CouncilMembers@nashville.gov>  
**Cc:** Ice Michael Barbee <mdbarbee@bellsouth.net>  
**Subject:** Historical Conservation Overlay Approval

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My name is Michael D. Barbee and live at **613 Malta Drive**] in District 2 - Haynes Heights 37207 community. I have lived here for 41 years. This public comment comes **IN SUPPORT** of the application for **HISTORIC CONSERVATION OVERLAY FOR HAYNES HEIGHTS 37207** in the case/bills:

**HISTORIC COMMISSION - 2021 NHC-001-001**  
**OFFICE OF PLANNING -2021 NHC-001-001**  
**METRO CITY COUNCIL – BL 2021-645**

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I am requesting that you **APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR THE HISTORIC CONSERVATION OVERLAY FOR HAYNES HEIGHTS** per the case/bill submitted. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Barbee

**From:** Robert <robt1919@bellsouth.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 12, 2021 10:41 AM  
**To:** Historical Commission <historicalcommission@nashville.gov>  
**Cc:** 'Quinta Martin' <qmartin@leadersforprogress.org>  
**Subject:** SUPPORT LETTER FOR HAYNES HEIGHTS CONSERVATION OVERLAY

**Attention:** This email originated from a source external to Metro Government. Please exercise caution when opening any attachments or links from external sources.

February 12, 2021.

My name is Robert Williams Jr. and live at 2625 Walker Lane in District 2-Haynes Heights 37207 community. I have lived here for 24 years.

This public comment comes IN SUPPORT OF the application for HISTORIC CONSERVATION OVERLAY FOR HAYNES HEIGHTS 37207 in the case/bills: HISTORIC COMMISSION-2021-NHC-001-001; OFFICE OF PLANNING-2021-NHC-001-001; METRO CITY CIUNCIL-BL2921-645.

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I am requesting that you APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR THE HISTORIC CONSERVATION OVERLAY FOR HAYNES HEIGHTS per the case/bill submitted. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Robert Williams Jr

Dear Agency Members:

This letter is to express my support for approving the Historic Conservation Overlay for the Haynes Heights neighborhood in the Bordeaux area of Nashville. The zip code for this neighborhood is 37207. The bills for this

overlay are Historic Commission – 2021 NHC-001-001, Office of Planning – 2021 NHC-001-001, and Metro City Council – BL 2021-645.

I own my home at 2498 Walker Lane; have lived here for 16 years, owned the property for 36 years. The Haynes Heights area is populated with older, retired members of the African American community. This community was developed by the Black community long before people of color were allowed to own homes in other parts of Nashville. It became an excellent example of what a determined people could achieve. It was developed as a professional community and it remains the same today, with both young professionals and retired homeowners.

Most of our homes are ranch styles and split-level and were built for single families. Many of these homes were designed by Black architects, one of the few areas of Nashville where this opportunity was afforded. Haynes Heights still serves as a source of pride and historical reference for the Black community. We welcome diversity and want to continue educating new neighbors to the significance of the character and sacrifice of this area.

The neighbors have worked closely with our council lady, Kyonzte Toombs and with each other. Our neighborhood association continues to assist us all by providing guidance in making Haynes Heights an ideal place to reside. We want to promote the historic nature of this unique place.

Thanks in advance for your careful consideration of this extremely important Overlay matter. Please help preserve our old and well established neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Glenn Johnson  
2498 Walker Lane  
Nashville 37207-4214

**From:** Wyvonia Ray <wyvoniaray@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 14, 2021 8:49 PM  
**To:** Historical Commission <historicalcommission@nashville.gov>; Planning Commissioners <Planning.Commissioners@nashville.gov>; Council Members <CouncilMembers@nashville.gov>  
**Subject:** Historical Conservation Overlay for Haynes Heights 37207

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Historical Conservation Overlay for Haynes Heights 37207

My name is **Charmayne Bell** and I live at 2608 Shreeve Lane in District 2 - Haynes Heights 37207 community. I have lived here for [NUMBER] years. This public comment comes **IN SUPPORT OF** the application for **HISTORIC CONSERVATION OVERLAY FOR HAYNES HEIGHTS 37207** in the case/bills:

**HISTORIC COMMISSION - 2021 NHC-001-001**  
**OFFICE OF PLANNING -2021 NHC-001-001**  
**METRO CITY COUNCIL – BL 2021-645**

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I am requesting that you **APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR THE HISTORIC CONSERVATION OVERLAY FOR HAYNES HEIGHTS** per the case/bill submitted. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Wyvonia Ray

**From:** Winnie Forrester <wgforrester1@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, February 14, 2021 11:23 AM

**To:** Historical Commission <historicalcommission@nashville.gov>; Planning Commissioners <Planning.Commissioners@nashville.gov>; Council Members <CouncilMembers@nashville.gov>; Toombs, Kyonzté (Council Member) <Kyonzte.Toombs@nashville.gov>

**Cc:** Zeigler, Robin (Historical Commission) <Robin.Zeigler@nashville.gov>; Quinta Martin <qmartin@leadersforprogress.org>

**Subject:** APPROVE Haynes Heights Conservation Overlay

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RE: MHZC & Planning commission - 2021 NHC-001-00 and METRO COUNCIL – BL 2021-645

My name is Winnie Forrester and I live at 2611 Shreeve Lane in Haynes Heights. I am a relative newcomer to the neighborhood having lived here almost 5 years. Having previously lived in East Nashville for 23 years, I had first-hand experience of the negative effects of unregulated development done without regard to existing historic neighborhoods, and at the same time saw how Overlays were used to protect many organized communities.

The Haynes Heights Neighborhood Association has worked very hard since 2017 to educate, involve and bring everyone to the table about land use issues. We have held countless in-person meetings and more recently many

zoom meetings. We participated in the 2018 Haynes-Trinity Community Plan amendment and endorsed the higher density on West Trinity Lane in return for more protection for the existing neighborhoods. Approval of this Historical Conservation Overlay is the next step in the process and will serve to honor and protect the deep, rich African-American history of Haynes Heights. Please vote YES for the Haynes Heights Neighborhood Conservation Overlay.

Sincerely,

Winnie Forrester  
2611 Shreeve Lane  
Nashville, TN 37207

----- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** celam2 <[celam2@bellsouth.net](mailto:celam2@bellsouth.net)>

**To:** "[councilmembers@nashville.gov](mailto:councilmembers@nashville.gov)" <[councilmembers@nashville.gov](mailto:councilmembers@nashville.gov)>

**Cc:** "[robin.zeigler@nashville.gov](mailto:robin.zeigler@nashville.gov)" <[robin.zeigler@nashville.gov](mailto:robin.zeigler@nashville.gov)>; "[robin.zeigler@nashville.gov](mailto:robin.zeigler@nashville.gov)" <[robin.zeigler@nashville.gov](mailto:robin.zeigler@nashville.gov)>

**Sent:** Saturday, February 13, 2021, 03:12:10 PM CST

**Subject:** APPROVE - BL2021-645

Good Afternoon:

My name is Mrs. Clara Elam and I live at 710 Ledford Drive in District 2 - Haynes Heights 37207 community. I have lived here for 51 years. This public comment comes IN SUPPORT OF the application for HISTORIC CONSERVATION OVERLAY FOR HAYNES HEIGHTS 37207 in the case/bills:

HISTORIC COMMISSION - 2021 NHC-001-001  
OFFICE OF PLANNING -2021 NHC-001-001  
METRO CITY COUNCIL – BL 2021-645

My husband and family moved to Nashville from Chicago when he came to establish the Department of Psychiatry at Meharry Medical College. After a deliberate search for a peaceful and safe community to raise our children, we decided to move into Haynes Heights. We built our home near the community lake and in close proximity to some of his colleagues and our family friends. I remained in the community after my husband's passing because it feels like home. The neighbors are very supportive and attentive; the peace and tranquility is sustained; and the neighborhood diversity enriches the quality of life and culture that was the vision of the early residents.

I am an active member of the Haynes Heights Neighborhood Association. This Overlay application is the culmination of a two-year process by the Association, with 99% home-owner support, to preserve that quality of life through the design guidelines for residences as stated in the application.

I am requesting that you APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR THE HISTORIC CONSERVATION OVERLAY FOR HAYNES HEIGHTS per the case/bill submitted.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Clara Elam

My name is Delores Griffin and live at **2531 Walker Lane** in District 2 - Haynes Heights 37207 community. I have lived here for 32 years. This public comment comes **IN SUPPORT OF** the application for **HISTORIC CONSERVATION OVERLAY FOR HAYNES HEIGHTS 37207** in the case/bills:

**HISTORIC COMMISSION - 2021 NHC-001-001**  
**OFFICE OF PLANNING -2021 NHC-001-001**

**METRO CITY COUNCIL – BL 2021-645**

When we selected property in the Haynes Heights community, we chose a ranch style architectural plan that would compliment the homes that were already represented in the neighborhood.

We were attracted to the area because the properties were well maintained and encompassed diverse family culture, middle-to-upper class family living and gave us a sense of resident pride.

Haynes Heights residents organize through a neighborhood association to voice and steer their commitment to the quality of life of the community on matters of land use, environmental protection, public services, consumer protection, civic welfare, and preservation of the historic and unique character.

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I am requesting that you **APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR THE HISTORIC CONSERVATION OVERLAY FOR HAYNES HEIGHTS** per the case/bill submitted. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Delores Griffin

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is **Monique Horton Odom** and I live at **666 Walker Court** in District 2 - Haynes Heights 37207 community. I have lived here for twenty-two (22) years. This public comment comes **IN SUPPORT OF** the application for **HISTORIC CONSERVATION OVERLAY FOR HAYNES HEIGHTS 37207** in the case/bills:

**HISTORIC COMMISSION - 2021 NHC-001-001**  
**OFFICE OF PLANNING -2021 NHC-001-001**  
**METRO CITY COUNCIL – BL 2021-645**

My request to preserve the character and sanctity of our neighborhood is founded upon the following salient themes:

- Haynes Heights was developed by and for African Americans during the 1950's Jim Crow segregation era. The neighborhood was built and populated by doctors, lawyers, educators, and other professionals of the Black community to fulfill their vision of home ownership that was not available to them in established White neighborhoods.
- Throughout the years, homeowners have fought against the city and state to thwart non-residential and incongruent growth.
- The Haynes Heights neighborhood remains intact and well maintained. Many of the homes are contributing resources to the National Register eligible district with very few demolitions and/or new construction. The lots are large with minimal property subdivisions. The values and goals of early residents of a safe, family-oriented, refined oasis remain today as exemplified in the physical layout and architecture of homes in this neighborhood.
- This Overlay application is the culmination of a two-year process by the Haynes Heights Neighborhood Association, with 99% home-owner support, to preserve that quality of life through the design guidelines for residences as stated in the application.



I am requesting that you **APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR THE HISTORIC CONSERVATION OVERLAY FOR HAYNES HEIGHTS** per the case/bill submitted. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Monique Horton Odom

**From:** Joseph King <joegking@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 15, 2021 3:42 PM  
**To:** Historical Commission <historicalcommission@nashville.gov>  
**Cc:** qmartin@leadersforprogress.org  
**Subject:** NHC-001-001

**Attention:** This email originated from a source external to Metro Government. Please exercise caution when opening any attachments or links from external sources.

My name is Joseph G King and I lived at 2525 Gardner Ln in District 2 - Haynes Heights 37207 community. My parents built the house back in 1959 and I lived there for many years. This public comment comes IN SUPPORT OF the application for HISTORIC CONSERVATION OVERLAY FOR HAYNES HEIGHTS 37207 in the case/bill:

2021 NHC-001-001

Haynes Heights was developed by and for African Americans during the 1950s Jim Crow segregation era. The neighborhood was built and populated by doctors, lawyers and educators, business owners and other professionals of the Black community to fulfill their vision of home ownership that was not available to them in established White neighborhoods. My parents were associated with Tennessee State University and Fisk University. Growing up there was phenomenal. Even though I have not lived there for years I have leased the property out with the intention of my moving back one day or one of my children. The tenant has recently moved so I plan to do some major updates to the property and at least one of my offspring has expressed an interest in moving her family there.

Many of the homes are representative of the popular, mid-century ranch style, including traditional, transitional, and split-level forms with a wide variety of architectural features and materials.

Throughout the years, the homeowners have fought the city, county, and state against non-residential growth. These include low-income housing, group homes, landfills, industrial and warehouse complexes, or highway development.

Many of the long-term residents of Haynes Heights feel as though the neighborhood has never truly been safe from inappropriate development.

Despite this lack of appreciation over the years, the Haynes Heights neighborhood remains intact and well maintained. Many of the homes are contributing resources to the National Register eligible district with very few demolitions and or new construction. The lots are large yards with minimal property subdivisions. The values and goals of early residents remains today of a diverse family-oriented cultured, middle- to upper-class oasis embodied in the physical layout and architecture of the homes in this neighborhood.

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Sincerely,  
Joseph G King

February 15, 2021

My name is Rodney W. Griffin, Sr. and I live 2531 Walker Lane in District 2 - Haynes Heights 37207 community. I have lived here 32 years. This public comment comes **IN SUPPORT OF** the application for **HISTORIC CONSERVATION OVERLAY FOR HAYNES HEIGHTS 37207** in the case/bills:

**HISTORIC COMMISSION - 2021 NHC-001-001**  
**OFFICE OF PLANNING -2021 NHC-001-001**  
**METRO CITY COUNCIL – BL 2021-645**

My family and I stumbled on Haynes Heights neighborhood while taking a Sunday drive. We immediately fell in love with its seclusion and yet relevant location to all necessities for good wholesome family living. The neighborhood represented doctors, lawyers, educators and other professionals that would allow accessibility to home ownership to which was not available to them in established White neighborhoods.

Throughout the years, the homeowners have fought the city, county, and state against non-residential growth. These include low-income housing, group homes, landfills, industrial and warehouse complexes, or highway development. Many of the long-term residents of Haynes Heights feel as though the neighborhood has never truly been safe from inappropriate development.

It is my hope that we will maintain the image of my memories some 32 years ago while taking a Sunday drive.

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I am requesting that you **APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR THE HISTORIC CONSERVATION OVERLAY FOR HAYNES HEIGHTS** per the case/bill submitted. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Rodney W. Griffin, Sr

-----Original Message-----

From: Eric Cazort <ericcazort@united.net>  
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 4:24 PM  
To: Historical Commission <historicalcommission@nashville.gov>  
Cc: qmartin@leadersforprogress.org  
Subject: Haynes Heights Historic Conservation Overlay

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Commission Members;

My neighborhood, Haynes Heights, is in District 2 of Metro Nashville, 37207. My family has lived in the same house for 50 years. My name is Eric Cazort.

Many of the houses in the neighborhood are representative of the mid-century ranch- style, including traditional, transitional and split-level forms with a variety of architectural features and materials. A few of the homes are contributing resources to the National Register and we have had low demolitions or new constructions. The lots/ yards are large, with single-family dwellings and minimal property subdivisions. With that, we enjoy a very low-density environment.

Through the years we have seen attempts from outside developers and business interests to push agendas of inappropriate development and non-residential, unwanted growth. Despite external, profit motivated interests and a previous council member with questionable motives, we have maintained the values and goals that our parents and other early residents put forth. We believe in a quality of life that entails responsible land usage and growth, environmental protection, civic welfare and with public services and consumer protection, we can continue with the preservation of the historic and unique character of our community and neighborhood.

With this letter I express my sincere support of the Historic Conservation Overlay for Haynes Heights (37207). I respectfully request that you support our agenda and approve our Historical Overlay.

Sincerely,  
Eric Cazort

**From:** Quinta Martin <haynesheightsnashville@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 15, 2021 5:15 PM  
**To:** Historical Commission <historicalcommission@nashville.gov>  
**Cc:** Quinta Martin <qmartin@leadersforprogress.org>; jojocrouch@bellsouth.net  
**Subject:** HISTORIC COMMISSION - 2021 NHC-001-001

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My name is **Josephine Crouch** and I live at 2485 Walker Lane in District 2 - Haynes Heights 37207 community. I have lived here for over 50 years. This public comment comes **IN SUPPORT OF** the application for **HISTORIC CONSERVATION OVERLAY FOR HAYNES HEIGHTS 37207** in the case/bills:

#### **HISTORIC COMMISSION - 2021 NHC-001-001**

I moved into Haynes Heights after marrying my husband, Hubert Crouch, whose parents were original settlers of the community. Dr. Hubert & Mrs. Mildred Crouch built their home in the 1950s and were members of the first community association.

As a native of the Haynes Heights community, my husband built our family home in the Phase III section of Haynes Heights and we raised our two children on a street that is park-like, safe, and secure. Our neighbors are African Americans doctors, lawyers, educators, and other professionals that fulfilled their vision of home ownership when it was not available to them in established White neighborhoods. Many of the homes are representative of the popular, mid-century ranch style, including traditional, transitional, and split-level forms with a wide variety of architectural features and materials.

Throughout the years, the homeowners have fought the city, county, and state against non-residential growth. These include low-income housing, group homes, landfills, industrial and warehouse complexes, or highway development. The Haynes Heights neighborhood remains intact and well maintained. Many of the homes are contributing resources to the National Register eligible district with very few demolitions and/or new construction. The lots are large yards on narrow residential streets. The values and goals of early residents remain today of a

diverse family-oriented culture and middle- to upper-class oasis embodied in the physical layout and architecture of the homes in this neighborhood.

Haynes Heights residents organize through a neighborhood association – Haynes Heights Neighborhood Association (HHNA) - for which I have been a long-time member. HHNA upholds the quality of life of the community on matters of land use, environmental protection, public services, consumer protection, civic welfare, and preservation of the historic and unique character. This Overlay application is the culmination of a two-year process by HHNA, with 99% home-owner support, to preserve that quality of life through the design guidelines as stated in the application.

I am requesting that you **APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR THE HISTORIC CONSERVATION OVERLAY FOR HAYNES HEIGHTS** per the case/bill submitted. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Josephine Crouch

**From:** Quinta Martin <haynesheightsnashville@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 15, 2021 5:28 PM  
**To:** Historical Commission <historicalcommission@nashville.gov>  
**Cc:** Quinta Martin <qmartin@leadersforprogress.org>; clarinetlt2425@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** HISTORIC COMMISSION - 2021 NHC-001-001

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My name is **Larry Talley** and I live at 2425 Gardner Lane in District 2 - Haynes Heights 37207 community. I have lived here for almost 20 years. This public comment comes **IN SUPPORT OF** the application for **HISTORIC CONSERVATION OVERLAY FOR HAYNES HEIGHTS 37207** in the case/bills:

**HISTORIC COMMISSION - 2021 NHC-001-001  
OFFICE OF PLANNING -2021 NHC-001-001  
METRO CITY COUNCIL – BL 2021-645**

I moved into Haynes Heights after retiring from years of work in the government and as an Army Force Veteran. As a native of North Nashville near Meharry Medical College, I was aware that Haynes Heights was developed by and for African Americans by doctors, lawyers, educators, and other professionals of the Black community to fulfill their vision of home ownership that was not available to them in established White neighborhoods. Many of the homes are representative of the popular, mid-century ranch style, including traditional, transitional, and split-level forms with a wide variety of architectural features and materials.

Throughout the years, the homeowners have fought the city, county, and state against non-residential growth. These include low-income housing, group homes, landfills, industrial and warehouse complexes, or highway development. The Haynes Heights neighborhood remains intact and well maintained. Many of the homes are contributing resources to the National Register eligible district with very few demolitions and or new construction. The lots are large yards on quiet two-lane streets. The values and goals of early residents remains today of a diverse family-oriented culture, middle- to upper-class oasis embodied in the physical layout and architecture of the homes in this neighborhood.

Haynes Heights residents organize through a neighborhood association – Haynes Heights Neighborhood Association (HHNA) - for which I serve as a Board Member-at-Large. We voice and steward their commitment to the quality of life of the community on matters of land use, environmental protection, public services, consumer protection, civic welfare, and preservation of the historic and unique character. This Overlay application is the culmination of a two-

year process by the HHNA, with 99% home-owner support, to preserve that quality of life through the design guidelines for residences as stated in the application.

I am requesting that you **APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR THE HISTORIC CONSERVATION OVERLAY FOR HAYNES HEIGHTS** per the case/bill submitted. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Larry Talley

## **1417 RUSSELL-OPPOSITION**

**From:** John Hawkins <[johnahawkins@icloud.com](mailto:johnahawkins@icloud.com)>

**Sent:** Friday, February 12, 2021 4:08 PM

**To:** Baldock, Melissa (Historical Commission) <[Melissa.Baldock@nashville.gov](mailto:Melissa.Baldock@nashville.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Concerns with 1417 Russell St. 37206 - property sale and building restrictions

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Hi Melissa,

Thank you for your quick response. I will try to listen in on the meeting next week. I would like for my email comments to be read into the public record and my suggestions for revision to be considered. My comments to be read into the public record are this:

"The proposed new construction at 1417 Russell St. by far too large, almost grandiose when compared to existing historic structures in the immediate vicinity. This proposed construction more than doubles the size and mass of the previous residence being torn down and also doubles the size of the historic structure next door. The roof height is 4 feet taller than it's immediate neighbor and it will literally cast a shadow over this house. Beyond that the structure is almost twice as wide and twice as long when including the garage structure, filling up almost the entire lot. The garage structure is also 2 levels which does not conform to the historical neighboring homes on Russell St. and is only possible due to the height of the front facade of the home.

I suggest the builder revise the plans for construction with a more modest footprint in size and scale, a lower roofline, and that the garage be limited to one level. Thank you, from a very concerned neighbor trying to maintain the integrity and feel of our neighborhood".

Thanks,

John Hawkins