



District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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November 12, 2019

Councilmember Charles Allen
1350 Pennsylvania Ave NW #406
Washington, DC 20004

Mr. Jeff Marootian, Director
District Department of Transportation
55 M Street SE Washington, DC 20003

RE: Request to designate the 300th block of 14th Place NE as Gail Cobb Place, NE

Dear Councilmember Allen and Director Marootian:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on October 10, 2019, our Commission voted 7-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request that the 300th block of 14th Place NE be designated as Gail Cobb Place, NE. Ms. Gail Cobb was an MPD officer shot and killed in the line of duty in 1974. She was the first female police officer killed in the line of duty in both the District of Columbia and the nation. Ms. Cobb and her family were raised at their family home at 1421 D Street NE and Ms. Cobb attended school in Ward 6. Her family, with the support of many neighbors on their block, has requested that Ms. Cobb's legacy be honored by designating the 300th block of 14th Place NE as Gail Cobb Place, NE.

Please find attached a letter of support from a resident of the 300th block of 14th Place NE, as well as documentation of a prior request dating from April 2000.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendation of ANC 6A. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at AmberANC6A@gmail.com, to Vice Chair Phil Toomajjan at PhilANC6A@gmail.com, or to Commissioner Ruth Ann Hudson at RuthAnnANC6A05@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

¹ ANC 6A meetings are advertised electronically on the anc6a-announce@yahoogroups.com, anc6a@yahoogroups.com, and newhilleast@yahoogroups.com, at www.anc6a.org, and through print advertisements in the Hill Rag.

Letter of Support

gary dziekan <ggdziekan1@yahoo.com>

Mon, Jul 1, 2019 at 4:40 PM

To: ruthannanc6A05@gmail.com

Ms. Hudson

I am interested in having the 300 block of 14th place NE renamed as a memorial. Our next door neighbors who have been at their current address since the 1950's and raised 5 children in that home have also reached out with no success.

The Cobb family of 1421 D st NE had 5 children. Their daughter Gail was the first female officer hired by MPD. Unfortunately officer Cobbs life ended a short time into her career as an officer. She was killed in the line of duty by a bank robber. This also made her the first female police officer killed in the line of duty in the United States.

Her family along with mine and many neighbors would like to see this happen. Both of the Cobb family parents are still with us and have longed to have a remembrance of their daughter.

I have already made contact with council member Allen and he is behind this, he's just like you to sign off on it as well.

Thank you

Gary "Zeek" Dziekan

[1423 D st NE](#)

410-490-1176

Letter to Mayor

SC4 Division One, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002
February 21, 2002
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Mayor Anthony Williams
Mayor of the District of Columbia
Judiciary Building
441 4th St., N.W. Suite 1100
Washington, D.C. 20001

Mr. Williams:

My name is Denise Cobb-Jackson. I am a life long resident of the District of Columbia. I am also a District of Columbia employee. I am proud of both.

In 1974 my sister, Gail A. Cobb, a Metropolitan Police Officer was shot and killed by an individual attempting to rob a downtown bank. Gail was also a life long resident of the District of Columbia. At the time of her death Gail resided at her family home located on the corner of 14th Place and D St., N.E. (1421 D St., N.E.).

The day of her death and few days following both streets were lined with Metropolitan Police Department customs. Metropolitan Police Officers and their superiors paid their respect to my sister, their fallen comrade. City officials, the mayor and President Gerald Ford sent expressions of sympathy and support.

This outpouring of support and sympathy from not only the residents of the District of Columbia, but from all over the country was not simply because Washington, D.C. had lost another of its finest. This loss this time was compounded because the city as well as the country had lost its first female officer in the line of duty.

My sister, Gail A. Cobb was the first female officer killed in the line of duty. Although the loss was great, although the lives of Gail's family have been tragically altered, we are proud that our granddaughter, daughter, sister, niece and -yes, even mother is a part of the proud history of not only this city, but this country.

Mr. Williams, I am proposing with high expectations the renaming of 14th Place, N.E. To honor the memory of Officer Gail A. Cobb, the first female officer to give her life for the citizens not only of the District of Columbia, but these United States.

Please forward your response to the parents of Gail A. Cobb- Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Cobb, Sr. 1421 D Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20002.

Respectfully,
Denise Cobb-Jackson



COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001

April 11, 2000

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Cobb, Sr.
1421 D Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002


Dear Mr. and Mrs. Cobb:

I am pleased to send you a copy of Bill 13-673, the "Designation of Gail Cobb Place, N.E.", which I have just introduced along with at-large Councilmember Harold Brazil. We introduced this legislation at the request of your daughter, Ms. Denise Cobb-Jackson, and with the support of Metropolitan Police Department Chief Charles Ramsey. We are all extremely grateful for what Officer Cobb contributed to the District of Columbia during her lifetime. The naming of the 300th block of 14th Place, N.E. in Officer Cobb's name will be an appropriate recognition of her lasting contributions.

Bill 13-673 will now be referred to the Council's Committee of the Whole, which is only the beginning of the legislative process. This process includes a) obtaining approval from every affected District agency, including, but not limited to, the Department of Public Works, the Surveyor's Office, and Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A, as well as from a majority of the owners of property abutting the public space to be re-named; b) holding a public hearing on the legislation and voting it out of Committee; and c) giving the bill two readings in front of the entire Council. Please find attached a copy of D.C. Code Section 7-457, the statute that governs the street re-naming process.

I look forward to moving this bill as quickly as possible and I will keep you apprised of its progress. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Amy Murray of my staff at 724-8072.

Sincerely,


Sharon Ambrose
Councilmember - Ward 6

cc: Chief Charles Ramsey
ANC 6A11 Commissioner Doris Wallace
Ms. Denise Cobb-Jackson

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
441 4th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

APR 11 2000

Memorandum

To: Members of the Council

From: Phyllis Jones, Secretary to the Council *M*

Date: April 6, 2000

Subject: Release of Proposed Legislation

Notice is given that the attached proposed legislation was introduced in the Office of the Secretary on April 5, 2000. Copies are available in Room 714, the Legislative Services Division.

TITLE: "Designation of Gail Cobb Place, N.E., Act of 2000", Bill 13-673

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmembers Ambrose and Brazil

The Chairman is referring this legislation to the Committee of the Whole.

cc: General Counsel
Legislative Services Division

Sharon Ambrose
Councilmember Sharon Ambrose

Harold Brazil
Councilmember Harold Brazil

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To designate the 300th block of 14th Place, N.E. as "Gail Cobb Place, N.E.".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Designation of Gail Cobb Place, N.E. Act of 2000".

Sec. 2. Findings

- (A) Officer Gail A. Cobb was born on August 17, 1950 in Washington, D.C.
- (B) Officer Cobb was raised at 1421 D Street, N.E. in Ward 6 and attended Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian School and St. Cecilia's Academy, both in Ward 6.
- (C) Officer Cobb began working for the Metropolitan Police Department in 1973 as one of the pioneer female police officers in the Department.
- (D) During her brief tenure with the Department, Officer Cobb served the District of Columbia with loyalty and distinction.
- (E) On September 20, 1974, Officer Cobb was tragically shot and killed during the attempted robbery of a bank in the downtown area of Washington, D.C.
- (F) Officer Cobb was the first female police officer killed in the line of duty in both the District of Columbia and the United States of America.

(G) On the day of her death, the 1400th block of D Street, N.E., and the 300th block of 14th Place, N.E., were lined with police cruisers as the men and women of the Metropolitan Police Department paid their respects to Officer Cobb, their fallen comrade.

(H) Officer Cobb's death was recognized by United States President Gerald Ford, District of Columbia Mayor Walter Washington and other local and national government officials.

(I) Officer Cobb was not only a heroine to her colleagues in the Metropolitan Police Department and to her city, but she continues to serve as a role model for young women across the country who wish to serve their communities.

(J) Officer Cobb was survived by her son, Damon; her sisters, Theresa, and Denise; her brothers Clinton, Jr. and Donald; her parents, Clinton and Gloria; and her grandmother, Henrietta Jones.

(K) The Council of the District of Columbia finds that today, more than twenty-five years after her death, it is appropriate to honor and recognize Officer Gail A. Cobb, who gave the ultimate sacrifice while defending the streets of the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. Pursuant to the Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201; D.C. Code §7-452 *et seq.*), the 300th block of 14th Place, N.E. shall be designated as "Gail Cobb Place, N.E."

Sec. 4. The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement found in the Committee Report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code § 1-233(c)(3)).

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of a
veto by the Mayor, action by the Council of the District of Columbia to override the veto),
approval by the Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority as provided in
section 203(a) of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance
Authority Act of 1995, approved April 17, 1995 (109 Stat. 116; D.C. Code § 47-392.3(c)), and a
30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of
Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code § 1-
233(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.