

**BOARD OF PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSIONERS
Kansas City, Missouri**

Resolution #

WHEREAS, The Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners (hereinafter called the “Board”), through the City Charter has the authority for the naming of all public parks, boulevards, parkways, greenways, recreation facilities, fountains, and other properties (hereinafter called “Parks Assets”) by passing or rejecting a resolution at the board meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Board was directed by Mayor Lucas to work with the community on identifying ways to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; and

WHEREAS, the Board has approved the renaming of Blue Parkway from Elmwood Avenue to Swope Parkway, Swope Parkway from Blue Parkway to Volker, and Volker Boulevard from Swope Parkway to Brookside Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, efforts to change a name shall be subject to the most critical examination so as not to diminish past Board actions; and

WHEREAS, in 1950 the Board honored and paid tribute to the memory of Mr. William Volker, by naming a roadway constructed from The Paseo to Brookside Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, the Board agrees it is fitting to request the renaming of Oak Street from 45th Street on the north to 52nd Street on the south; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor C. Mauli Agrawal of the University of Missouri-Kansas City is in support of the opportunity to have the address of the university’s Volker Campus on the new Volker Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, by taking this action the Board intends to achieve the goal of honoring both William Volker and the decision of previous Park Boards while also naming a major thoroughfare after Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Board requests City Council consideration and approval of renaming Oak Street from 45th Street to 52nd Street to Volker Boulevard.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Resolution is entered into the Official Minutes of the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners.

I, Karmen Houston, Secretary to the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Resolution # _____, approved by the Board on April 13, 2021.

Karmen D. Houston, Secretary