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Town Council to Consider Street Name Change

Should Wade Hampton Drive in Vienna be renamed, and if so, what should the new name be? The Vienna Town Council is seeking input from residents at a public hearing tonight at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Vienna Town Hall.

The recommendation to change the name came after resident Dee Dee Carter proposed the idea in June 2020. An ad hoc committee consisting of current Wade Hampton Drive property owners and members of Historic Vienna, Inc. members was formed to consider the matter, make a recommendation to Council and propose a new street name if the recommendation was to change it.

The short, Vienna street is located off Maple Avenue. It had been known as Lewis Street, SW and was renamed Wade Hampton Drive in 1962 in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the American Civil War. Wade Hampton III was a lieutenant general in the Confederate States of America (CSA), and the street is roughly the location of where he and his cavalry unit of about 600 men and horses came into Vienna at the end of December 1862. This unit, as well as two other 600-men cavalry units served under Gen. J.E.B. Stuart within the Army of Northern Virginia, CSA

The Ad Hoc Committee provided a unanimous recommendation to Council that Wade Hampton Drive should now be renamed. The Committee was unable to reach a single recommendation to Council members for a new street name and instead offered five options for names:

- Roland Street
- Carter Lane (Drive)
- Mildred Lane (with variants of Mildred Drive or Loving Drive)
- Liberty Lane
- Minor Drive

The Town Council is expected to vote on whether to rename Wade Hampton Drive at its regular meeting tonight following the public hearing. The Council may also vote on a new name or defer that decision to a future meeting. The meeting agenda and background information are posted on the Town Clerk's calendar on the Town website: <https://vienna-va.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

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