

St. Louis City Ordinance 63587

FLOOR SUBSTITUTE

BOARD BILL NO. [95] 212

INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN MCGUIRE ET AL

An ordinance designating the publicly owned western portion of City Block 4574 in the 18th Ward as the "Alderman Samuel M. Kennedy Park".

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Always a soft-spoken man, Samuel Kennedy treated dignitaries, labor, press, and his colleagues the same -- with equal respect. One of his colleagues described Kennedy by saying, "You could see his wit in his eyes as he'd listen to some preposterous testimony at a hearing. He'd listen respectfully, but with a firm style to get to the truth of the matter."

A native of East St. Louis, Kennedy served as President of a Textile Union prior to running for his first unexpired term of office in 1967. After 21 years in office, he still felt compelled to serve. "I don't think anyone would want to do this for any other reason but to work for the people. I chose it because it was my way to serve." Kennedy stated.

His concern for others has been widely celebrated by his peers. "He loved being an Alderman," said the Aldermanic Clerk. "He did it differently than anybody else. He was never demanding, but he would get the job done."

Jokingly, Kennedy's family recalls this and other of his endearing characteristics. He was an avid reader, loved science fiction (hence his attraction to politics), was a closet gourmet cook, and an astute businessman who at one point considered becoming an inventor.

But the true legacy of Samuel Kennedy was his humane, compassionate manner of working to help others. We all aspire to such a legacy as this, for it is both a vindication of the past and hope for the future." And

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE. The publicly owned Western portion of triangular City Block 4574, which is bounded by Walton Avenue, Washington Boulevard and Olive Street in the 18th Ward and further described in Section Two, is hereby designated and shall be known as the "Alderman Samuel M. Kennedy Park."

SECTION TWO. The boundaries of the "Alderman Samuel M. Kennedy Park" are described as follows: A Parcel of ground being the Western part of Block 4574 of the City of St. Louis, Missouri, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point in the Southern line of Washington Boulevard 70 feet wide, distant 137.15 feet West of its intersection with the Western line of Walton Avenue, 60 feet wide, thence Westwardly 110.85 feet along the Southern line of Washington Boulevard to the Northern corner of said Block 4574; thence Southwardly 16.98 feet along the Western line of said block to the Northern line of Olive Street; 60 feet wide; thence Eastwardly 120.54 feet along the Northern line of Olive Street; thence Northwardly 59.76 feet along the Western face of the Western wall of a one story brick building occupying the Eastern part of said Block 4574 to an offset in said wall; thence Westwardly 0.33 feet along said offset; thence Northwardly 4.20 feet along the Western face of said wall to the point of beginning, according to a survey made by Pitzman's Co., of Surveyors & Engineers on January 28, 1957; and commonly known as 4710 Washington, Locator Number 4574-00-00100.

Legislative History

1ST READING	REF TO COMM	COMMITTEE	COMM SUB	COMM AMEND
10/13/95	10/13/95	PARK		
2ND READING	FLOOR AMEND	FLOOR SUB	PERFECTN	PASSAGE
10/20/95			10/27/95	10/27/95
ORDINANCE	VETOED		VETO OVR	
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