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RE: General Issues Committee May 1, 2024 Meeting

Agenda Item 10.3 Facility Naming

The Durand Neighbourhood Association Board are in receipt of a flurry of comments from the membership relating to the decision to rename the St. Mark's facility to Magnolia Hall. The board submitted an alternative name to the membership which for practical purposes established our position. The letter to our membership is attached.

Feedback from our membership has stated that they are not opposed to the use of the Durand name as it "pays homage to the community that has advocated for over three decades to safeguard this area for the neighbourhood" but are opposed to the word Common and are also opposed to losing the historical reference to St. Mark's.

We would like to also point out that the word Magnolia has no historical, architectural or cultural connection to this property or connection to the City.

Feedback we have received favours using "Durand Hall at St. Mark's".

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