

Public Hearing: YES NO

Department: Planning & Sustainability

SUBJECT:

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): Commission District 03 Super District 07

Application of Sandra Queen, on behalf of the National Association of Minority Contractors of Greater Atlanta, Arthur J. Queen Institute and EGM Atlanta, to request a Street Name Change (SN) to change the street designated as “East Side Drive” to “Arthur J. Queen Drive”. The property is located within the C-1 (Local Commercial) zoning district and Tier 3 of the I-20 Overlay District.

PETITION NO: N15-2026-0152 SN-26-1247973

PROPOSED USE: Street name change from “East Side Drive” to “Arthur J. Queen Drive”.

LOCATION: East Side Drive, DeKalb County, GA.

PARCEL NO. : N/A

INFO. CONTACT: Tony B. Guilford, Planning & Sustainability Engineer

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PURPOSE:

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RECOMMENDATION:

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: N/A

PLANNING COMMISSION: (March 3, 2026) Pending.

PLANNING STAFF: (March 11, 2026) Approval.

STAFF ANALYSIS: The property owner of 4251 East Side Drive in Decatur, requested a street name change for East Side Drive which begins at Wesley Chapel Road and continues for 1,135 linear feet and ends at Pleasant Woods Drive. The renaming would honor her late husband, who operated his business at this address for over 40 years. The Property owner has submitted the proper documentation via petitions meeting the required 51% support from other property owner on the street. Four (4) of six (6) property owner signed the petition in support of the street renaming. Adverse impacts are expected to me minimal but may include an administrative burden, as property owners and businesses must update addresses on business and personal item. Staff recommends “*Approval*” of this street name change request.

PLANNING COMMISSION VOTE: (March 11, 2026) Approval 7-0-0. Commissioner Cooper moved, Commissioner Patton seconded for Approval, per Staff recommendation. This application moves forward to the Board of Commissioners Zoning hearing on Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL VOTE/RECOMMENDATION: N/A



Planning Commission Hearing Date: March 11, 2026
Board of Commissioners Hearing Date: March 26, 2026

STAFF ANALYSIS

CASE NO.:	SN-26-1247973	File ID #: 2026-0152
Address:	4251 Eat Side Drive, Decatur, GA 30032	Commission District: 03 Super District: 07; and Tier 2 & 3 of the I-20 Overlay District.
Parcel ID(s):	15 126 10 006, 15 126 10 007, 15 126 10 008, 15 126 10 009, 15 126 10 011, 15 126 09 001	
Request:	Street-name change from East Side Drive to Authur J. Queen Drive.	
Property Owner(s):	JVCL LLC, Gordon Arthur & Gordon Rose, Grace and Mercy Endures Llc, Queen Properties Llc, Come and See Deliverance Ministry Inc, Dekalb County	
Applicant/Agent:	Sandra Queen	
Acreage:	1.26	
Existing Zoning:	C-1 (Local Commercial); C-2 (General Commercial); O-I (Office-Institution), R-100 (Residential Medium Lot-100)	
Surrounding Properties:	North: R-100 South: C-2 East: MR-2 West: C-1	
Existing Land Use:	Consistent X Inconsistent	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval

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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY

Chief of Executive Officer
Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

Director
Juliana A. Njoku

STREET NAME CHANGE APPLICATION

S.N. No. SN-26-1247973 (2026-0152)

Applicant / Agent / Owner: Sandra Queen

TO BE COMPLETED BY PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY DEPARTMENT

Map Reference: Dist. 15, Lot 126 Date Approved: _____

Date Received: January 22, 2026 Fee Paid: N/A

Commission Districts: 3 & 7; I-20 OVD, Tier 3

Existing Street Name: East Side Drive

Proposed Street Name: Arthur J. Queen Drive

The following information must be attached to the application:

1. A written petition bearing signatures of a minimum of 51 percent (%) of the property owners fronting said street. The property owners signing shall also constitute a minimum of 51 percent (%) of the linear street frontage. Linear street frontage shall include frontage of properties that abut both sides of the street right-of-way.
2. Map showing street or portion of street affected by change.

Reason for requesting change (Attach additional information if needed.):

See attached.

Signature: _____

Date: 01.22.2026

**STREET NAME CHANGE APPLICATION FEE:
No Fee Due**

**DeKalb County does not require payment by wire transfer.
Be aware of scammers and fraudulent emails.**

Petition for Street Naming in Honor of Arthur J. Queen:

“An Enduring Legacy Beyond the Glass”

Dear DeKalb County Commissioners:

On behalf of the National Association of Minority Contractors of Greater Atlanta, Arthur J. Queen Institute, EGM Atlanta, family and friends, we respectfully submit this petition to rename Eastside Drive in Decatur, GA 30034 in honor of Arthur J. Queen, a construction industry, specialty trade pioneer whose legacy continues to shape our community 39 years after we first opened its doors.

Arthur J. Queen was more than a successful Contractor. He was a Trailblazer who broke barriers and created pathways for generations of minority contractors in Atlanta. His commitment to excellence in glass glazing was matched only by his dedication to empowering others to achieve their own success in the trades.

For nearly four decades, the business Mr. Queen built has stood as a testament to what's possible when talent meets opportunity. His company's continued presence on this street serves as daily inspiration to aspiring contractors from all walks of life, both in Dekalb County, throughout Greater Atlanta region, and beyond. The location itself has become synonymous with his shared vision of opportunity in construction.

In 2023, the Arthur J. Queen Institute was founded to ensure his legacy lives on through action. This nonprofit organization embodies Mr. Queen's life's work by providing comprehensive trades training programs, mentorship, health and wellness services, and life readiness support to minority trade workers. The Institute's mission is to create opportunities and pathways for individuals from underrepresented communities to thrive and directly reflects the values Mr. Queen demonstrated throughout his career.

The timing and significance of this honor cannot be overstated. Today's construction industry faces critical challenges: only 3% of trade workers are minorities (with just 6% African American), and 24.2% of construction businesses are minority-owned. These statistics underscore why Mr. Queen's pioneering work matters now more than ever. By naming this street in His honor, DeKalb County would send a powerful message that we value those who dedicate their lives to bridging opportunity gaps and building pathways to economic empowerment, inclusivity, and mobility.

This street naming would achieve multiple important objectives:

Preserving Local History: Mr. Queen's 39-year presence makes it an authentic historical marker of his contributions to DeKalb County's economic development and construction landscape.

Inspiring Future Generations: Every minority contractor, trade worker, and aspiring business owner who sees this street sign will be reminded that their dreams are valid and achievable.

Honoring Systemic Change: Mr. Queen didn't just build structures; he built systems that created opportunities for others. This recognition celebrates that broader impact.

Economic Impact: The Arthur J. Queen Institute continues his work by equipping minority contractors with skills that contribute to our regional economy, the kind of sustainable community investment that defines true legacy.

The construction industry is the backbone of our built environment. As the Institute's vision states: we must "break down systemic barriers, bridge the opportunity gap, and build a future where minority trade workers have equal access to fulfilling careers, economic empowerment, and a voice in shaping the industry for the betterment of all."

Arthur J. Queen lived these principles. This street has been the foundation of his legacy for decades. We respectfully request that DeKalb County make this connection permanent by naming it in His honor.

Thank you for considering this petition to recognize a true construction legend. He created a blueprint for us all to see more clearly our collective purpose and his impact extends far beyond the glass.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra B. Queen, Widow/Owner

Kelsi Queen-Robinson, Daughter/CEO

Petition to Rename East Side Drive

Petition Statement

Arthur Queen was a dedicated entrepreneur and a cherished member of the DeKalb County community for over 40 years. His extensive contributions to the area, particularly in the construction industry and through his active involvement with the National Association of Minority Contractors both locally and nationally, have left a lasting impact that deserves recognition.

Arthur Queen's leadership in the industry and community helped shape the economic and social landscape of DeKalb County. As a trailblazer and the construction industry he broke barriers and opened doors for many minority contractors, empowering others to follow in his footsteps. His efforts were recognized through numerous awards, yet we believe that this public acknowledgement through the renaming of East Side Drive is a fitting tribute to such a remarkable individual.

Let us honor Arthur Queen's memory by ensuring that his contributions and values are forever enshrined in the name of a street that many people traverse every day. This renaming will not only acknowledge his personal legacy but also highlight the importance of community leaders who have dedicated their lives to making a positive impact in our neighborhoods.

Please lend your support to this cause by signing this petition. Together, we can ensure that Arthur's legacy continues to inspire future generations in DeKalb County and beyond.

Property Owners in Support

We, the undersigned property owners and stakeholders of East Side Drive, Decatur, GA 30034, respectfully submit this petition requesting the official renaming of East Side Drive in honor of Arthur J. Queen, whose lasting contributions to the construction industry and minority contractor advancement have profoundly shaped our community.

Owner Name	Property Address	Signature	Date
JVCL LLC	██████ E Side Drive	<u>Peter Kong-Queen</u>	<u>01/12/2026</u>
GORDON ARTHUR/GORDON ROSE	██████ E Side Drive	<u>ARTHUR GORDON</u>	<u>01-12-26</u>
GRACE AND MERCY ENDURES LLC	██████ E Side Drive	<u>Valrie Kong-Queen</u>	<u>01/12/2026</u>
DEKALB COUNTY	██████ E Side Drive	_____	_____
QUEEN PROPERTIES LLC	██████ E Side Drive	<u>Jordan B Queen</u>	<u>01/12/2026</u>
COME AND SEE DELIVERANCE MINISTRY INC	██████ E Side Drive	_____	_____

