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Sponsor(s):	Austin (34)
Type:	Ordinance
Title:	Honorary street designation as "Reverend Barbara Carson McEwing Way"
Committee(s) Assignment:	Committee on Transportation and Public Way

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO;

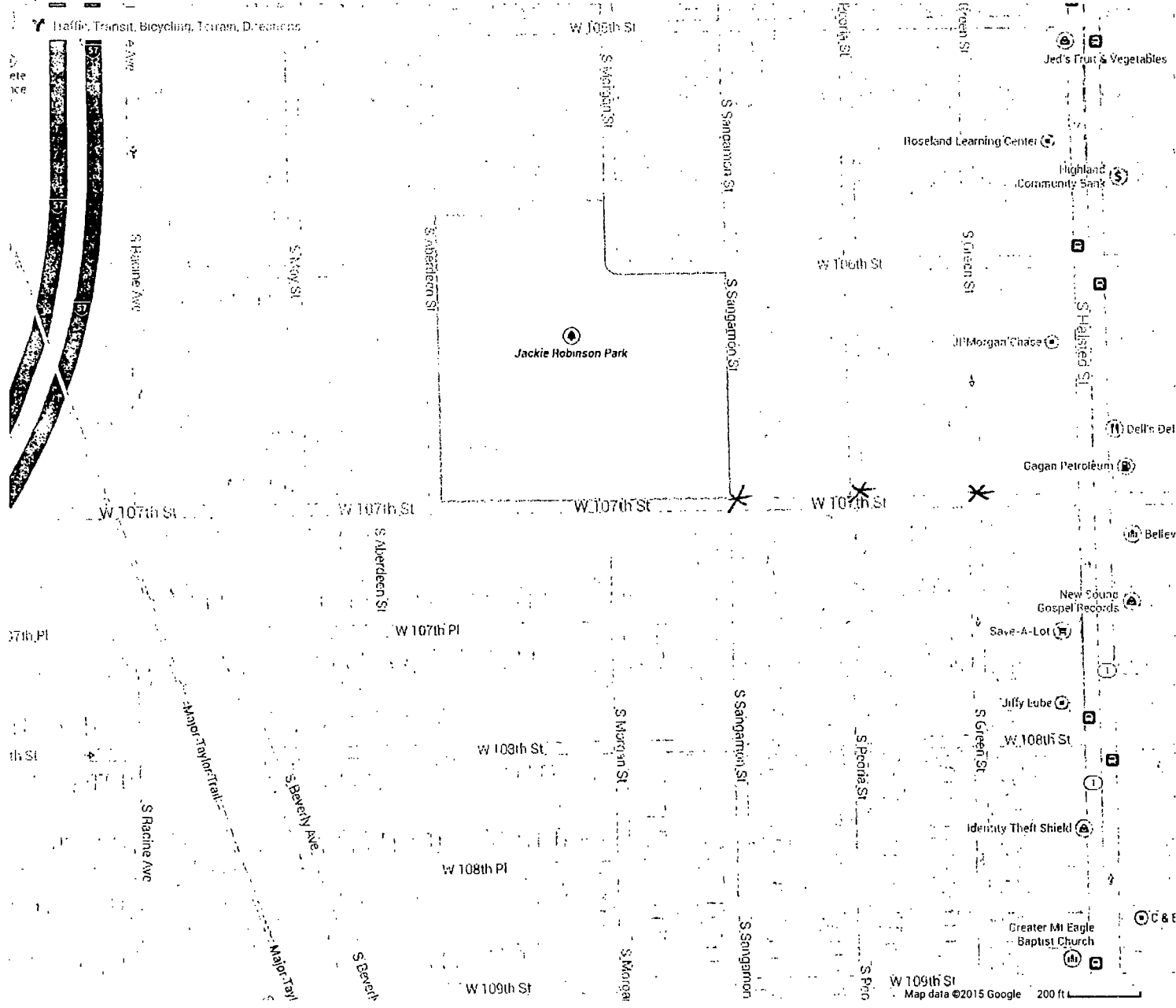
SECTION 1. Pursuant to an ordinance heretofore passed by the City Council which allows erection of honorary street-name signs, the Commissioner of Transportation shall take the necessary action for standardization of a portion of West 107th Street, on the north side of the street, as “Reverend Barbara Carson McEwing Way,” installing a total of three signs, one at each of the following locations:

**10700 South Sangamon Street,
10700 South Peoria Street, and
10700 South Green Street.**

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication.



CARRIE M. AUSTIN
Alderman, 34th Ward



Traffic, Transit, Bicycling, Terrain, Directions



Jackie Robinson Park

Jed's Fruit & Vegetables

Roseland Learning Center

Highland Community Center

JPMorgan Chase

Gagan Petroleum

New Sound Gospel Records

Save-A-Lot

Jiffy Lube

Identity Theft Shield

Greater MI Eagle Baptist Church

C & E

W 109th St
Map data ©2015 Google 200 ft

To: Alderman Carrie Austin

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Not only was Barbara McEwing exemplary in pastoring, but she walked in excellence in all facets of her life. "This Woman of God" was also deeply loved as an educator, wife, mother and friend.

We extend our appreciation to every person which will contribute to successfully executing this project of granting this request of providing honorary street signs on 10700 Sangamon, 10700 S. Peoria, 10700 S. Green and 10700 S. Halsted to commemorate the memory of such a beloved woman as Pastor Barbara McEwing.

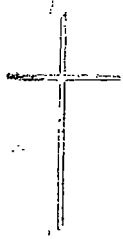
To: Alderman Carrie Austin

We the undersigned respectfully request that the streets of 10700 S. Sangamon, 10700 S. Peoria, 10700 S. Green and 10700 S. Halsted be used to highly regard the distinguished Pastor Barbara Carson McEwing with an honorary street sign in recognition of her outstanding leadership.

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Trinity United Methodist Church

605 West Golf Road ~ Mount Prospect, IL 60056

September 26, 2014

Ms. Rachel McEwing
12810 South Union
Chicago, Illinois 60628

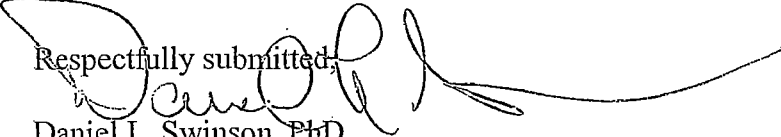
Dear Rachel,

As the elected Historian of the Northern Illinois Conference of The United Methodist Church, I hereby certify that the following is a true and correct transcription of the "Record of Ministerial Service" for the Reverend Barbara C. McEwing as it appears in the *Journal of the Northern Illinois Conference*, 1980, page 396. This would have been the last entry prior to Rev. McEwing's death.

"McEWING, BARBARA C. (Simmons). Received on Probation, 1961 (Lexington Conference). Received in Full, 1963 (Lexington Conference). 1961 Indianapolis: St. Paul. 1962 Springfield, Ohio: Broadus. 1963 Robbins: St. Paul. July 12, 1964 transferred to Rock River Conference. 1965 Evanston: Sherman. 1967 Supernumerary. 1969 Chicago: Washington Heights."

In her book, *Courageous Past, Bold Future: The Journey Toward Full Clergy Rights for Women in The United Methodist Church* (Nashville, Tennessee: General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of The United Methodist Church), page 163, author Patricia J. Thompson characterizes Rev. McEwing as the first woman to be received into full connection in the Lexington Conference, Central Jurisdiction, of the Methodist Church, the first African American woman to have full clergy rights in the Rock River Conference, and thereby the first African American woman to have this distinction in the Northern Illinois Conference of The United Methodist Church.

Respectfully submitted,


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October 8, 2014


Rachel McEwing
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Chicago, IL 60628

Dear Ms. McEwing:

The first African-American women ordained in the Illinois Great Rivers Conference were Lisa Joiner in 1987 in the Southern Illinois Conference and Beverly Wilkes Null in 1991 in the Central Illinois Conference. The two conferences merged in 1997 to form the Illinois Great Rivers Conference.

Thank you for your interest in our history.

Sincerely,



Laretta Scheller
Archivist