

## Application by Tangari (Tangi) Walker-Rennalls

The application should include, at a minimum,

- a) the proposed honorary street name

Barrington Anthony Walker-Davidson Way

- b) contributions to the Village of Ossining by the proposed honoree;

Hello, my name is Tangari Walker- Rennalls and I am Barry's younger sister. Barrington Anthony Walker-Davidson was my older brother and we had an incredible bond. I spent every waking minute I could with him because he was my protector and my favorite human being. Barry attended Ossining Children Center and was well liked and loved by teachers there. He was such a great kid and loved being around his friends. It makes for a great story that when I was old enough to work I worked at the Ossining Children Center for ten years before moving on and becoming a social worker.

As Barry got older he spent weekends with his best friend playing outdoors and enjoying being in nature. He was big fan of G.I.Joe and X-Men cartoons and toys. Barry's favorite character on GIJoe was Snake Eyes and his favorite X-Man was Wolverine (he loved the name Logan by the way which is also now my sons name, Barry's nephew).

Barry was a peace keeper in school, he stood up for individuals against bigger mean spirited kids and was friendly to everyone he met. Teachers respected him because of that and enjoyed having him in their class. He brought

people together, he cultivated relationships amongst people that otherwise would not have spoken to each other. In the mixed cultures that Ossining is known for, Barry helped break down barriers for people from various backgrounds to be better friends and get to know each other. His smile was disarming and people wanted to be around him, people of all ages wanted to be around Barry.

Barry was a good student and in his chosen sport of wrestling through Ossining sports, he was top of his weight class. He won many gold medals in tournaments and was never a bad sport when he won and always encouraged other to be better. He was ahead of his years in showing maturity, kindness and respect to everyone. Barry participated in trash the trash as he loved nature and wanted to be apart of keeping his community clean. He also was a part of the D.A.R.E program through Ossining schools. Barry loved to draw and had artistic skills. His dream was to become a cartoonist, because he had such great pleasure and talent in being a creative mastermind.

He had no fear of any person, being in nature or public speaking. At an outdoor concert near the Ossining train station, he got on stage for karaoke and sang C.R.E.A.M. by Method Man/Wu Tang and crushed every line, he knew every word - as a ten year old boy! He gave so much of himself to the town/village of Ossining. He was so charismatic and would probably be famous today if he was not taken so young. Barry's kind, loving and strong spirit affected many people and made a lot of people be better just from knowing him.

Ossining suffered a great loss losing Barry so young because he would have promoted equality, kindness and being passionate in his town just by being himself and fighting for what he believed was the right thing.

My family has been residents of Ossining from the time my grandfather settled here from Jamaica. We made a life here and Barry was big part of it.

I know you may not know Barry as well as I, but he was my world and he was my mother's first born. Even though we lost Barry down by the water in Ossining, we stayed here because we had strong connections to Ossining and to Barry who is buried at Dale's cemetery. I have watched my mother go through so much emotions due to the lose of my brother and she is finally able to talk about Barry without truly breaking down and crying due to sound of his name. She is slowly enjoying going down to the river again after years of rejecting it. Barry, even though he was ten left a mark on everybody's heart that knew him. He is truly missed and will never be forgotten, we want to make his life remembered by all, because his contribution to Ossining was to bring people together of all ages and races and fight for those who couldn't fight for themselves. He was such a peace maker and loved his family and his friends.

- c) the length of time the proposed honoree resided or continues to reside in the village, during which time the proposed honoree shall preferably have resided on the street in question;

Barrington lived in Ossining for his whole life before he died, so for 10 years. He lived on both North Malcolm street and Snowden Ave

d) the name of the existing street to have the honorary street name;

The three streets I was thinking about were the two streets that Barrington grew up on Snowden Ave or North Malcolm Street, or Westerly Rd down by where Barry passed away so either of these streets would be good.

e) whether the street already has a honorary street name;

none of the said streets have honorary street names

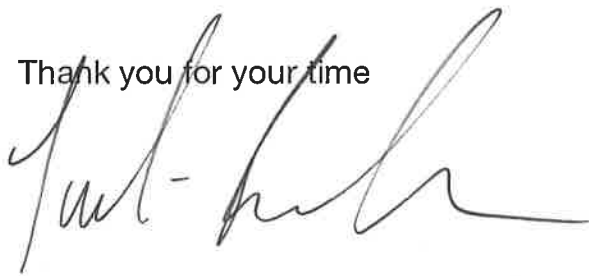
f) a map identifying the location of the street to receive the honorary name and the cross streets that intersect with that street



g) the proposed honoree's connection to the street where the honorary naming is sought.

Barrington lived on Snowden Avenue and North Malcolm street. After moving from North Malcolm street Barry lived at Snowden but regularly went to North Malcolm street to see our Grandparents.  
Or Westerly Rd close to were Barry Passed.

Thank you for your time

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tangi', written over the printed name 'Tangi'.

Tangi

**October 21, 2020**

**Report of the Ossining Village Historian**

**RE: Honorary Street naming application for Barrington Anthony Walker-Davidson – submitted by his sister, Tangari Walker-Rennalls**

On September 15, 2020, I conducted a phone interview with Tangeri (Tangi) Walker-Rennalls, Barrington's younger sister; David Ashley, family friend (on September 25th), to discuss the application for a honorary street to be erected at North Malcolm Street, Snowden Ave or Westerly Rd Way in memory of Barrington Walker-Davidson. I also received a letter from Brenda B. Hunter, teacher at Claremont and family friend. The following is summary of aforementioned regarding the life and contributions to the village of Barrington Anthony Walker-Davidson.

**Residency in Ossining:** Barrington lived in Ossining his entire life of ten (10) years. He was the third generation of his family of Jamaican immigrants to the village. Barrington was one of six children and student at Claremont school when he passed. Barrington and family lived on North Malcolm Street for many years before moving to Snowden Avenue. However, Barrington would spend a great deal of time with his grandmother who remained on No. Malcolm Street.

**Community Engagement and Village Contribution:** Barrington attended Ossining Gospel Assembly on Croton Avenue with is sister Tangi. Tangi remembers vividly catching the Gospel Assembly bus that rode through the village to provide transportation for neighborhood children to attend church service. Barrington would eagerly await the church bus as he enjoyed worship service with the neighborhood kids.

Barry loved competitive sports so much his parents signed him up to play either wrestling or football through the Ossining Parks and Recreation department, according to his family. I was unable to confirm which sport he played. According to Tangi, he was a natural at sports and won many gold medals, which his mother still has today. He displayed great sportsmanship, never boasted of his wins but encouraged teammates to do their best. He would assist anyone that needed his help.

Barrington was a member of the Cub Scouts according to his sister. I was unable to confirm of which den he was a member. He was a popular kid in the neighborhood, kids enjoyed his company and adults loved his spirit.

It was the consensus of all interviewed that Barrington was an amazing kid who displayed a level of compassion and kindness beyond his years. As a student, he struggled in some areas but was relentless in tackling those issues to be a better student, according to a former teacher. As a classmate and student, he was fair, kind, encouraging and welcoming to all people. He had a disdain for bullying and would stand up to anyone who mistreated others. Ms. Hunter recounted a time when Barry would brag of her friendship to the family and grandmotherly relationship to her with his friends; when her own son was embarrassed, she worked at the school. She stated Barry would put the needs of others before his own. She recounted Barry would frequently volunteer to be the teacher's "lunchtime helper" during recess selflessly abandoning his recess activities which he enjoyed. He thought it more important to forgo recess to be helpful to the teacher.

In summary, all interviewed believed that Barrington at the age of ten displayed the qualities of a leader in the making (outstanding personality, great work ethic and strong moral compass). Everyone recounted Barry's ability to brighten up a room with his presence, inviting smile and electric personality. The loss of Barry has left a hole in the hearts of his family and friends. The great memories and impression they left in their hearts still resonates with them today. However, his mother still struggles to deal with the loss of her son and is unaware of this application as the family fears of what it would do to her emotionally if not approved.

**According to the interview with Tangeri and articles in the The Daily News, Tarrytown the following is an account the circumstances surrounding Barrington's passing.**

On June 25, 1994, Barrington (Barry) (age 10) was invited to a sleep over at his friend's house. The family often took Barrington on their boat excursions. On the night of the incident, Barry and his friend were "horsing around" on the boat and Barrington fell in the river. His friend screamed out for help, which caught the

attention of a woman on a nearby boat. The women in turn alerted three male members of the Ossining Boat and Canoe club. The male members proceeded out on their boat towards the kids to assist. One member quoted seeing Barrington “fighting the water” and then “disappeared”. The men recount they were seconds away when Barrington when disappeared from their site. After hours of search efforts conducted by members of the Ossining and Verplanck Fire and Police Departments and the original three men, they recovered Barrington’s body approximately 8 feet down in the “cold, murky” water. CPR was attempted but unsuccessful. He was pronounced dead at Phelps Memorial Hospital in Sleepy Hollow later that evening.

**Signage history of proposed Streets:** There are currently no honorary street signs at any of the proposed streets (No. Malcolm Street, Snowden Ave or Westerly Rd.)

**Note of precedent:** In 1994 or 1995, Sarah Street received an honorary street name, “Kenneth Chin Lane” in memory of a young child who was hit by a car on Sarah Street where he lived. The clerk’s office was unable to locate the application for this street for reference.



**Resolution- Approval of Honorary Naming of North Malcolm Street for Barrington Anthony Walker-Davidson**

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Honorary Street Naming Policy ("Policy") approved by the Village of Ossining Board of Trustees is to, "honor current and former residents of the village who have made contributions to the village through accomplishments during the honoree's lifetime"; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 27, 2020, the Village Manager received a letter from Tangari Walker-Rennalls requesting the honorary street naming of North Malcolm Street for her late brother Barrington Anthony Walker-Davidson.; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Honorary Street Naming Policy, the Board of Trustees by resolution referred the application to the Village Historian for a report; and

**WHEREAS**, on or about October 21, 2020, Village Historian Joyce Sharrock-Cole provided to the Board of Trustees her report on the application which included a summary of Barrington Anthony Walker-Davidson's life in the Village of Ossining; and

**WHEREAS**, the Historian's report noted the following, in part, "Barrington lived in Ossining for his entire life of ten (10) years. He was the third generation of his family of Jamaican immigrants to the village. Barrington was one of six children and student at Claremont school when he passed. Barrington and family lived on North Malcolm Street for many years before moving to Snowden Avenue. However, Barrington would spend a great deal of time with his grandmother who remained on No. Malcolm Street. Barrington attended Ossining Gospel Assembly on Croton Avenue with his sister Tangi....Barry loved competitive sports...Barry was a member of Cub Scouts...It was the consensus of all interviewed that Barrington was an amazing kid who displayed a level of compassion and kindness beyond his years...He had a disdain for bullying and would stand up to anyone who mistreated others; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Policy, a public hearing was held on the application on December 2, 2020 via Zoom in accord with Executive Order 202.1 at which time members of the public were given the opportunity to address the Board of Trustees on the application, after which the public hearing was closed; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the application for the honorary street naming North Malcolm Street for Barrington Anthony Walker-Davidson is granted and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that appropriate signage will be located at the aforementioned street.