



CITY OF RICHMOND

PLANNING COMMISSION

May 19, 2014

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT AND RECOGNITION

FOR

T. Tyler Potterfield

WHEREAS, T. Tyler Potterfield began his work in the City of Richmond on September 23, 1991, and through the course of his career offered invaluable insight into the development and history of the City that will continue to inform future progress of the City for years to come; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure, T. Tyler Potterfield enthusiastically served the City with distinction in multiple capacities including: serving as Secretary to the Commission of Architectural Review, managing the Section 106 Review process, inventorying and recording Richmond's historic buildings and structures, serving as Secretary to the Urban Design Committee, cataloging and preserving countless vacant buildings, dedicating time to the education of interns and young professionals in the fields of urban planning and architectural preservation, and contributing to the development and adoption of the City's Riverfront Plan (2012), Downtown Plans (1997, 2004 and 2009), and the Citywide Master Plan (2001); and

WHEREAS, T. Tyler Potterfield's passion for the City of Richmond is evidenced by the 2009 publication of his book, *Nonesuch Place: A History of the Richmond Landscape*; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his life in the City of Richmond, T. Tyler Potterfield gave freely of his knowledge and love for the City through teaching, writing and leading tours on the history of architecture and landscape in the City; and

WHEREAS, One of the crowning achievements of T. Tyler Potterfield's career culminated in the design of an historic dam structure as a bridge for pedestrians and bicycles extending from Brown's Island to Manchester, connecting the north and south banks of the James River; and

WHEREAS, The Planning Commission conceptually approved the design of the proposed bridge at their meeting on January 21, 2014, finding that the proposed improvements will create an important new public route across the James River that will connect to existing and envisioned access along both sides of the river; and

WHEREAS, Sections 26-7 through 26-10 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2004), as amended, allow for the naming of city facilities by the City Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Members of the City Planning Commission of the City of Richmond express to his family and to the citizens of Richmond their sincere respect for and recognition of the many contributions of T. Tyler Potterfield to the City of Richmond; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Members of the Planning Commission of the City of Richmond respectfully request that in honor of T. Tyler Potterfield that the City Council officially dedicate the future bridge connecting Brown's Island to Manchester as the “T. Tyler Potterfield Memorial Bridge” in memory of T. Tyler Potterfield and his steadfast dedication and devotion to the City of Richmond.

Rodney Poole
Chair, City Planning Commission

Lory Markham
Secretary, City Planning Commission