



METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY

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To: Metropolitan Council
From: Metropolitan Historical Commission, Staff
Date: November 27, 2019
Re: BL2019-52

An ordinance to amend the Geographic Information Systems Street and Alley Centerline Layer for the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, by changing the name of Spencer Avenue to “Foundry Drive.” (Proposal Number 2019M-002SR-001).

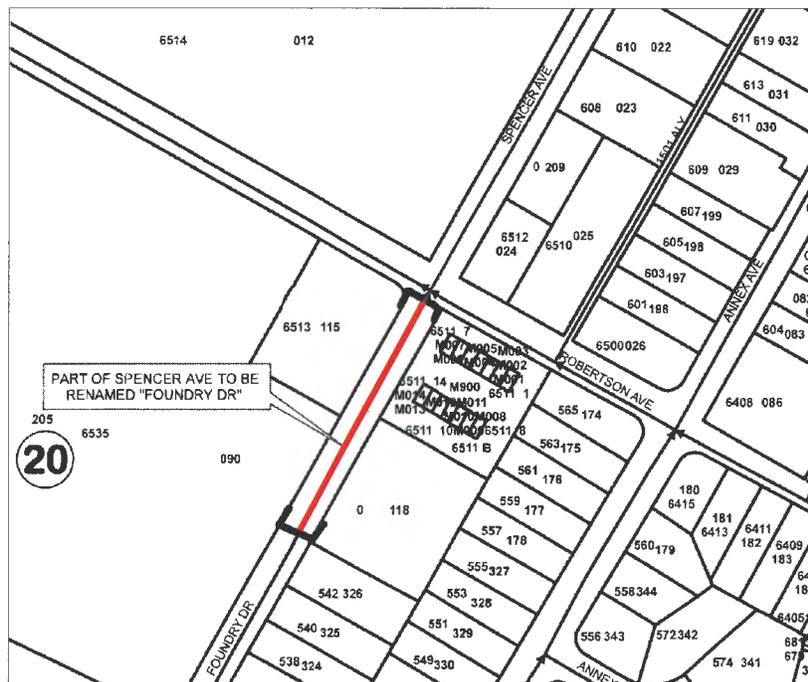


Figure 1: Spencer Avenue, subject segment noted in red.

Spencer Avenue appears on the 1906 plat for the *Plan of West Nashville Annex* (Figure 2).¹ Other street names on the plat include those streets running west-east: Frisco, Marshall, Robertson, Coleman, and Reeves, and those streets running north-south: Spencer, Annex, and James. Some streets appear to be named for prominent residents of the area (i.e., Robertson and Reeves), but the source for the name “Spencer” is not clear.

¹ *West Nashville Annex*, recorded in Plat Book 332, Page 11, on July 14, 1906, R.O.D.C.

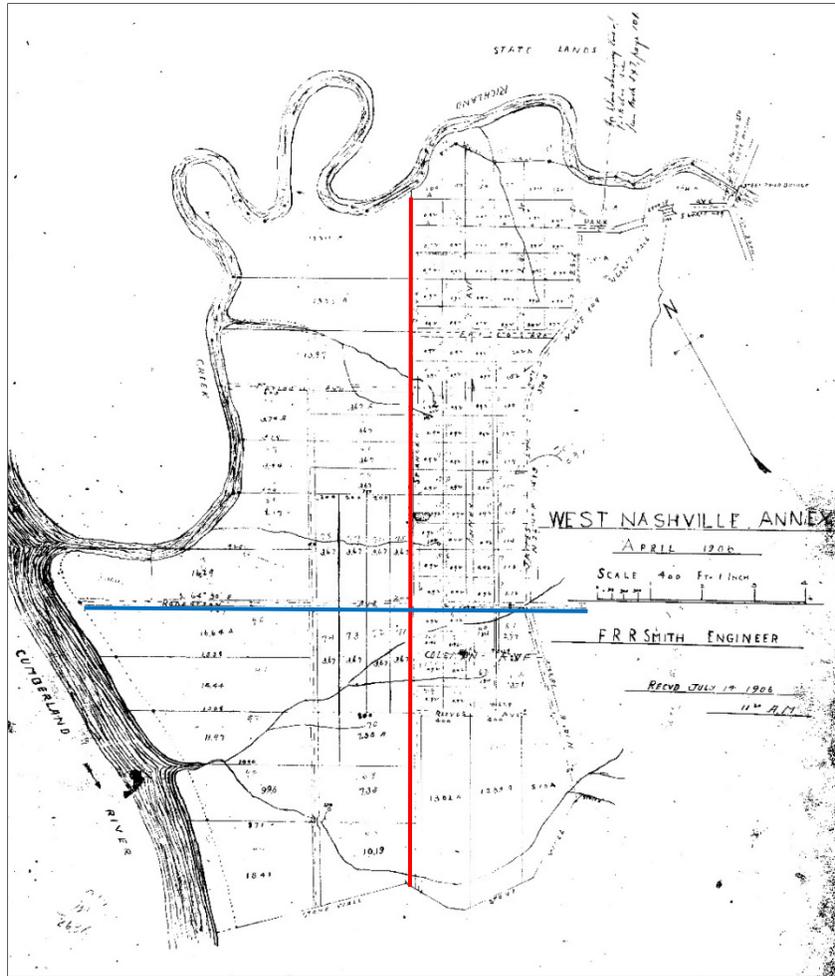


Figure 2: West Nashville Annex, 1906. Spencer Avenue in red, Robertson Avenue in blue.

Originally platted as a long roadway beginning at a point several acres south of Robertson Avenue and continuing north to a point near the Cumberland River, it appears that Spencer Avenue was never fully constructed south of Robertson Avenue. Rather, it appears that Foundry Drive was constructed on the Spencer Avenue roadway over the course of three residential developments platted between 1958 and 1965. The construction date for the subject segment of Spencer Avenue is unclear, and Metro Nashville Public Works does not have records of its official acceptance for maintenance.²

Foundry Drive, running from its intersection with Henry Ford Drive to a point just north of its intersection with Edsel Drive, appears on the 1958 plat for *Charlotte Park, Section IV*.³ Consolidated Developments, Inc., developed Charlotte Park over the course of about 22 sections, platted from 1957 to 1966. Most of the street names across Charlotte Park were inspired by the Ford Glass Plant, located on Centennial Boulevard in Cockrill Bend, where work “ignited” in

² Per email correspondence with Metro Nashville Public Works, 27 November 2019. The City of Nashville annexed this area in 1961, so it is possible that the road, if built, was accepted as part of that process.

³ *Charlotte Park, Section IV*, recorded in Plat Book 2663, Page 71, on September 5, 1958, R.O.D.C. The Davidson County Quarterly Court accepted this segment of Foundry Drive for maintenance at its April 1959 meeting, Minute Book C1, page 454.

