

From: [Yusef Mgeni](#)
To: [*CI-StPaul_Contact-Council](#)
Cc: [*CI-StPaul_Mayor](#)
Subject: Proposed Name Change of Concordia Ave to Rondo Ave
Date: Monday, December 4, 2023 11:59:12 AM

Greetings:

As requested, this email is being forwarded to the Mayor and each City Council member.

It was originally forwarded to Councilmember Balenger on 11/21/23.
The email proposes
a compromise re: the proposed name change of Concordia Ave. back to
the original street
name: "Rondo Avenue"

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Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2023 04:05 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1 <Ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Cc: Frank.White2@comcast.net <Frank.White2@comcast.net>
Subject: Yusef Mgeni, here. . . Touching Base. . .

Think Before You Click: This email originated outside our organization.

Councilmember Balenger: Congratulations on your success with the Historic Preservation Commission, regarding the renaming of "Concordia" to "Rondo Ave." I am hopeful that when The resolution comes before the full Council it will enjoy the same success.
I am requesting a meeting with you, Frank White and myself to discuss your resolution.
Perhaps over a cup of coffee or tea, next week at Golden Thyme Presents.

The issue is as follows:

This may be a once in a lifetime opportunity to reclaim “Rondo Avenue” for our families, our ancestors and our community. As Ms. Boulware points out, the original Rondo street bed exists on both sides of I-94—From Lexington Pkwy. going East to about Mackubin Street on the South side of the freeway—and then on the Northern side of I-94 continuing from just East of Western to Rice Street.

Again, the attached map is a city map—not one that was created to bolster our position.

Since we have this once in a lifetime opportunity to reclaim “Rondo Ave.” let’s do it right and reclaim it on both sides of I-94. Frank White has been bringing this to our community’s attention for the past several years.

The attached map was provided by: Christine Boulware, Historic Preservation Specialist with PED. She sent it with the following language to Frank White and cc’d: myself on (Tuesday, November 14, 2023 12:02 PM).

“Frank,

I’m attaching a copy of the 1903-1928 Sanborn Map overlay for the Rondo neighborhood.

This should illustrate what you are saying about shift in Concordia east of Mackubin not

being the same as the historic Rondo Avenue. Between Mackubin and Virginia, Rondo

is in the 94 trench; the historic placement picks up again on St. Anthony east of Virginia.”

Christine Boulware

Historic Preservation Specialist

Pronouns: She/Her

Planning and Economic Development Department

Frank White can be reached at frank.white2@comcast.net and I by reply email. We look

Forward to hearing from you and again, our congratulations.

Respectfully, yours

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Why do pronouns matter? Read this.

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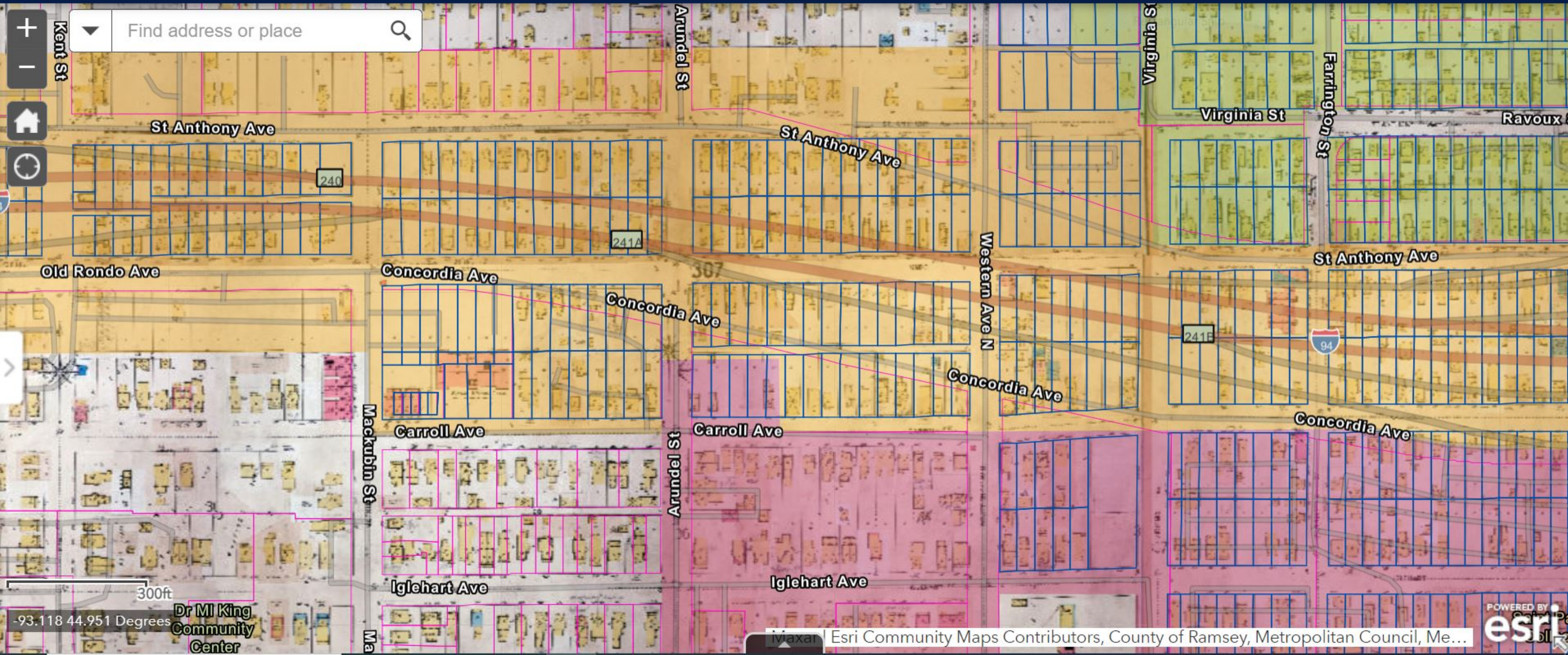
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