



Legislation Text

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TITLE:

Petition to Designate the Area Currently Referred to as Plantation Acres as Barred Owl Creek

PURPOSE: The purpose of this item is to allow the Town Council to receive and consider a petition from residents to designate the area that encompasses several subdivisions referred to as Plantation Acres as Barred Owl Creek.

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INFORMATION: Neighbors from subdivisions near and within the area referred to as Plantation Acres have been in contact with the Town since the early summer of 2020. Initially, the communication focused on renaming the two subdivisions that include the name Plantation Acres.

Interest grew and the current request is that the Town designate the area currently referred to as Plantation Acres, (which includes the subdivisions: Plantation Acres, Plantation Acres Extension, R.S. Lloyd Section One, R.S. Lloyd Section Two, and Lloyd Square) as Barred Owl Creek.

The key group working on the renaming efforts is made up of residents, Elyza Halev, Marcia Roth, Carrie Keymel, Eva Canoutas, Gordon Chadwick, Victor Jimenez, and Sergio Jimenez, note that they are making this request because of the association of the word "Plantation" with slavery.

The renaming process involved soliciting ideas for names from neighbors, conducting a survey to identify the top choices, and developing and distributing a petition. A copy of the petition is attached as is a map showing the locations of those who have signed the petition. (*Attachments B and C*).

An online form for obtaining signatures was used; there was no door-to-door soliciting because of COVID-19. In total, 107 signatures were obtained. The email conveying the petition is also attached (*Attachment D*).

Both staff and the attorney have reviewed the process and there are not any formal review/decision requirements associated with the Town Council acting on this request.

Should the Town Council grant the request, the new name would be included in maps and GIS map data layers used by the Town and made available to other mapping outlets (e.g. Google, Bing).

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: Minimal impacts are anticipated with action on the request.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Town Council receive and discuss the request. A resolution that could be used to approve the designation of Barred Owl Creek is provided (*Attachment A*).