CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE:

June 24, 2019

TO:

Peter Wysocki, Director of Planning

FROM:

Sarah Johnson, City Clerk

SUBJECT:

Notice of Appeal

ITEM NO. 6.B.: CPC SN 19-00045

An appeal has been filed by Lewis Kuhn Swan PC on behalf of Save The Canyons at Broadmoor and Erin M. Slivka regarding the Planning Commission action of June 20, 2019.

I am scheduling the public hearing on this appeal for the City Council meeting of July 23, 2019. Please provide me a vicinity map.

CC:

Lonna Thelen

Eric Blamires 135 Beckwith Dr Colorado Springs CO 80906

Lewis Kuhn Swan PC 620 N Tejon #101 Colorado Springs CO 80903



PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Appeal of City Planning Commission's Decision to City Council

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Project Name: Blamires Way Street Name Change
Site Address: TMoLa Lane Tax Schedule Number: 6507408042
Type of Application being appealed: Street name Change
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Project Planner's Name: Lonna Thelen
City Planning Commission Hearing Date: Time 20, 2019
SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS: Submit an application for an appeal to City Council to the City Clerk of Sevenda, Suite 101, Colorado Springs, CO 80903) with the following items included: Appeal Statement: If the appeal is an appeal of a decision that was made administratively and then appealed to City Planning Commission, the appeal must include justification of City Code 7.5.906.A.4: Criteria For Review Of An Appeal Of An Administrative Decision: In the written notice, the appellant must substantiate the following: Identify the explicit ordinance provisions which are in dispute. Show that the administrative decision is incorrect because of one or more of the following: It was against the express language of this zoning ordinance, or It is unreasonable, or It is urreasonable, or It is clearly contrary to law. Identify the benefits and adverse impacts created by the decision, describe the distribution of the benefits and impacts between the community and the appellant, and show that the burdens placed on the appellant outweigh the benefits accrued by the community. If the appeal is an appeal of a City Planning Commission decision that was not made administratively initially, the appeal must identify the explicit ordinance provision(s) which are in dispute and provide justification to indicate how these sections were not met. For example if this is an appeal of a development plan, the development plan review criteria must be reviewed. A check for \$176 payable to the City of Colorado Springs.
CONTACT INFORMATION:
Address: 620 North Tejon Ste, Ste. 101 City Cobrado Springe
State: CO Zip Code: 80903 e-mail: MKUHN@LKS. LAW
APPELLANT AUTHORIZATION: The signature(s) below certifies that I (we) is(are) the authorized appellant and that the information provided on this form is in all respects true and accurate to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief. I(we) familiarized myself(ourselves) with the rules, regulations and procedures with respect to preparing and filing this petition. I agree that if this request is approved, it is issued on the representations made in this submittal, and any approval or subsequently issued building permit(s) or other type of permit(s) may be revoked without notice if there is a breach of representations or conditions of approval.
Michael Fil Gune 24, 2019
Signature of Appellant Date
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Last Modified: 11/2/17

^{**} If you would like additional assistance with this application or would like to speak with the neighborhood outreach specialist, contact Katie Sunderlin at sunderka@springsgov.com (719) 726-1118

City Authorization:	
Payment \$	Date Application Accepted
Receipt No:	Appeal Statement
Intake Staff: E. Wagner	Completed Form
Copy of Notice and Order (if applicable):	
Assigned to:	

BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF COLORADO SPRINGS

In re: BLAMIRES WAY STREET NAME CHANGE)	
)	CPC: SN 19-00045
Appellants: SAVE THE CANYONS AT BROADMOOR)	
ERIN M. SLIVKA)	

NOTICE OF APPEAL OF DECISION FROM THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION AND BRIEF IN SUPPORT THEREOF

Appellants Save The Canyons at Broadmoor and Erin M. Slivka ("Appellants"), by and through counsel, Lewis Kuhn Swan PC, and pursuant to Section 7.5.906 of the Colorado Springs City Code, submit their Notice of Appeal of Decision from the City Planning Commission and Brief in Support Thereof as follows:

Introduction

This appeal presents the question of whether a citizen's vanity is a permissible reason to rename an existing street under Section 7.7.704(D)(7) of the City Code when, as here, the proposed change would alter the aesthetics of an existing neighborhood and create logistical problems. The answer is a resounding no.

In a split vote, the Planning Commission approved Eric Blamires, DMD's application to rename Imola Lane after himself, specifically to "Blamires Way." The Planning Commission's decision was erroneous because a necessary showing to rename a street under the Code is that the change "promote the health safety, convenience and general welfare of the citizens." One citizen's vanity does not meet this standard as a matter of law based on a plain reading of the text. Moreover, the decision was arbitrary and capricious because it failed to consider the aesthetic and logistical harm to the multiple property owners who live in The Canyons at

Broadmoor ("The Canyons"). Accordingly, City Council must remedy this error by reversing the decision of the Planning Commission in CPC: SN 19-00045.

Factual Background

The Canyons is a community located in the southern tip of Colorado Springs that was developed in 2007 as part of the Broadmoor Glen South Filing No. 13. The neighborhood is Tuscan themed. Among other things, homes must have low-sloping terracotta roofs and wooden shutters; many also have cobblestone driveways, arched doorways, and fountains. The community infrastructure complements the aesthetics. The neighborhood boasts cobblestone bridges, elegant entrances, and Mediterranean-inspired streetlights.

As relevant here, the streets also have Tuscan names. During the development of The Canyons, many Tuscan names were considered, including Mirabelle Court, Luca Lane, Ravenna Grove, San Marino Court, Novella Grove, and Imola Way. See Exhibit 1 (emails discussing street names). The City ultimately approved the latter three names but required that the main road, Farthing Drive, remain unchanged as a logical continuation of an existing street. These streets have since been embedded in mapping software like Apple Maps. See Exhibit 2, p. 45 (filings with the Planning Commission).

Imola Lane borders two homes in The Canyons neighborhood—6421 and 6413 Farthing Drive—and provides access to Dr. Blamires's property located at 5475 Imola Lane, which sits just outside The Canyons. Imola Lane is also an access point for the undeveloped 52-acre plot located at Schedule 6507300029. When that land is developed, Imola Lane will likely connect to Broadmoor Bluffs Drive.

In 2015—nearly a decade after Imola Lane was constructed and named—Dr. Blamires purchased the property now located at 5475 Imola Lane. Four years later, Dr. Blamires filed an application to rename Imola Lane to "Blamires Way" because, in his words, he wants to "leave a legacy of [his] last name[.]" *See* Exhibit 2, p. 34.

On June 20, 2019, the Planning Commission, in a split vote, approved the name change over the objection of numerous homeowners who live in The Canyons neighborhood. In fact, the *only* homeowner who has expressed a positive impression of "Blamires Way" is Dr. Blamires himself. The Commissioners appeared to base their decision on the fact that other developers have, in the past, been permitted to name streets after themselves and that Dr. Blamires's property is the only property that presently has an Imola address.

Argument

I. Legal Standard.

Section 7.7.704(D)(7) of the City Code requires an applicant who wants to rename an existing street to prove three elements: (1) that the efficient, timely and convenient delivery of services and goods, public and private, to the people and their property will not be adversely affected; (2) that the review requirements are met; and (3) that the street name change promotes the health, safety, convenience and general welfare of the citizens. The burden of proving each of these three elements is on the applicant, here Dr. Blamires. Viewed against this standard, the City must reverse the Planning Commission and deny the requested street name change based on Dr. Blamires's failure (and inability) to meet the third element.

II. A Citizen's Vanity Does Not Promote the Health, Safety, Convenience and General Welfare of the Citizens as a Matter of Law.

Dr. Blamires's initial application made only a bald statement that the "name change for Imola Lane is applicable to the convenience and general welfare of the citizen whose property is accessed by this road." Exhibit 2, p. 4. In a subsequent submission, Dr. Blamires clarified that the reason for the proposed change was his ego. *See id.*, p. 34 ("I would like to follow in the footsteps of many other developers in the city and leave a legacy of my last name[.]"). The Planning Commission adopted this reasoning and disregarded the aesthetic harm to The Canyon neighborhood and the logistical problems created by it, and in doing so, erred as a matter of law.

A. <u>Vanity does not promote the health, safety, or convenience of the citizens.</u>

There can be no serious dispute that one citizen's vanity does not promote the health of the citizens—if anything, it is emblematic of megalomania, a symptom of psychiatric conditions.

Renaming a street for egotistical reasons certainly does not promote the safety of the community. In fact, it undercuts it. Homeowners in The Canyons neighborhood, and particularly those homes bordering Imola Lane, have used the street as a landmark for well over a decade. Out of habit, these homeowners have grown accustomed to saying they live on the corner of Farthing Drive and Imola Lane. To grant a street name change after all these years would sow confusion if they were on the phone with first responders and referenced Imola out of habit. This, of course, is in addition to the risk of conflicts in existing mapping and directional software.

¹ Dr. Blamires also claimed—without evidence—that his friends and family have had difficulty locating Imola Lane on maps. See Exhibit 2, p. 34. This is undercut by a brief review of mapping software. See, e.g., id. at 45. Moreover, the argument is nonsensical. Dr. Blamires offers no explanation for how changing the name of Imola Lane to Blamires Way would somehow increase awareness of the street on public maps. To the contrary, arbitrarily changing a 12-year-old existing name would decrease awareness of the street's location. The only awareness that would be increased is of Dr. Blamires himself.

Nor is changing Imola Lane to Blamires Way more convenient to the citizens. In addition to being longer and more difficult phonetically, it could cause confusion as to whether Blamires Way is a public or private road, making it less convenient. Dr. Blamires's claimed self-importance simply does not promote the convenience of the citizens.

B. <u>Vanity does not promote the "general welfare" of the citizens.</u>

That leaves Dr. Blamires with "general welfare." True, Dr. Blamires's vanity may advance his personal welfare by saying that Blamires Way is "his street." But the Code does not use the term in the singular. It says, "citizens"—i.e., the people and the public. The concept of "general welfare" cannot apply to a single citizen, particularly when the aesthetic and logistical damage to an entire surrounding neighbored is inconsistent with the purpose, text, and spirit of the Code. Simply put: one citizen's ostentation does not advance the "general welfare" of the "citizens" as a matter of law. The Colorado Supreme Court has for decades held that preservation of aesthetic values is a legitimate governmental interest; to that end, it is entirely permissible for a municipality to regulate street signage that may cause distraction or other ills. See Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 4264 v. City of Steamboat Springs, 575 P.2d 835, 840-41 (Colo. 1978).

Dr. Blamires (and some of the Commissioners) noted other instances in which the City permitted developers to name streets after themselves and implied that vanity is permissible under the Code. This "me too" argument overlooks a critical distinction: those instances involved the naming of *new* streets, the standard for which is laxer and not governed by Section 7.7.704(D)(7) of the City Code. It makes perfect sense that the Code affords more discretion with the naming of new streets because, unlike existing roadways, there is not a reliance factor that is undoubtedly present here as it relates to residents of The Canyons. Recall that the City required

that Farthing Drive, an existing street, maintain its name. This same analysis should govern here with the same result.

One citizen's ego does not advance the health, safety, convenience and general welfare of the citizens as a matter of law. Accordingly, the City must reverse the Planning Commission on this basis alone.

III. The Aesthetic and Logistical Harm to The Homeowners in the Canyons Outweighs Dr. Blamires's Vanity.

But even if Dr. Blamires could show that his vanity project tangentially "promoted the health, safety, convenience and general welfare of the citizens" (he did not and cannot), the Planning Commission's decision must still be set aside as arbitrary and capricious. The decision completely disregards the aesthetic and logistical harm that a name change would effectuate on the homes within The Canyons—homes that existed years before Dr. Blamires purchased his property, much less before he decreed he deserved his own street. While Dr. Blamires's property may be the only home currently accessed by Imola Lane, the road was built and named to complement The Canyons' Tuscan-themed neighborhood, particularly the homes bordered by it.

Furthermore, additional homes may be developed along Imola Lane when it is eventually extended to Broadmoor Bluffs Drive. Certainly, these future homeowners would prefer not to live on street named for their grandiose neighbor, especially when the naming convention is inconsistent with an entire surrounding neighborhood and is, instead, entirely the product of egomania. Such a name could well decrease property values. *See* www.businessinsider.com/the-name-of-your-street-could-affect-your-houses-value-2015-2. The City should facilitate proper development and naming because doing so increases the size of the City's property tax basis.

To give more weight to Dr. Blamires's self-admiration than the harm The Canyons future and present homeowners will suffer is arbitrary and capricious.

Conclusion

The Planning Commission's decision to rename Imola Lane to Blamires Way based solely on the vanity of one citizen was arbitrary and capricious and contrary to the plain text of the Code. The City Council must reverse this specious decision and deny the requested street renaming.

Dated: June 24, 2019.

LEWIS | KUHN | SWAN PC

/s/ Michael D. Kuhn

Paul F. Lewis, #14183

Michael D. Kuhn, #42784 Andrew E. Swan, #46665

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² Perhaps the undersigned should consider renaming "Tejon Street" to "Lewis Kuhn Swan Avenue" if the Planning Commission's decision is left standing.

Larry Larsen

From:

HARDY, Wendy V.

Sent:

Monday, October 03, 2005 10:59 AM

To:

Larry Larsen

Subject:

RE: AR FP 05-00444

Larry,

I reserved the following street names in July 2005 for Broadmoor Glen South #13:

San Marino Ct Imola Ln Novella Gv

Please let me know if you have questions or comments regarding the approval. I have left a message for Mr DeLay if the street names are incorrect or changed since July.

Thanks,

Wendy Hardy

CSPD IT 719-444-7492

hardywe@ci.colospgs.co.us

---Original Message-From: Larry Larsen

Sent: Monday, October 03, 2005 9:55 AM

To: HARDY, Wendy V. Subject: RE: AR FP 05-00444

Wendy:

I assume the applicant has contacted you. Correct?

Are you okay with the proposed new street names for Broadmoor Glen South #13.

Larry 55090

----Original Message----

From:

HARDY, Wendy V. Tuesday, June 07, 2005 3:15 PM Sent:

To: Larry Larsen

AR FP 05-00444 Subject:

Mirabelle Ct - unacceptable public street name - unacceptable public street name Ravenna Gv - acceptable private street name Farthing Dr - logical continuation of existing street

Thanks, Wendy Hardy

CSPD IT 719-444-7492

hardywe@ci.colospgs.co.us

Larry Larsen

From: Karen Rostvold [karen@pprbd.org]

Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2005 2:04 PM

To: Larry Larsen

Cc: HARDY, Wendy V.

Subject: AR FP 05-00444

Broadmoor Glen South #13:

All proposed street names require the approval of Wendy Hardy, Colorado Springs Police Dept., hardywe@ci.colospgs.co.us.

Ravina Ct. and Mirabel Ln. already exist within El Paso County, and I'm sure the two proposed street names shown on the proposed plat will sound alike.

Karen Rostvold Enumerator 719-327-2908

Larry Larsen

From:

HARDY, Wendy V. Tuesday, June 07, 2005 3:15 PM Larry Larsen AR FP 05-00444

Sent: To: Subject:

Mirabelle Ct - unacceptable public street name Luca Ln- unacceptable public street name Ravenna Gv - acceptable private street name Farthing Dr - logical continuation of existing street

Thanks, Wendy Hardy CSPO IT 719-444-7492 hardywe@ci.colospgs.co.us

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Amendment to Plat Restriction		Street Name Change	
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Signature of Property Owner	Date	Signature of Applicant/Consultant	Date
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Applicant/Consultant Eric			
Address: 135 Beckwi		Chy: Cobraco Springs	Phone: 119.660.2711
State: CO Zip Code: 80906	E-Mail: eblamires		
Property Owner: Eric Bla	mires	Phon	e: 719.660.2791
Address: Same as abo	ve	City:	
State: Zip Code:	E-Mail:		
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Job No. 1917.00 Terra Nova Engineering 3-11-19

Edited 8/1/17



Street Name Change Application Requirements

REVIEW CRITERIA: Street name changes must meet all of the criteria listed in the Subdivision Code before an application can be approved by Land Use Review.

The following criteria must be met in order for any Street Name Change to be granted:

- 1. No adverse impact. The efficient, timely and convenient delivery of services and goods, public and private, to the people and their property will not be adversely affected;
- 2. Requirements of the Subdivision Code have been met;

Street system;

Street design;

Private streets;

Street names:

Installation of curbs, sidewalks and pedestrian curb ramps.

3. Purpose of Chapter. The street name change comes within the purpose of the Chapter to promote the health, safety, conveniences and general welfare of the citizens. An application for a street name change for a street that crosses jurisdictional boundaries shall require approval of all entities involved prior to the street name change becoming effective.

SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST: The following items will need to be included in any Street Name Change review submittal.	
Applicant .	Planner
⊠ General Development Application Form	<u> </u>
1 copy of a Project Statement identifying the following:	<u>~</u>
 1. A clear description of the proposed waiver. 2. A justification based on the review criteria addressing why the street name change should be approved. 	<u> </u>
☐ 1 copy of a Site Plan showing all "Plan Contents" below	B
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☑ All plans, documents, and reports uploaded to Dropbox folder (Planner to send folder invite link through email)	回
PLAN CONTENT REQUIREMENTS: The site plan must include the following information. Provide an area for the Land Use Review file number in the lower right-hand corner of all sheets.	
Indication of standardized scale, both fractional and bar (i.e. 1" = 20')	
■ North arrow	
☑ Data of preparation	
☑ Subdivision name with all applicable recording information	
∑ The requested street name change area	
☑ Dimensions of rights-of-way	
☐ Names of all adjacent property owners	
⊠ Names of all adjacent streets	
☐ Name, address and phone number of applicant/owner	



PRE-APPLICATION MEETING SUMMARY

SPRINGS		Area: Sout	th Date: 12/20/18
OLYMPIC CITY USA		Pre-Applic	cation No.: 18-112
Applicant(s) Present: Luanne Ducett, Scott		Lot Size:	
Site Location: 5475 Imola Ln		TSN: 6507	408042
Project Description: subdivide into 2 lots		Zone: R1-	9 DF HS
	ication to the Planning Department		
☐ 2020 Land Use Map Amendment ☐ Administrative Relief ☐ Amendment to Plat Restriction ☐ Annexation ☐ Building Permit to Unplatted Land ☐ CMRS No. ☐ ☐ Concept Plan CMJ CMN CMM ☐ Conditional Use CMJ CMN CMM	Historic Preservation Board Master Plan MJ C Minor Improvement Plan Nonuse Variance / Warrant Preservation Easement Adjustment	MN MM Subdiving	on of Plat on of Public Right-of-Way of Replat Change
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Number of Plans: 1 full size		P.O. Box 1575, MC 15 Colorado Springs, CO 8090	5 Fax: (719) 385-5167

STREET NAME CHANGE - PROJECT STATEMENT

Current Name: Imola Lane

Requested Name Change: Blamires Way

Description

Imola Lane was established as part of Broadmoor Glen South Filing No. 13, which is located in a portion of the south half of Section 7, Township 15 South, Range 66 West of the 6th P.M. in the City of Colorado Springs, El Paso County, Colorado.

Imola Lane is a 24 ft wide paved road with curb and gutter that begins at its intersection with Farthing Drive and proceeds southeast approximately 400 ft where it terminates at a private driveway. The road currently serves two properties, which lie to the east and south, but it also is adjoined by unplatted land to the west that is accessed via public right of way. Traffic volume on the street is low.

Eric Blamires, owner of LOT 1 BROADMOOR GLEN SOUTH FIL NO 15 (6507408042) located at 5475 Imola Lane, is requesting the name of the road be changed to Blamires Way.

Justification

No Adverse Impact

While the driveway of Lot 26 Broadmoor Glen South Filing No. 13 is accessed via Imola Lane, the address for that property is listed as 6413 Farthing Drive; therefore, only the property owner who is requesting the name change will undergo a change in address. The convenient and timely delivery of goods and services, public and private, to the surrounding people and their properties will not be affected.

Requirements Of This Section

The requested name (Blamires Way) meets all the regulations for renamed streets. Particularly, the following sections of the City Code 7.7.704.D were checked for compliance: 2.e (Duplicate Street Names) and 2.f (Street Names Similar To Other Streets). Blamires Way was checked against the existing street names for Colorado Springs, El Paso County, Colorado at the following website: https://geographic.org/streetview/usa/co/el paso/colorado springs.html.

Purpose Of Part

A name change for Imola Lane is applicable to the convenience and general welfare of the citizen whose property is accessed by this road.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR IMOLA LANE

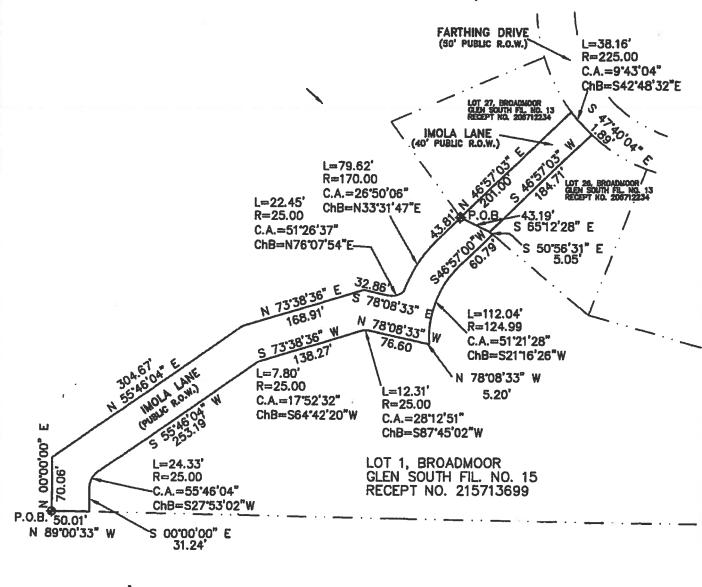
ALL OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY OF IMOLA LANE AS DEPICTED ON THE PLAT OF "BROADMOOR GLEN SOUTH FILING NO. 15" AS RECORDED UNDER RECEPTION NUMBER 215713699 OF THE RECORDS OF THE EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO CLERK AND RECORDER, 2015713699 OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS, EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO, SAID RIGHT OF WAY BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF "PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY I IMOLA LANE" AS DEPICTED ON SAID PLAT OF BROADMOOR GLEN SOUTH FILING NO. 15; THENCE ALONG THE BESTERLY AND NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID SUBDIVISION, THE FOLLOWING NINE COURSES:

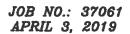
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EXHIBIT FOR LEGAL DESCRIPTION

IMOLA LANE IN BROADMOOR GLEN SOUTH FILING NO. 13 AND 15 COLORADO SPRINGS, EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO











City of Colorado Springs Planning Department Fee Receipt

Return to Fee Calculator

Application	Department	Amount	Applicant	AnnexDisc
Street Name Change	EDRD	\$23.00		
Street Name Change	Land Use Review	\$1,330.00		
Tech Fee	IT-GIS	\$25.00		
Total Fees		<u>\$1.378.00</u>		

Intake Staff:

Date:

3/20/2019

Planner:

Lonna Thelen

Receipt Number:

33327

Check Number:

1762

Amount:

\$1,378.00

Received From:

Saran and Eric Blamires - Imola St Name change

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT Project Notification Information

Date: April 8, 2019 Planner: Lonna Thelen Planner email: Ithelen@springsgov.com Planner phone number: (719) 385-5383 Consultant Email: eblamires@gmail.com Consultant Name: Eric Blamires TSN:		
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• A street name change from Imola Lane to Blamires Way.

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27	☐ CDOT (adjacent to CDOT ROW)	Valerie.sword@state.co.us
34	Colorado Geological Survey	cgs_lur@mines.edu
18	Streamside Area Overlay	lthelen@springsgov.com
15	☐ Hillside Overlay	mdschultz@springsgov.com
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42	Historic Preservation Area Overlay	hvannimwegen@springsgov.com
		dsexton@springsgov.com
44	Development Review Enterprise	kschmitt@springsgov.com Coordinated Sign Plans to Kurt if Submitted
56	☐ PlanCOS; Comprehensive Planning	plancos@springsgov.com; cschueler@springsgov.com
		Corridor Plans in progress
20	☐ Airport Overlay	kandrews@springsgov.com
63	☐ El Paso County Dev. Services	MikeHrebenar@elpasoco.com
	Division	Review of plans within ½ mile of a County/City boarder
43	Wescott Fire District (adjacent only)	admin@wescottfire.org
70	Woodmen Road Metro District	autumn@schoolerandassociates.com
		lori@schoolerandassociates.com
71	Falcon Fire Protection District	tharwig@falconfire.org
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80	CSURA - Urban Renewal	Jwalker@springsgov.com
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8. LAND USE REVIEW: Hard Copy Full sized plans

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Special notes or instructions:	

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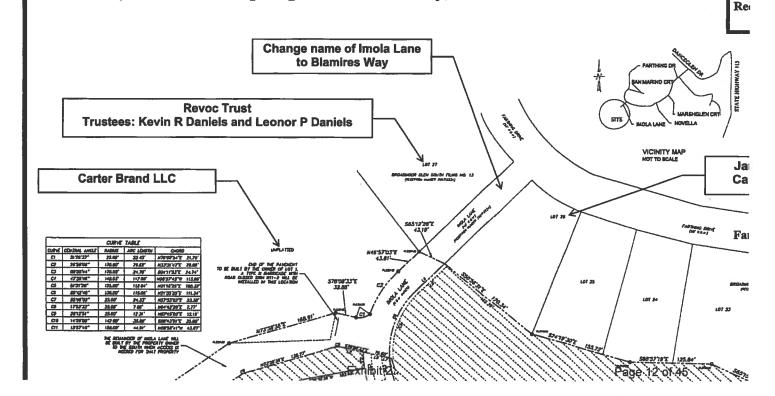
BROADMOOR GLEN SOUTH FILING NO. 15 A Portion of the South Half of Section 7, Township 15 South, Range 66 West of the 6th P.M. in the City of Colorado Springs, El Paso County, Colorado APPLICANT / OWNER

Eric Blamires

Property Address: 5475 | Mailing Address: 135 Be Phone: 719-660-2791

Date: 3-11-19

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PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT Land Use Review Division

May 3, 2019

Eric Blamires 135 Beckwith Dr. Colorado Springs, CO 80906

RE: Blamires Way Street Name Change – Initial Review Comments

CPC SN 19-00045

Dear Mr. Blamires,

City Land Use Review staff has completed its initial review of the above requested application. This letter is to inform you of the following concerns regarding the application and associated documents. Listed below are City Planning Department's review comments along with other departmental and external agency review comments that must be addressed prior to application approval.

BROAD PROJECT INPUT

The proposed project is a street name change from Imola Lane to Blamires Way. Staff finds that the application is largely acceptable; however, the following technical modifications must be completed.

TECHNICAL AND INFORMATIONAL ISSUES

Address the comments and make corrections which are listed below. A detailed letter needs to accompany the revisions. The letter must address each comment in this review letter. If necessary, contact the appropriate department directly if clarification is needed. Be advised that due to necessary changes or proposed revisions to the subject plan, plat or other support documents, that new comments may be added to the review letter. Please resubmit updated documents to the Dropbox shared folder (ensure documents are labeled with appropriate resubmittal name, are flattened and saved no larger than 25MB).

Supplemental Information

Posting Affidavit: Affidavit to be submitted to Planning pursuant to City Code Section 7.5.902

Public Notice: Multiple public comments were received by City Planning. Provide a response to the comment received with the resubmittal.

STREET NAME CHANGE

Land Use Review

General Modifications

- 1. The owner is responsible for coordinating with Enumerations and Public Street Naming to file an official address name request and to change the street sign.
- 2. Make the following changes to the plan:
 - a. Outline in bold the entire are of the street to be changed. This should include the right of way area that is currently unbuilt.
 - b. Label the right-of-way area that is currently unbuilt as Imola Lane.
 - c. Dimension the ROW width for the area that is currently unbuilt
 - d. There is a note that states Permanent easement are Rec. No 205110277. The rest of the statement seems to say access to be vacated. If this is vacated include the reception number for the vacation. If not, remove the note about the vacation.

Engineering Development Review (Patrick Morris, 719-385-5075)

EDRD has no comments on this item.

Water Resource Engineering (Jonathan Scherer, 719-385-5546)

WRED has no comment on this item

Traffic

Traffic Engineering has no comments on this item.

Floodplain

No comment

CSPD, Street Name Administrator (Bootsy Jones, 719-385-5362)

Blamires Way is approved for the street name request. The applicant just needs to go through the rest of the formal street name change process.

Enumerations (Brent Johnson, 719-327-2880)

- 1. Since the applicants property is the only one affected by this street name change, Enumerations has no objection to re-naming the street.
- 2. Confirmation from Bootsy Jones that Blamires Way is an acceptable street name will be required before Enumerations will change the address for this property.
- 3. An official address change request must be submitted to Enumerations. Directions for requesting an address change can be found on our website: www.pprbd.org ->addressing->addressing forms-> request to change or verify address. Once Enumerations receives confirmation that the street name change has been recorded, Enumerations will process the address change.

Streets

No concerns from 2C overlay planning.

Please note that failure to submit revised plans/reports/information within 180 days will result in your application being formally withdrawn from consideration. Once withdrawn, any subsequent re-submittal will require the filing of a new application and payment of application fees.

If you have any questions regarding the above sections, please contact me at 385-5383.

Sincerely,

Jonna Thelen

Lonna Thelen, AICP, LEED AP BD&C Principal Planner

C:

File – CPC SN 19-00045 Owner – Eric Blamires

Enclosure:

Public Comment letters

From:

Battles, Kayla on behalf of PlanningDev

Sent:

Monday, April 29, 2019 8:28 AM

To:

Thelen, Lonna

Subject:

FW: CPC SN 19-00045

Hi Lonna,

A message for you.

Kayla Battles Planning Technician Phone: (719) 385-5355

Email: kayla.battles@coloradosprings.gov

----Original Message-----

From: mark and kathryn zamboni-cutter [mailto:zamboni-cutter@hotmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, April 28, 2019 11:04 PM

To: PlanningDev <PlanningDev@coloradosprings.gov>

Subject: CPC SN 19-00045

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My only thought is that when a community names a street after someone it is usually as an honor for service to that community. Not that the family is anything but upstanding, but I don't think that it fits in this case to warrant a street name change. I don't know the usual process in deciding street names to begin with, but I'm sure thought went into the original naming.

Zamboni-Cutter 361 San Marino Ct.

Sent from my iPad

From:

mark and kathryn zamboni-cutter <zamboni-cutter@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, April 29, 2019 7:28 AM

To:

Thelen, Lonna

Subject:

File Number CPC SN 19-00045

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To whom it may concern:

Regarding the requested street name change:

In general I think that it is wrong and unfair for somebody to be able to change the name of a street because they are pretentious and have money to be able to do so. The petition indicates that the name change would not affect anybody which is certainly incorrect. Changing the name of one street certainly affects the community and neighbors surrounding that street even if they do not live on that particular street. Also it would affect anybody in the future who buys that house or buys lots on that street.

It seems ridiculous to be able to allow anybody who moves into a home to be able to change the street name to their last name. It seems like it would be chaotic and time-consuming for the city to change street names just based on the fact that somebody has the means to do so. Obviously this is an attempt to immortalize their name which is understandable if they did something significant for the community and neighborhood but this is certainly not the case.

I hope the city does not allow this to be changed.

I also hope that this does not cause a "snowball effect" where suddenly everyone in the community wants to change the street names to their last names. This would certainly cause even more strife in the neighborhood with the streets that have multiple homes and families all wanting their names immortalized.

Imola is it a historic city and certainly makes more sense as a name for the street given the surrounding street names and community.

A name change would certainly adversely affect the immediate neighbors in the surrounding community and any future residents of the neighborhood.

Sent from my iPad

From:

TEAM Slivka <teamslivka@gmail.com>

Sent:

Sunday, April 28, 2019 11:16 AM

To:

Thelen, Lonna

Cc:

'david slivka'

Subject:

FW: CPC SN 19-00045

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Ms. Thelen,

After speaking with you and discussing the process for formal objection, I would like to re-submit my objection with some amendments. Please accept the following as our final objection to Proposal CPC SN 19-00045.

- 1. We feel that since his personal residence/ property does not even border Farthing Drive, the street name should not change.
- 2. The street is a public road; by re-naming it we feel it may convey falsely that the street is his property, and it is not.
- 3. The street begins within the neighborhood named The Canyons at Broadmoor. The original developer as well as the current Home Owners Association intend for this neighborhood to consist of homes "designed with a Tuscan or Mediterranean architectural influence" (Section 3-4; page 4, Canyons at Broadmoor Design Guidelines). The street name "IMOLA" as well as other previously established street names in the neighborhood "SAN MARINO and NOVELLA" convey a Mediterranean theme. IMOLA and SAN MARINO are both large cities in Italy. Likewise, Santa Maria NOVELLA is one of the most historical districts in the city of Florence, Italy.
- 4. The proposed name change could have an adverse impact specifically on the properties that share the corner of Farthing Drive and Imola Lane. Since multiple navigation sources (Waze, Google Maps, etc.) and current City Maps for Police and Fire Services would not be correct until an expensive update was completed, the residents of these properties could most certainly be negatively affected by a delay of delivered goods or services, or by a delay of emergency response services.
- 5. Finally, the proposed name change in no way meets the requirement for a <u>Purpose Of Part</u>: "That the street name change comes within the purpose of this part, that is, to promote the health, safety, convenience and general welfare of the citizens." In fact, it could possibly do the exact opposite. If there were to be a true emergency at any of the properties located close by Imola Lane, rescue and or emergency services might not be able to efficiently respond due to the changing of a previously established, well known street name. This proposal in no way promotes health, safety, convenience and general welfare of any citizens of Colorado Springs, it may even adversely impact the Blamires family in a true emergency.

Please let this serve as our FORMAL objection to proposal CPC SN 19-00045.

Thank you,

Erin Slivka and David Slivka

From:

Michelle Hammetter < michellehammetter@gmail.com >

Sent:

Tuesday, April 23, 2019 11:04 AM

To:

Thelen, Lonna

Subject:

CPC SN 19-00045

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Hi,

I object to the request to change the name of the street of which has been requested.

Thanks.
Michelle rodemer
380 San Marino court

From:

Charles Anderson < charlesallananderson@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, April 22, 2019 2:55 AM

To:

Thelen, Lonna

Cc:

Tammy Anderson

Subject:

Objection to Renaming a Road in our Neighborhood

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Dear Lonna Thelen:

I would like to voice Tammy and Charles Anderson's non concurrence with Dr. Blamire renaming the entire stretch of Imola Lane to Blamires Lane. I understand he does not own the street for it is a public road. So renaming the street will cause confusion for the road is not his property. If by chance he paid for the construction and the routine and non routine maintenance of the road, then perhaps my view would be different. The street is not his to rename or alter in anyway.

I'm not sure this email will suffice as a formal rejection, so if I need to send in a formal letter please advise. Both my Tammy and I object to renaming the road.

Sincerely,

Chuck Anderson

719-648-4702

From:

TJ Klajnbart <klajnbarts@gmail.com>

Sent:

Saturday, April 20, 2019 8:55 AM

To:

Thelen, Lonna

Subject:

Concerning Blamiers Way/File number CPC SN 19-000045

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Lonna,

We are writing in response to the notice we received in the mail from your office concerning the renaming of a street in our neighborhood. We have lived in the Canyons at Broadmoor for almost 9 years. Imola and the other streets in our neighborhood were originally named to reflect a Tuscany character our homes also carry in design through the use of corbels, solid wood doors, cedar accents and tile roofs. The Blamiers don't live in our neighborhood and renaming the road would most likely, and understandably so, give people the impression that the road belongs to them. We don't think they should be allowed to rename a street in our neighborhood after themselves. Furthermore, we don't think our tax dollars should be spent on something like this. With those main reasons, please accept this letter as an objection to the renaming of the street.

Most sincerely, Jorge and Tammi Jo Klajnbart 6389 Farthing Drive

HIS EYE IS ON This SPARROW

From: Sent: Michael Kuhn <mkuhn@lks.law> Friday, April 19, 2019 4:00 PM

To:

Thelen, Lonna

Subject:

File No.: CPC SN 19-00045; Imola Lane

Attachments:

190419_Blamires Way.pdf

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Ms. Thelen,

Please see the attached letter concerning the above project. We would appreciate notice of any decisions relate to this project.

Additionally, if you could kindly confirm receipt and advise whether this letter should be forwarded to anyone else, we would appreciate it.

Michael D. Kuhn



(719) 694-3000 - Main (719) 639-2013 - Direct (866) 515-8628 - Fax

620 North Tejon Street, Suite 101 Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903

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Michael D. Kuhn Email: mkuhn@lks.law

April 19, 2019

Via email only (lonna.thelen@coloradosprings.gov)

Lonna Thelen
City Planner
City of Colorado Springs

Re:

Imola Lane/"Blamires Way" File No: CPC SN 19-00045

Dear Ms. Thelen:

This firm represents certain property owners in connection with the above development proposal. Please notify this firm of any updates or determinations on the application.

Eric Blamires, DMD recently built a home on Imola Lane which is located in The Canyons neighborhood. He now proposes that the City rename the street after him, specifically "Blamires Way." The proposal should be rejected because (1) it would adversely impact The Canyons neighborhood by altering its character; and (2) a vanity project does not promote the health, safety, convenience, and general welfare of the citizens. Simply put: the City should not give Dr. Blamires his "way" on this issue.

I. The Proposed Change Would Adversely Impact The Canyons Neighborhood.

The Canyons neighborhood is located in southern Colorado Springs and was developed as the Broadmoor Glen South Filing No. 13 subdivision. The neighborhood is Mediterranean themed, requiring, among other things, terracotta roofs on the homes.

In 2005, Wendy Hardy of the Colorado Springs Planning Commission approved proposed Mediterranean-themed street names for The Canyons development, including San Marino Court, Novella Grove, and Imola Lane. As relevant here, Imola Lane is named after Imola, Italy, which is a city in the Emilia-Romagna region of northern Italy. As a logical continuation of an existing street, the City required Farthing Drive to remain unchanged.

Section 7.7.704(D)(7)(a) of the City Code provides that the Planning Commission must deny a proposed street name change when the change would have an adverse impact on "people and their property." Here, changing Imola Lane to Balmires Way—for no reason other than the vanity of one citizen—would fundamentally alter the character of The Canyons neighborhood and

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Lonna Thelen City Planner City of Colorado Springs April 19, 2019 Page 2 of 2

those lots within the Broadmoor Glen South Filing No. 13 subdivision. The proposal should be denied on this basis alone.

II. The Proposed Change Does Not Promote the Health, Safety, Convenience, and General Welfare of the Citizens.

Alternatively, the proposed change must be denied because Dr. Blamires cannot meet his burden of proving that his vanity project promotes the health, safety, convenience, and general welfare of the citizens as required by Section 7.7.704(D)(7)(c) of the City Code.

Dr. Blamires proffers that the change promotes "the convenience and general welfare of the citizen whose property is accessed by this road." Application, p. 4. This statement is conclusory and should be afforded no weight. It also wrongly cabins the analysis to Dr. Balmires, instead of the citizens as a whole.

Certainly, changing the name of an established street to an individual's name does not make it more convenient to the citizens of this City. Imola Lane is already embedded in mapping software, such as Google Maps, Waze, and Apple Maps, which makes the name change more inconvenient to people seeking directions, including first responders (medical, police, and fire personnel).

The proposed name change also does not enhance the general welfare of the citizens of this City. While the proposed change may stoke Dr. Blamires's ego and benefit *his* general welfare, it does quite the opposite for those who live in The Canyons neighbored and the future homes that will be developed when Imola Lane is eventually extended to Broadmoor Bluffs Drive (specifically when the property located at Schedule No. 6507300029 is developed).

Merely because you build the biggest house in a neighborhood does not mean you get to rename the streets after yourself. The proposed change should be denied.

Please apprise me of any developments regarding Dr. Blamires's application and feel free to contact me should you want to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Kuhn

Michael D. Ful

MDK/ap

cc: Clients

Thelen, Lonna

From:

TEAM Slivka <teamslivka@gmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, April 19, 2019 1:24 PM

To:

Thelen, Lonna

Subject:

RE: CPC SN 19-00045

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Ms. Thelen,

Yes, we would like to formally OBJECT to this name change of the street. The following reasons outline why we object to this proposal.

- 1. We feel that since his personal residence/ property does not even border Farthing Drive, the street name should not change.
- 2. The street is a public road; by re-naming it we feel it may convey falsely that the street is his property, and it is not.
- 3. Furthermore, this street begins within the neighborhood named The Canyons at Broadmoor. The original developer as well as the current Home Owners Association intend for this neighborhood to consist of homes "designed with a Tuscan or Mediterranean architectural influence" (Section 3-4; page 4, Canyons at Broadmoor Design Guidelines). The street name "IMOLA" as well as other previously established street names in the neighborhood "SAN MARINO and NOVELLA" convey a Mediterranean theme. IMOLA and SAN MARINO are both large cities in Italy. Likewise, Santa Maria NOVELLA is one of the most historical districts in the city of Florence, Italy.

Please let this serve as our FORMAL objection to proposal CPC SN 19-00045.

Thank you,

Erin Slivka and David Slivka

From: Thelen, Lonna [mailto:Lonna.Thelen@coloradosprings.gov]

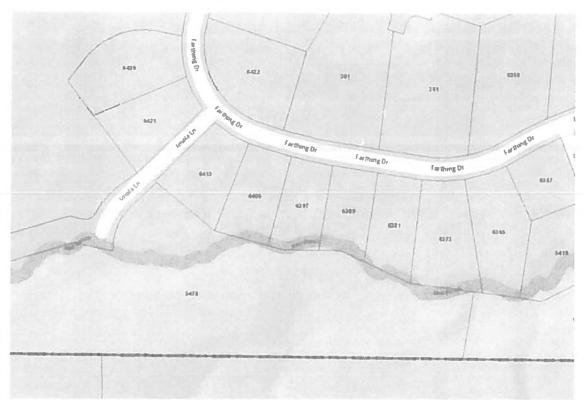
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2019 2:23 PM To: TEAM Slivka <teamslivka@gmail.com>

Subject: RE: CPC SN 19-00045

Erin.

The request is to rename the entire stretch of Imola Lane to Blamires Lane beginning at Farthing Drive to his property. He would not own the street, it would still be public right of way, just named Blamires Lane. If after this email you want to provide formal comment on the project, please email me.

Thanks, Lonna



Lonna Thelen, AICP, LEED AP BD&C

Principal Planner | South Team Phone: (719) 385-5383

Email: lthelen@springsgov.com

From: TEAM Slivka [mailto:teamslivka@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 4:47 PM

To: Thelen, Lonna < Lonna. Thelen@coloradosprings.gov>

Subject: CPC SN 19-00045

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Good Afternoon Ms. Thelen,

I am a property owner in the Canyon's at Broadmoor and I would like you to clarify the development proposal if you can. Is Mr. Blamires asking to COMPLETELY rename the road (from Imola Lane to Blamires Way) or is he asking to put up another street sign at the corner of Imola Lane and where his property boundary begins? I do not feel he should be able to rename a PUBLIC city street simply because his property is at the end of the street. He does not OWN the street, does he? I would have no objection to him putting up his own street sign to annotate where his property boundary begins off of Imola Lane.

Please clarify this if you can,

Thank you,

Erin Slivka

Thelen, Lonna

From: Sent: cv Le <jim_and_cv@yahoo.com> Thursday, April 18, 2019 3:27 PM

To:

Thelen, Lonna; CV LeCarrell

Subject:

Proposal Blamires Way

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Greetings,

Regarding File # CPC SN 19-00045 and the request to change "Imola Lane" to "Blamires Way" - we are the family that live on the corner of Farthing and Imola @ 6413 Farthing Drive. I have a couple of thoughts:

- a. Future: My understanding is that future development of land to the North west of the termination of Imola lane is possible. Although currently Imola Lane terminates at the Blamires home this may not be the case in the future. Why would the road be renamed for this family when in the future other families may develop the nearby land and utilize this road? Will they have the ability to change the road's name on their whim?
- b. Precedence: Is Mr. Blamire a war hero? A profound Philanthropist? A nobel prize winner? Unless he's had a profound selfless impact on this country, world, or local community, I disagree with renaming a road at a homeowner's whim. For the city of Colorado Springs, renaming the road in the family's name sets a bad precedence unless the above condition is met. If he meets one of the above criteria (war hero, profound philanthropist, nobel prize winner) I would support the road name change.

v/r James Carrell

SITE PLAN

BROADMOOR GLEN SOUTH FILING NO. 15

A Portion of the South Half of Section 7, Township 15 South, Range 66 West of the 6th P.M. in the City of Colorado Springs, El Paso County, Colorado APPLICANT / OWNER

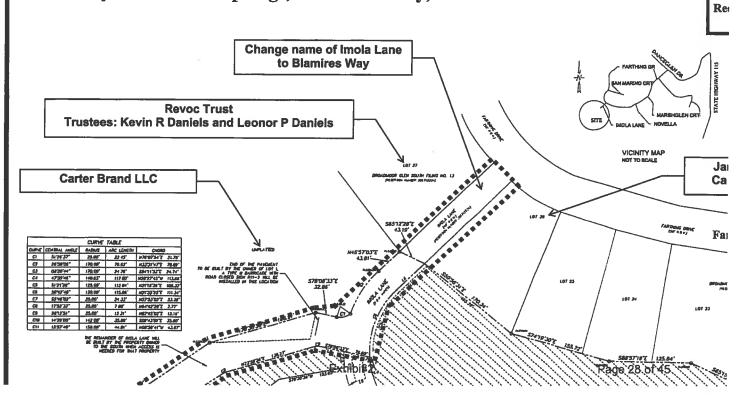
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Phone: 719-660-2791 RE

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May 13, 2019

Lonna Thelen, AICP, LEED AP BD&C
Principal Planner - Land Use Review Division
City of Colorado Springs
30 South Nevada Avenue, Suite 105
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RE: Blamires Way Street Name Change – Response to Initial Review Comments

Dear Ms. Thelen,

Below are the responses to the comments received from you regarding the Street Name Change Application (Imola Lane to Blamires Way). Also included are responses to the Public Comment Letters you forwarded.

Land Use Review - General Modifications

Comment – The owner is responsible for coordinating with Enumerations and Public Street Naming to file an official address name request and to change the street sign.

Response – Understood

Comment – Outline in bold the entire are of the street to be changed. This should include the right of way area that is currently unbuilt.

Response - Done

Comment - Label the right-of-way area that is currently unbuilt as Imola Lane.

Response - Done

Comment - Dimension the ROW width for the area that is currently unbuilt.

Response – Done

Comment – There is a note that states Permanent Easement are Rec. No 205110277. The rest of the statement seems to say access to be vacated. If this is vacated include the reception number for the vacation. If not, remove the note about the vacation.

Response – Since no proof of the permanent easement vacation could be located at this time, the note about vacating the easement has been removed.

Engineering Development Review - No comments

Water Resources Engineering – No comments

Traffic - No comments

Floodplain - No comments

CSPD - No comments

Enumerations

Comment - Confirmation from Bootsy Jones that Blamires Way is an acceptable street name will be required before Enumerations will change the address for this property.

Response – Confirmation has been obtained.

Comment - An official address change request must be submitted to Enumerations.

Response – Understood

Streets - No comments

Public Comment Letters

Each of the public comments received is addressed below in alphabetical order by last name. For brevity, only a synopsis of the comments is included.

Anderson, Charles and Tammy – The street is a pubic road, not private property, and should not be renamed. If Dr. Blamires paid for the construction and maintenance of the road, then perhaps my view would be different.

Response – Though a public road, Dr. Blamires paid for the construction of the street and is currently the sole property owner on the street. He is following the City procedures that allow for changing the name of a street.

Hammetter, Michelle – Objects to the request to change the name of the street with no specific reasons mentioned.

Response – Dr. Blamires is following the City procedures that allow for changing the name of a street.

Carrell, James – Future property owners would be affected in that the street would be named for one of the other property owners on the street. In addition, renaming the

street for Dr. Blamires would set a bad precedent since renaming streets is usually done to honor someone for a significant achievement.

Response – Currently, Dr. Blamires is the sole property owner on the street and paid for its construction, though it remains a public road. Dr. Blamires is following the City procedures that allow for changing the name of a street.

Klajnbart, Jorge and Tammi Jo – Changing the street name would alter the Tuscan theme of the neighborhood. The street is a pubic road, not private property, and should not be renamed. Our tax dollars should not be spent on something like this.

Response – Not all of the street names in the neighborhood are Tuscan themed and Dr. Blamires' property is not governed by that HOA. Though a public road, Dr. Blamires paid for the construction of the street and is currently the sole property owner on the street. He is following the City procedures that allow for changing the name of a street, which includes a significant fee.

Kuhn, Michael – Changing the street name would alter the Mediterranean themed street names and fundamentally alter the character of the development. Dr. Blamires does not meet the burden of proof that renaming the street promotes the health, safety, convenience, and general welfare of the citizens as required by the City Code. Renaming the street would impact those seeking directions to houses adjacent to Imola Lane.

Response – Not all of the street names in the neighborhood are Mediterranean themed and Dr. Blamires' property is not governed by that HOA. Though a public road, Dr. Blamires paid for the construction of the street and is currently the sole property owner on the street and his will be the only property whose address changes.

Slivka, Erin and David – The street is a pubic road, not private property, and should not be renamed. Changing the street name would alter the Mediterranean themed street names in the development. Renaming the street would impact those seeking directions to houses adjacent to Imola Lane. Renaming the street does not promote the health, safety, convenience, and general welfare of the citizens as required by the City Code.

Response - Though a public road, Dr. Blamires paid for the construction of the street and is currently the sole property owner on the street and his will be the only property whose address changes. Not all of the street names in the neighborhood are Mediterranean themed and Dr. Blamires' property is not governed by that HOA. He is following the City procedures that allow for changing the name of a street.

Zamboni-Cutter, Mark and Kathryn – Renaming streets is usually done to honor someone for a significant achievement and this situation doesn't warrant a street name change. The current street name fits with the other street names in the neighborhood. Future property owners would be affected in that the street would be named for one of

the other property owners on the street. Renaming the street does not promote the health, safety, convenience, and general welfare of the citizens as required by the City Code.

Response - Dr. Blamires is following the City procedures that allow for changing the name of a street. Not all of the street names in the neighborhood are Tuscan themed and his property is not governed by that HOA. Though a public road, Dr. Blamires paid for the construction of the street and is currently the sole property owner on the street and his will be the only property whose address changes.

A letter from Dr. Blamires outlining his involvement with the Imola Lane property and other considerations regarding this application is also enclosed.

If any of these responses need further detail or clarification, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Dale W. Decker

Terra Nova Engineering

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Enclosure: Letter from Dr. Blamires

May 9, 2019

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Dear Ms. Thelen,

I purchased a 6 acre subdivided property, known as Broadmoor Glen South Filing No. 15 on September 29, 2015. This was a piece of undeveloped land with one access point (Imola Ln). The master plan of the property planned for the construction of 3-4 homes on the property.

A large pile of eroded clay lay over the stream running through the property which was dumped on the site from a property in The Canyons at Broadmoor. Imola Ln, a nearly 200 foot rood, was in distress as there was no inlet at the southern end and over years of water stagnation, the road was cracking (photos included). Several large boulders (4 feet in diameter) were blocking the entrance of Imola Ln, for several years, to traffic use. Years of water erosion from the properties adjacent, known as 6421 and 6429 Farthing Dr, were flowing over their adjacent sidewalks onto the road and stagnating in the gutter and road asphalt on Imola Ln.

After purchasing the property, I worked for almost 1 year with a city planner and developer to ensure I was able to build my home to meet proper city code and allow access from Imola Ln. After the city approved the plan, I started construction with a contractor to build the road. The original plan was to continue construction, with an additional 100 feet, from the southern end of Imola Ln, connect to the utilities to have them reach the home build site, add a culvert and continue curb, gutter and sidewalk with a hammer head. When access was made to connect to the sewage, a problem was encountered and the sewage was also in distress. The city required me to then replace the sewage pipe from Farthing Dr, to the southern end of Imola Ln, which was roughly 200 feet. I knew this would require significantly more time and money and require a large revision to the previous contract. With the onset of further digging, we encountered poor soils, springs draining into the work site from the adjacent property owners, 6421 and 6429 Farthing Dr. I was then additionally required to add a French drain to ensure proper drainage of the neighbor's water. Additionally, I was required to follow the recent changes the city made for road construction in Colorado Springs, which included multiple layers to include gravel, rock and road base. Roughly \$600,000, of my money, was spent on planning, development and construction of a new 300 foot road for access to the planned home site. The outcome of building such a road and home has increased the property values of all the homes in the area and made a welcoming sign for those that desire to purchase or build a new home in this neighborhood.

Recently, my family moved into our home and we are the only residence with an address on Imola Ln. There is no planned development accessing Imola Ln.

The Canyons at Broadmoor will not be affected by this change because it is a dead end road with a single family home, outside of their HOA. There are five roads bordering The Canyons at Braodmoor, HOA. These roads include Farthing Dr, Marshglen Ct, Novella Grv, Imola Ln and San Marino Ct. Of these five roads, only 3 service The Canyons residents: Farthing, Marshglen Ct and San Marino Ct. Of these 3 roads, only one is of Italian origin. Novella Grv is a private road servicing a distinct HOA and Imola Ln services one home outside of the HOA.

Prior to acquiring this property, the road was abandoned by the HOA and in distress. Significant traffic from trespassers occurred then and continues to occur, more specifically of concern is the number of young adults coming through The Canyons HOA to park either on Farthing Dr or Imola Ln, "to go to the abandoned house", just a few yards west of my property. This does not seem to be of concern to The Canyons HOA as I alone deter the young adults from crossing multiple private properties to access this abandoned house for their pleasure.

As we've lived in this address for just over one month, we've had difficulty receiving mail, most friends and family are unable to find the address when they put it in the phone map app, online companies don't recognize the address as valid. We've had to walk the drivers of UPS, USPS, Amazon and FedEx to our address so that future drop-offs would arrive without delay or get sent back to the vendor as in the past.

I spent several years in purchasing available land, planning, developing and rebuilding a grossly damaged and dangerous road for the use of my home and potentially any future home owners that continue the road in the area. I would like to follow in the footsteps of many other developers in this city and leave a legacy of my last name, as a reminder of the time and effort spent in building into the structure of the City of Colorado Springs.

Sincerely,

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May 21, 2019

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Re:

Imola Lane/"Blamires Way"

File No.: CPC SN 19-00045

Dear Ms. Thelen:

This letter responds to the submissions of Eric Blamires, DMD dated May 9, 2019, and his engineering firm, Terra Nova Engineering, Inc. dated May 13, 2019. Importantly, these submissions confirm that the <u>only</u> reason for the requested name change is to stroke Dr. Blamires's ego or, in his words, to "leave a legacy of [his] last name." But a resident's vanity is not a legal basis under the City Code to change the name of an existing street. Nonetheless, my clients, who are homeowners in The Canyons development, respond to Dr. Blamires's and Terra Nova's sundry arguments in favor of the name change.

Dr. Blamires appears to concede that The Canyons neighborhood is Mediterraneanthemed and that the street was named Imola Lane for that reason. He nevertheless argues that no property owner will be impacted by renaming the street because his property is not within The Canyons HOA and is the only property accessed by Imola Lane.

This argument takes too myopic a view of the harm caused by the street name change. Indeed, Imola Lane was named, constructed, and paid for as part of The Canyons development. As explained in our original submission, the developer of The Canyons went to great lengths to ensure that the neighborhood streets had Mediterranean names such as San Marino Court, Imola Lane, and Novella Grove. The City approved these names and residents purchased homes in reliance on them. Nor is there any question that Dr. Blamires purchased his property knowing full well about the name.

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Dr. Blamires further posits that no party will be impacted by his vanity project because "[t]here is no planned development accessing Imola Lane." *Id.* This is untrue, and Dr. Blamires knows it. In fact, Dr. Blamires himself has previously sought to subdivide his lot into two, the second of which would be accessed by Imola Lane. See Exhibit 1. Moreover, the 52-acre parcel located on schedule 6507300029 is currently for sale and may be subdivided into a number of lots that will accessed by Imola Lane when it is extended to Broadmoor Bluffs Drive. See Exhibit 2. In any event, at least two homes in The Canyons HOA—6413 and 6421 Farthing Drive—boarder Imola Lane. Certainly these two properties are impacted by the requested name change. ¹

Dr. Blamires also notes that a couple streets in The Canyons neighborhood do not have Mediterranean names. As explained in our original submission, those streets (namely Farthing) were continuations of existing roadways. And in any event, none of those streets were named after individuals, much less the name of an existing property owner.

Dr. Blamires's claim that Imola Lane was "abandoned by the HOA and in distress" is factually wrong and legally irrelevant. The Canyons HOA never owned Imola Lane; it is a public street. Dr. Blamires has offered no evidence that the surrounding homeowners intended to extricate Imola Lane from the neighborhood. And he cannot: numerous homeowners and their children use the intersection of Farthing Drive and Imola Lane, particularly those homes located at 6413 and 6421 Farthing Drive.

Nor is it relevant that the City required Dr. Blamires to make certain improvements as part of the development of his home. The City often requires such improvements as part of the development process, but that does not give one a license to rename existing streets.

Finally, Dr. Blamires claims—without evidence—that most of his friends and family have found it difficult to locate Imola Lane on maps. This is yet another example of Dr. Blamires playing fast and loose with the truth. Indeed, the street name is deeply imbedded in mapping software; for example, attached as Exhibit 3 is a printout from Apple Maps, among the most widely used software for directions. Nor does Dr. Blamires suggest how a name change would increase public awareness of the name.

In short, Dr. Blamires's wish to memorialize his name is not a sufficient legal justification to rename an existing street. The name "Imola" complements the aesthetics of The Canyons neighborhood, something numerous property owners relied on when they purchased their homes. The proposed name change, if granted, would be reversible error as plainly contrary to the City Code.

¹ Forcing neighboring properties and future homeowners to live on or next to a street named for a current resident is feudalistic. The Canyons is not Dr. Blamires's fiefdom wherein the residents must pay tribute for the privilege of accessing what most will assume is "his" street. The fact Dr. Blamires built a 15,000 square feet castle on property just outside The Canyons neighborhood does not give him an unfettered right to rename a public street for himself.

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Please let me know if you need anything further. Additional, please advise us of any hearings on this matter so that we can attend and be heard on behalf of our clients.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Kuhn

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cc: Clients

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From: Eric Blamires (maito eblamires@gmail.com) Sent: Tuesday March 05 2019 7 06 AM
To: Thelen Lonna < Lonna, Thelen@coloradosprings.gov> Subject: Re Submittal for street name change

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Scott Maynes fold me there were two submittals, to include: 1. Subdivision of my property from one parcel to two parcels, and 2. The street name change from Imola Lane to Blanuves Way. These were submitted in December 1 ve included pictures of the submittal. Is this accurate? Is there lacking information?

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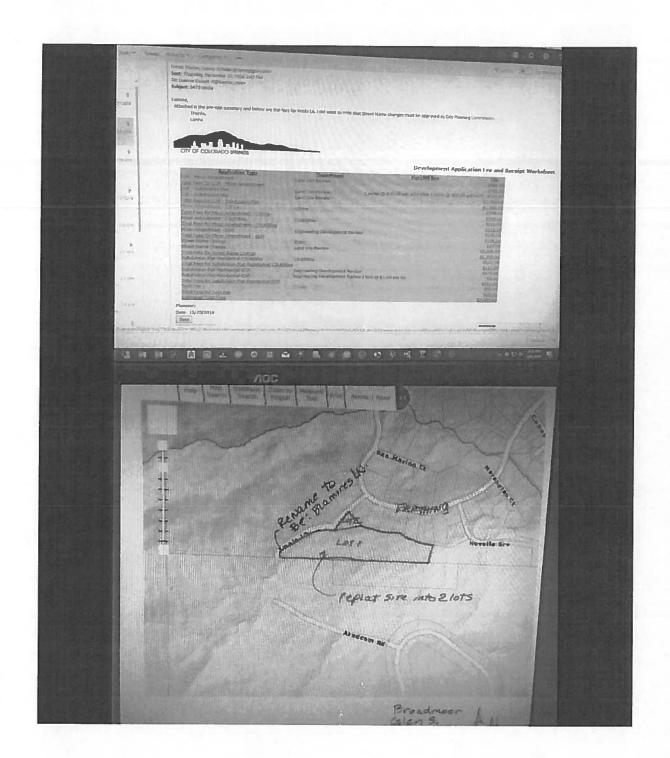


Exhibit 2

Broadmoor Glen Land FOR SALE Farthing Drive Colorado Springs, CO 80906 SITE Farthing Dr

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Location: In southwest Colorado Springs

west of Hwy 115 off Broadmoor

Bluffs Dr.

Tax Schedule#: 65073-00-029

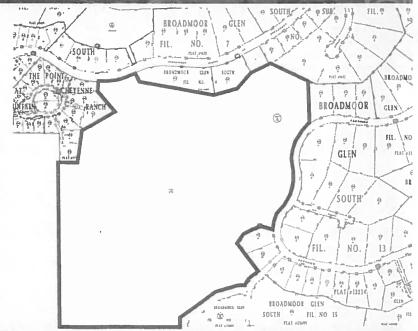
Zoning: R1-9 (Single Family Residential)

Size: 52.28 Acres

Price: \$1,100,000 (\$0.48/SF)

Comments: One of the last remaining parcels

in the Broadmoor Glen area

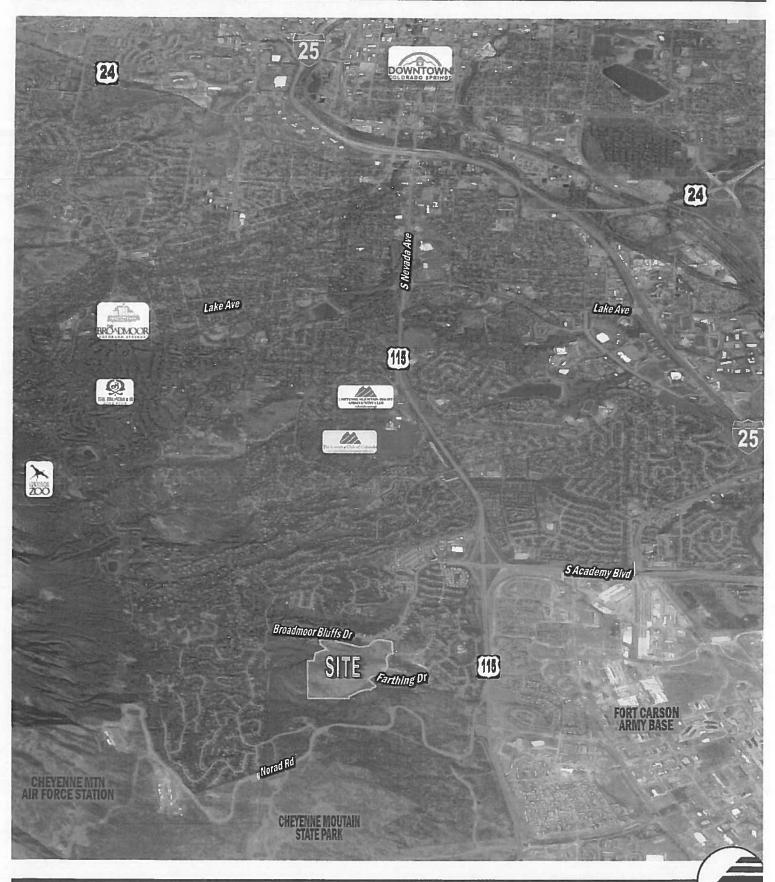




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