



**KNOXVILLE/KNOX COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
STREET/ROAD NAME CHANGE**

▶ **FILE #:** 10-A-12-SNC

AGENDA ITEM #: 10

AGENDA DATE: 10/11/2012

▶ **APPLICANT:** **BECK CULTURAL EXCHANGE CENTER, INC.**

TAX ID NUMBER: 82 O P 035

JURISDICTION: City Council District 6

▶ **CHANGE REQUESTED FROM:** **Keller St**
(present street name)

▶ **TO:** **'Dewey Roberts Sr St'**
(proposed street name)

▶ **LOCATION:** **Between Linden Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr Avenue**

SECTOR PLAN: Central City

GROWTH POLICY PLAN: Urban Growth Area (Inside City Limits)

ZONING: R-1 (Low Density Residential)

▶ **APPLICANT'S REASON FOR CHANGE:** **To honor Dewey Roberts, Sr. for his contributions to the community as head of the local chapter of the NAACP.**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

▶ **RECOMMEND that City Council APPROVE the street name 'N and S Dewey Roberts Street.' (Applicant requested 'Dewey Roberts Sr St'.)**

Inclusion of three words, as well as an abbreviation, in a street name do not meet requirements of the Uniform Street Naming and Addressing System Ordinance. N and S Dewey Roberts St., as recommended, meets all requirements. The N and S sections will be divided by the directional street McCalla Ave., consistent with the current division on Keller St.

COMMENTS:

The applicant requested the street name change to 'Dewey Roberts Sr Street'. On September 6, 2012, Knoxville's Public Property Naming Committee approved the name 'Dewey Roberts Sr Street', subject to approval of this request by MPC. Inclusion of an abbreviation in a street name does not meet the requirement of the "Addressing Guidelines and Procedures" section of MPC's Administrative Rules and Procedures. Section 6 - 'Road Name Specifications' of that document is attached. Part 2(g) states that "abbreviations of words or of personal names, such as initials, are prohibited as part of the base name." Having three words in the base name also does not meet the Addressing Guidelines and Procedures. Section 6, part 2(b) states that "The base name shall not exceed two words." Owners of property fronting along the section of street proposed to be renamed have been mailed a letter from MPC, attached and dated September 20, 2012, explaining the proposal and the MPC meeting time. One negative response was received from staff prior to the October 1, 2012 deadline from a property owner whose address will change if the request is approved. As of the date and time of this report, no other correspondence, positive or negative, has been received by staff. There are at least 5 property owners whose addresses will change as a result of this proposed street name change. There may be further opposition to this request.

If approved, this item will be forwarded to Knoxville City Council for action on 11/13/2012 and 11/27/2012. If denied, MPC's action is final, unless the action to deny is appealed to Knoxville City Council. The date of the appeal hearing will depend on when the appeal application is filed. Appellants have 15 days to appeal an MPC decision in the City.



**10-A-12-SNC
STREET NAME CHANGE**

Present Street Name: Keller St
 Proposed Street Name: Dewey Roberts Sr St
 Beginning of Change (From): Linden Avenue
 End of Change (To): Martin Luther King Jr Avenue

Original Print Date: 9/26/2012 Revised:
 Metropolitan Planning Commission * City / County Building * Knoxville, TN 37902

Petitioner: Beck Cultural Exchange Center, Inc.

Map No: 82
 Jurisdiction: City



- b. A street address is assigned every 25 feet.
- c. Streets running north and south are assigned even numbers on the east side, odd numbers on the west side.
- d. Streets running east and west are assigned even numbers on the south side and odd numbers on the north side.

SECTION 6 – ROAD NAME SPECIFICATIONS

A. Definition/Format of Road Name

A valid road name can consist of up to four parts:

	<u>Prefix</u>	<u>Base Name</u>	<u>Road Type</u>	<u>Post Suffix</u>
Example:	N	Weisgarber	Road	NW

Other commonly used designators for the four parts include:

<u>MPC Designations</u>	<u>Other Commonly Used Designations</u>
Prefix:	Directional, Pre-Directional
Base Name:	Primary Name, Street Name
Road Type:	Suffix, Extension
Post Suffix:	Directional, Post-Directional, Suffix

Using the example of the road name "N Weisgarber Road NW", the four parts consist of the following: PREFIX: "N" (North), BASE NAME: "Weisgarber", ROAD TYPE: "Road" and POST SUFFIX: "NW" (Northwest).

A road name must have, at a minimum, a Base Name and a Road Type.

1. Prefix - A Prefix will be applied to any road name that meets the specifications outlined in Section 3 of the "Uniform Street Naming and Addressing System Ordinance" (City of Knoxville, 0-280-90, Knox County 0-91-1-102).
2. Base Name – The Base Name is the second part of a road name and is the primary name. Road names should be kept as simple and logical as possible to foster clarity and efficiency. Use of frivolous or complicated words or unconventional spellings should be avoided. In all cases, names which might be perceived to be offensive will not be permitted. The following restrictions apply to assigned base names:

- a. The base name shall not exceed twenty-six (26) characters.
- b. The base name shall not exceed two words.



Prohibited Usage

Brown Mountain Loop Road
Prince George Parish Way

Acceptable Usage

Mountain Loop Road
Prince George Way

- c. Prefix and/or Post Suffix (directional) designators as a part of the Base Name are prohibited.

Examples: North, South, East, West, Southwest

- d. References to "Old" or "New", "Little", "Big", or other descriptive terms as a part of the Base Name are prohibited, except when resolving existing road name duplications (see Section 12A).

e. References to a number as part of the Base Name are prohibited.

Examples: 10, Ten, First, Tenth

f. Road Types (as outlined in Section 4 of the "Uniform Street Naming and Addressing System Ordinance") shall not be used as a part of the Base Name.

Examples: Avenue, Boulevard, Circle, Court, Drive, Highway, Lane, Parkway, Pike, Road, Street, Way.



g. Abbreviations of words or of personal names, such as initials, are prohibited as part of the Base Name. Prohibited examples include: "Salem Sch Road", "Salem Ch Road", "Gov John Sevier Highway", "JR Lane", "St Edward Pike".

h. Street names derived by linking portions of personal names together that do not form a recognizable word as found in a standard dictionary are prohibited.

Examples: Tompat, Kaydee, Bartlebe, Kaymeg, Anderkenn, Delegal

All forms of punctuation as part of the Base Name are prohibited.

Prohibited Usage

Martin-Woodson Road
O'Malley's Street
St. John's Avenue

Acceptable Usage

Martin Woodson Road
O Malleys Street
Saint Johns Avenue

i. References to single alphabetic characters, such as "K", as a part of the Base Name are prohibited. Examples of prohibited usage includes: "A Drive", "Duncan B Road", "V Walker Lane".

Special exceptions may be allowed for names such as "O Malleys Road" or "Man O War Street", where the single letters are due to lack of punctuation.

j. The word "Private" shall not be used as a part of the Base Name.

Example: Elm Private Drive

k. Foreign language names can be used as a street name if they are easily pronounced, do not sound like a previously assigned street name, and have been reviewed and approved by MPC and E-911 staff.

Prohibited Usage

Magdos
Randelli
Ocyana

Acceptable Usage

Casa Grande
Belle Capri
Mona Lisa

September 20, 2012

Tommy E. & Marian E. Winton
1940 Linden Ave.
Knoxville, TN 37917

You are receiving this letter because our records indicate that you own property having frontage on N or S Keller St. in East Knoxville.

On September 6, 2012 the Public Property Naming Committee (PPNC) recommended renaming the existing N and S Keller Street to Dewey Roberts Sr. Street. This street runs between Linden Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue in east Knoxville.

As part of the process to rename a street in Knox County, an application has been submitted by **Beck Cultural Exchange Center, Inc.** to the Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) to consider the proposed street name change. The street name change application (10-A-12-SNC) is attached and is scheduled to be heard by MPC on October 11, 2012 at 1:30pm in the City-County Building's Large Assembly Room at 400 Main St., Knoxville. You may appear at the MPC meeting to voice your opinion on this matter. Please be advised that if your property has a Keller St. address that your address will change if this street is renamed.

Enclosed is a Street Name Change form that will be submitted to MPC for their consideration. We ask that you review the form, then on the back of the form, **indicate whether you agree or disagree with the proposed street name change.** If staff receives expressions of concern or objection, we will schedule a meeting for discussion and request that the applicant meet with anyone concerned.

Please return the enclosed Street Name Change form by Monday, October 1, 2012 to register your opinion about the street name change. Failure to reply to our office by October 1, 2012 will be considered as "no objection" by you.

The form can be mailed to the MPC Development Services Division, faxed to 215-2268, or emailed to mike.brusseau@knoxmpc.org. If you have any questions, please call Mike Brusseau at 215-2500.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Brusseau, Senior Planner
MPC Development Services

My name is Lisa Ann Jackson Dirl. 10-A-12-SNC

My address is 118 South Kellar St.

I am the only original resident on Kellar St.

now that also lived there when Mr. Roberts was alive. I am 48 yrs. young and our

Kellar St. residence has been in the Jackson family since 1953. My family and the Roberts family were

friends. I was brought to my residence on Kellar St. from the hospital when I was born. I also

brought my son to our home when he was born. I am writing to the Commission because my family

and I are in total disagreement with the renaming of Kellar St. There are 5 residences on South Kellar

and 1 residence on North Kellar. The majority of these residents are older people whom I am sure do not

want to take on such a LARGE BURDEN renewing everything in their lives that has their addresses as Kellar St.

I am sure that some of the changes my neighbors and I will have to make will come with a cost. A cost I feel will

be an inconvenience. Such as Drivers licenses and etc. Credit Card Businesses, KUB, ATT, cable, Cell phone providers,

and Jobs also Banks. All of these establishments will have to be notified. This process will not be an easy one for my neighbors

and I. I would like to also say the Roberts house has not been occupied in over 15 yrs. The city of Knoxville has

condemned the house. The conditions of the house and property of the Roberts has for more than 15 yrs. brought the other

home owners on south Kellar's property value down. With each year that has gone by the house has deteriorated more and

more. I would like to suggest naming a school after Mr. Roberts (Vine Middle) since he was an educator. I also

suggest once the city has torn down the house maybe a small park and sitting areas can be created on the site in name of

Mr. Roberts. I want the Commission to know that I Lisa Ann Jackson Dirl, my Husband Paul T. Dirl and our son DESTIN

D. Blake are strongly, strongly against changing the name of OUR STREET. Kellar St.

Thank you!
Lisa A Jackson Dirl Paul T Dirl
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