



# STREET/ROAD NAME CHANGE

► FILE #: 12-A-21-SNC

AGENDA ITEM #: 5

AGENDA DATE: 12/9/2021

► APPLICANT: ROY TRENTON PRIMM

TAX ID NUMBER: N/A

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JURISDICTION: County Commission District 3

► CHANGE REQUESTED FROM: Venice Rd.  
(present street name)

► TO: 'Summer Bird Dr.'  
(proposed street name)

► LOCATION: Between Laurel Hill Road and Sanders Road

SECTOR PLAN: Northwest County

GROWTH POLICY PLAN: Planned Growth Area

ZONING: N/A

► APPLICANT'S REASON  
FOR CHANGE:

Due to the "double-crossing" of Venice Road with Sanders Road, on behalf of the Belmont West Association, we are requesting that the portion of Venice Road connecting Sanders Road and Laurel Hill Road be renamed.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

- Approve the name change of the portion of Venice Road between Sanders Road and Laurel Hill Road to Summer Bird Drive to eliminate confusion stemming from recurring intersections of Venice Road and Sanders Road.

## COMMENTS:

1. Venice Road makes a loop and connects with Sanders Drive at two points located approximately 988 feet apart. The applicant has proposed changing the street name of the portion of Venice Road that lies east of the northern intersection of these roads to eliminate confusion due to the intersection of the same roads occurring so close together.
2. The applicant has proposed changing the name of this portion of Venice Road to Summer Bird Drive.
3. Addressing staff has approved the proposed street name and all owners abutting the portion of Venice Road to be renamed have signed the petition in favor of the change.
4. There are no properties using this portion of Venice Road for access, so no address changes would be required if the street name change is approved.
5. Staff has received no objections to the renaming of this right-of-way.
6. The proposed name meets all requirements of the Addressing Guidelines and Procedures.

If approved, this item will be forwarded to Knox County Commission for action on 1/24/2022. If denied, Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission's action is final, unless the action to deny is appealed to Knox County Commission. The date of the appeal hearing will depend on when the appeal application is filed.

Appellants have 30 days to appeal a Planning Commission decision in the County.



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**STREET NAME CHANGE**

Present Street Name: A portion of Venice Rd.  
Proposed Street Name: Summer Bird Dr.  
Beginning of Change (From): Laurel Hill Road  
End of Change (To): Sanders Road

Original Print Date: 11/17/2021 Revised:  
Knoxville - Knox County Planning Commission \* City / County Building \* Knoxville, TN 37902

Petitioner: Roy Trenton Pimm

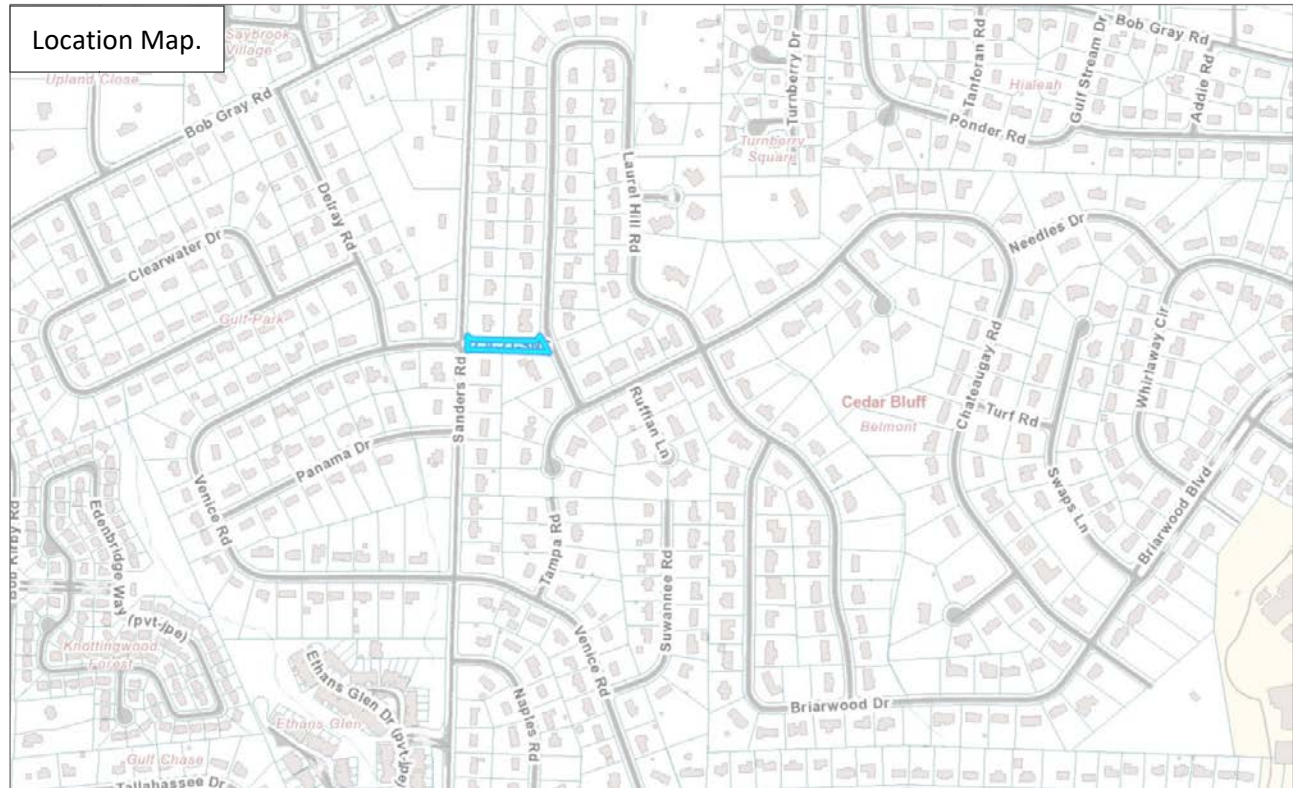
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## Exhibit A. Contextual Images







# NAME CHANGE REQUEST

## CHANGE TYPE

☒ Street Name ☐ Subdivision Name

9/29/21  
Date Filed

12/9/21  
Meeting Date

12-A-21-SNC  
File Numbers(s)

## APPLICATION CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence related to this application should be directed to the approved contact listed below.

Roy Trenton Primm, Inc. Belmont West Subdivisions  
Name Company  
945 Laurel Hill Rd Knoxville TN 37923  
Address City State Zip  
865-805-2130 trentprimm@comcast.net  
Phone Email

## CHANGE REQUEST

STREET NAME

A portion of Venice Rd

Present Street Name

Summer Bird Dr

Proposed Street Name

☒ Public Right-of-Way ☐ Private Right-of-Way

### EXACT LOCATION OF STREET:

Laurel Hill Rd

Beginning (From)

Sanders Rd

End (To)

Reason for Proposed Change (Attach separate sheet if needed for explanation)

SUBDIVISION NAME

Present Subdivision Name

Proposed Subdivision Name

General Location:






Reason for Proposed Change:



☒ Street Name      ☐ Subdivision Name

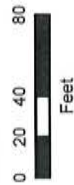
Proposed Name: Summer Bird Dr

**I support the proposed name change.**

ADDRESS	PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE	PHONE
1020 Sanders Rd.	Chris Shoopman		865-769-4607
1020 Sanders Rd.	Steve Shoopman		865-769-4607
1016 Sanders Rd	Jeff Runyard		865-406-9614
1158 Laurel Hill	Artie Hill		865 414-4702
1162 LAUREL HILL RD	CLINT DOWELL		865 594-3078

ADDRESS	PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE	PHONE





**Proposed Summer Bird Dr  
Street Name Change**

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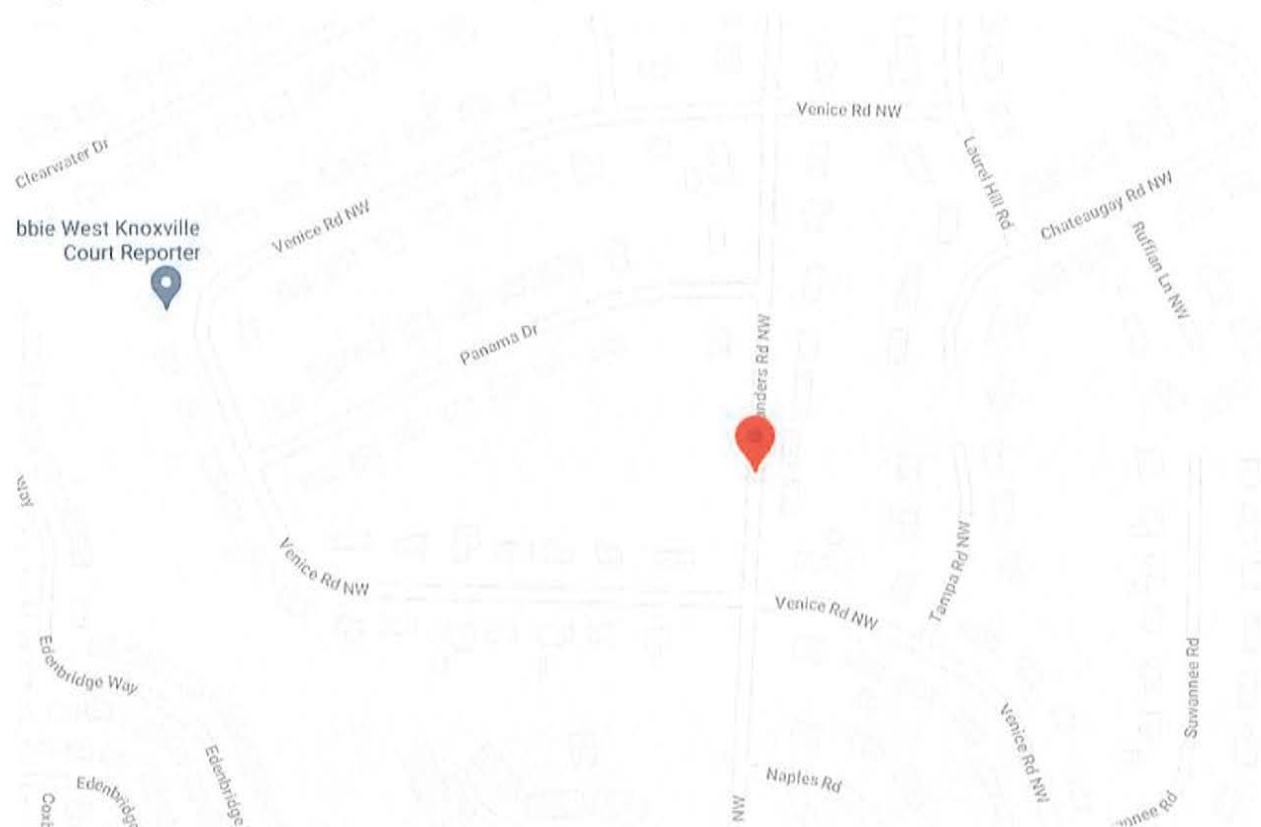
## Included for information Purposes Only (3 pages)

### Request to rename a portion of Venice Road

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#### Background

Venice Road, shown on the map below, crosses Sanders Road at two intersections. (In the map below, the south direction is at the bottom of the figure and the north direction is at the top.) When someone is traveling from south to north and turns right at the first intersection, they enter Gulfpark subdivision. If they turn right at the second intersection, they will enter Belmont West subdivision.



There is no connection between Belmont West and Gulfpark subdivisions except for Sanders and Cedar Bluff roads. For many decades, the existence of two intersections, each between streets having the same names, has led to confusion. Drivers approaching from the south and seeking Belmont West mistakenly turn right at the south intersection and find themselves in "unfamiliar" territory in Gulfpark. A corresponding confusion occurs for drivers seeking Gulfpark and entering from the north. They turn left at the north intersection and find themselves in Belmont West.



## Proposed Solution

The Knox County Code of Ordinances<sup>1</sup>, Chapter 54, Section 54-37, Part B states,

(b) Extensions of existing streets, including extensions across intersecting streets, shall use the same name as the existing street; provided, however, that **local streets which cross major connector or arterial streets may change names if approved after formal consideration by the Knoxville/Knox County metropolitan planning commission. (emphasis added)**

Due to the “double crossing” of Venice Road with Sanders Road, on behalf of the Belmont West Association, I am requesting that the portion of Venice Road connecting Sanders Road and Laurel Hill Road be renamed (list of possible names given below). The new road is highlighted with a yellow line in the photo below.



Changing the name of this small section so that it is a separate street would alert drivers that “this is the entrance to Belmont West, Gulfpark is the other one.”

Note that Section 54-34 specifies the following,

**(1) All public streets generally extending easterly and westerly shall be designated drives or avenues.**

Note that no residences have property addresses on this portion of Venice Road. The four houses visible in the above photo have been confirmed by Knox County Property Search to have identified addresses on either Sanders Road or Laurel Hill Road. The remainder of Venice Road would remain as is.

### **Request**

The Knox County Addressing staff is requested to complete the top portion of an application form. This Street Name Change application form will be used for canvassing all current property owners, residents and tenants along the street. If possible, please email the form to:

[trentprimm@comcast.net](mailto:trentprimm@comcast.net)

or if necessary, please send by post to the address noted above.

### **Suggested Names**

The Belmont Stakes is a well-known horse race run at Belmont Park in Elmont, New York. The streets in Belmont West Subdivision are named for horses that have won the Belmont States race or are named for streets or properties associated with Belmont Park. Keeping with this tradition, the following names are proposed:

Summer Bird Drive

Damascus Drive

Counterpoint Drive

Saxon Drive

Cloverbrook Drive

Sarava Drive

### **Submitted**

Sent to Donna at [addressing@knoxplanning.org](mailto:addressing@knoxplanning.org)