



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: November 4, 2014

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Engineering Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Resolution Naming A Private Way As Meadows Lane

RECOMMENDATION: That Council:

- A. Hold a public hearing to approve the request of the Las Positas Meadows Homeowners Association to name the private way, accessed from Las Positas Road and fronting units 1502 to 1546 Las Positas Road, "Meadows Lane;" and
- B. Adopt, by reading of title only, A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Acknowledging the Non-Public Status of the Private Way Located Adjacent to Las Positas Road within the City Limits and Naming It "Meadows Lane."

DISCUSSION:

In April 1987, a certain subdivision located in the City of Santa Barbara, California, was recorded in the Office of the County Recorder, County of Santa Barbara, as Final Map No. 20,477. The subdivision includes 12 detached residential units, which were given the addresses 1502 - 1546 Las Positas Road.

On July 7, 2014, a request was made in writing by Mr. Daniel Seymour, First Vice President of the Las Positas Meadows Homeowners Association (HOA), on behalf of the affected homeowners, to officially name the subdivision's private way, per Santa Barbara Municipal Code, Section 22.48.080 (*Private Street/Way Names*), in an effort to help alleviate potential safety and way-finding concerns (Attachment 1). After consulting with the Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments, City staff reported that no safety or way-finding issues were found; however, City staff does support the Association's request to name the private way "Meadows Lane". A Declaration of Address Change was also submitted, dated September 8, 2014, and is signed by all 12 Association members in support of naming the private way "Meadows Lane" (Attachment 2).

With the adoption of this Resolution, the private way will be known as "Meadows Lane", and the addresses will change to 102 - 146 Meadows Lane. The private way is approximately 935 feet long, 24 feet in width, and runs from the entrance on Las Positas

Road to the easterly end of a 90-foot diameter cul-de-sac. The location sketch shows the new addresses and the private way name (Attachment 3).

- ATTACHMENT(S):**
1. Letter from Las Positas Meadows Home Owners Association, dated July 07, 2014
 2. Declaration of Address Change, dated September 8, 2014
 3. Location Sketch for the proposed Meadows Lane

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SUBMITTED BY: Rebecca J. Bjork, Public Works Director

APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office

To: Public Works Department
From: Las Positas Meadows Owners Association
Re: Naming of Private Access Way—**PBW2014-00652**
Date: 7 July, 2014

Las Positas Meadows was recorded as a private subdivision within the County on June 30, 1989. We have 12 homes. We believe that no one attempted to name our private street 25 years ago and so, by default, we have been using Las Positas Road addresses (even though we are not on Las Positas Road).

We wish to name our private access way at this time because of two main reasons:

Safety—If any of our homeowners were to call 911 from their homes (land line) the system would automatically show the address from which that call was coming. It gives the Las Positas Road address. The problem? We had a recent incident in which the Fire Department on Modoc Avenue, responding to a call, drove right by our gated subdivision because they were looking for a Las Positas Road address. We have since spoken with them but the address in the system remains Las Positas Road and we would expect that the Police Department would make the same mistake. As such, this is a legitimate safety concern. In situations when minutes count, it is imperative that first responders be able to find our residences.

Way finding—When directing visitors to our homes we inevitably run into the same problem. We tell them our address and they drive down Las Positas Road expecting to find the stated address. The next call we receive is from people at Cliff Drive saying, "Where are you?" This is also true with Google Maps and other electronic systems. If you were to put the Santa Barbara Airport and 1538 Las Positas Road into Google Maps directions it takes you to the middle of a field. Again, the expectation for manual and electronic directions is that an address of 1538 Las Positas Road is actually on Las Positas Road as opposed to the name that has also been given to a private street in a gated community.

Finally, we believe that Hidden Oaks, a gated community of 11 homes not far from us, provides a useful comparison. Torino Drive dead-ends into the gated community which is on Hidden Oaks Road pvt.

Members of Las Positas Meadows Owners Association have voted to pursue the naming of our private access way. We have chosen the name Meadows Lane because the defining feature of our subdivision is a large meadow. The "Lane" adheres to the convention of private street naming. We have checked and there are no competing or confusing names.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

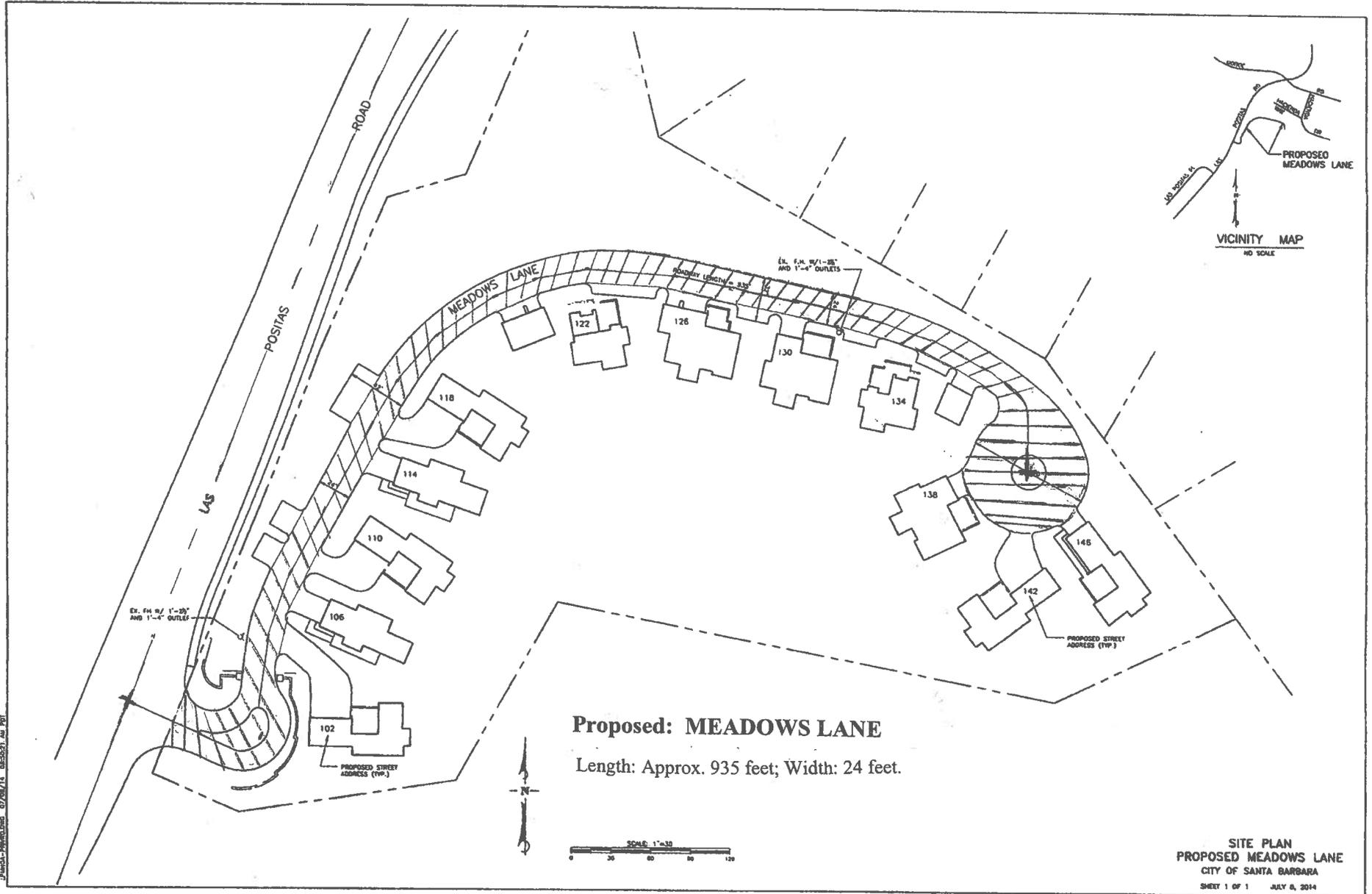

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Declaration of Address Change—September 8, 2014

"Should we proceed to change our street name from Las Positas Road to Meadows Lane?"

01	Easter	Yes	<i>Marcus C. Easter</i>
02	Smith	Yes	<i>Christine E. Smith</i>
03	Jurewitz	Yes	<i>Shirley Jurewitz</i>
04	DeAmicis	Yes	<i>J. DeAmicis</i>
05	Young	Yes	<i>June Meade Young</i>
06	Younce	Yes	<i>Richard Younce</i>
07	Warshow	Yes	<i>M. Warshow</i>
08	Cacesse	Yes	<i>Ann Cacesse</i>
09	Dietch	Yes	<i>John Dietch</i>
10	Beran/Seymour	Yes	<i>Beran</i>
11	Stiem	Yes	<i>Theresa M. Stiem</i>
12	Richard	Yes	<i>Robert O. Richard</i>

Proposed Meadows Lane



Proposed: MEADOWS LANE

Length: Approx. 935 feet; Width: 24 feet.

SITE PLAN
PROPOSED MEADOWS LANE
CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
SHEET 1 OF 1 JULY 8, 2014

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