

## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Steve Dush, AICP

**Date:** March 26, 2012

**Subject** Changing the Name of the Street that Bisects Harris Circle

The City of Dunwoody Public Works Department has requested a name change for the alley that bisects Harris Circle. Changing the name of the street will ameliorate potential confusion and improve clarity from a public safety standpoint.

In officially renaming this public street, staff has followed the procedure outlined in Chapter 26, Section 1 of City Code. This action before you this evening is to be undertaken in conjunction with a Public Hearing. The item was discussed at the February 14 Planning Commission Meeting, and they voted 6-0 in favor of assigning a name to the street. While there was some opposition from the public regarding the proposed name, the consensus was that the street needed to be named. Members of the public owning property along the alley planned to meet prior to this meeting to come to an agreement.

See the attached map that highlights proposed changes. Staff recommends using the name Harris Trail, which is the name agreed upon by the neighborhood.

## A RESOLUTION NAMING THE STREET THAT BISECTS HARRIS CIRCLE IN THE CITY OF DUNWOODY

- **WHEREAS:** The City has the responsibility to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City; and
- **WHEREAS:** The proper naming of a street contributes to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens by making sure that any necessary emergency response is properly made; and
- **WHEREAS:** naming said street will ameliorate potential confusion for the residents on the street and improve clarity from a public safety standpoint; and
- **WHEREAS:** A public hearing has been held in front of the Planning Commission and all owners of record who have property fronting along said alley/street have been properly notified of same, and proper notice of the public hearings has been published in the City's official legal organ; and
- **WHEREAS:** The Mayor and City Council have held a public hearing pursuant to Chapter 26 on March 26, 2010 and all proper notifications of said meeting have been made by the City.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council for the City of Dunwoody that such street that bisects Harris Circle, as shown and highlighted in the attached map, shall hereafter be officially named **Harris Trail**. The City Staff is hereby authorized and directed to erect all necessarily street signs indicating said name and to inform the City's emergency 911 provider, the Police Department, the DeKalb Fire Department, the United States Post Office and other applicable agencies of hereafter name of said street.

**SO RESOLVED AND EFFECTIVE**, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

Approved:

Michael G. Davis, Mayor

Attest:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk (Seal)

