

Docket Item #14  
STREET NAME CHANGE  
CASE #2007-0001  
OAK GROVE

Planning Commission Meeting  
November 8, 2007

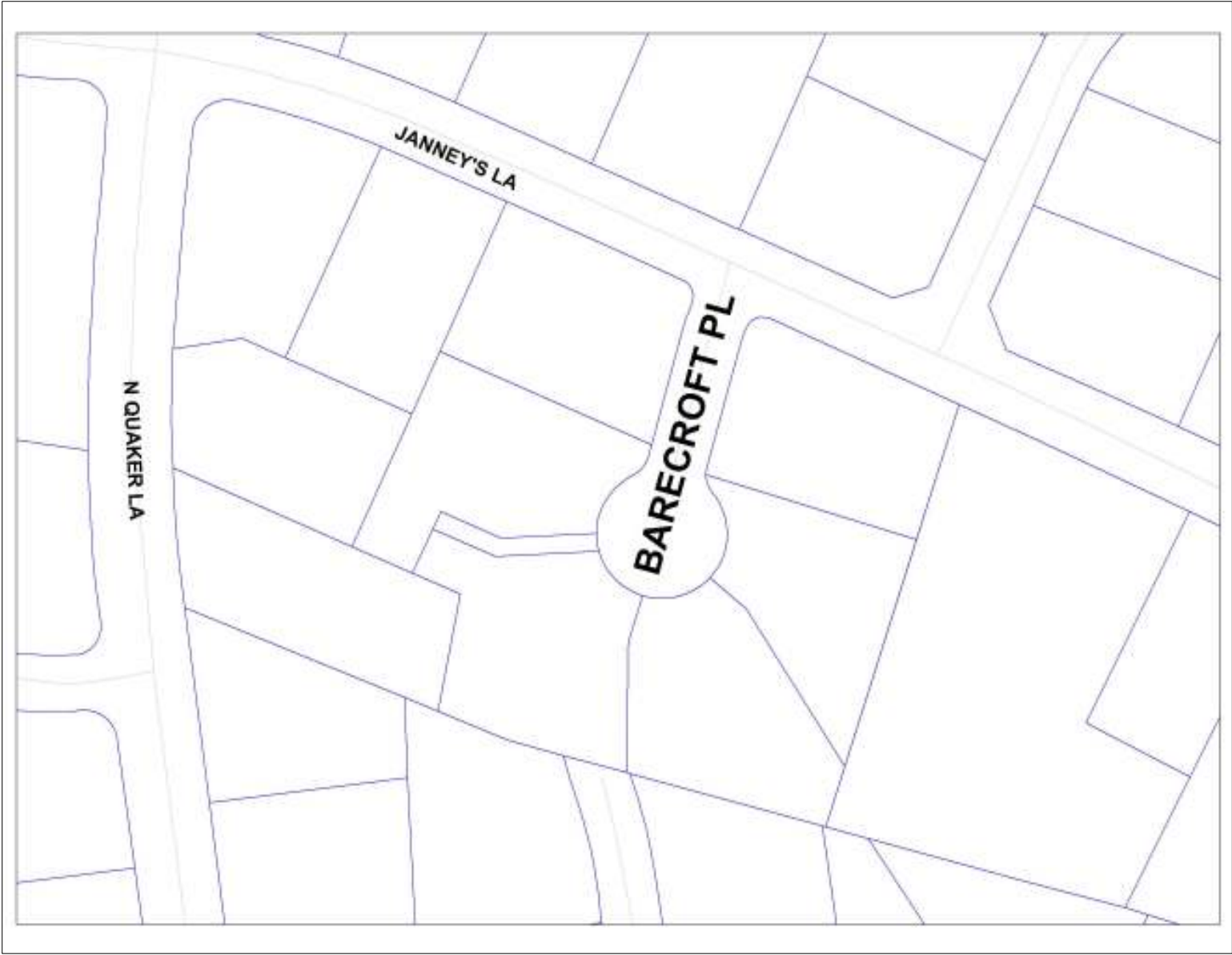
**ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to change the street name of Barecroft Place to Leibach Place within the Oak Grove development.

**APPLICANT:** Theresa Buchanan

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**DISCUSSION:**

The applicant, Theresa Buchanan, has requested a street name change for Barecroft Place, which is a new street that was constructed with the Oak Grove development. This project received site plan approval in June 2004 and is located at the corner of Janney's Lane and N. Quaker Lane. Barecroft Place intersects Janney's Lane and provides driveway/garage access to all eight of the houses that are part of this project. However, only four of the houses have Barecroft Place addresses, as two have Janney's Lane addresses and two have N. Quaker Lane addresses. The applicant, who is in the process of purchasing one of the houses on Barecroft Place, has requested Barecroft Place be renamed due to the name's similarity to Lake Barcroft, which is a large residential community in Fairfax County.



When determining a new street name, staff researches the history of the site for names of prominent residents or features that could be used as a street name. In the original street name case, staff was unable to find such an appropriate name since all possibilities were either already in use or were too similar to existing City streets. As a result, Barecroft Place was suggested, after Dominic Barecroft who was one of the first free black men to live in Alexandria. With this street name change request, staff encountered the same problem and therefore looked for a name of a prominent Alexandria resident that would be appropriate for a street name.

Richard Leibach was a Planning Commissioner for the City for 20 years, four of which he served as Vice Chairman. In addition to his two decades of service on the Planning Commission, Mr. Leibach's also served on the Open Space Steering Committee, Washington Street Task Force, City's Housing Hygiene Board, Community Services Board, Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services Board, and Electoral Board. As a member of the Open Space Steering Committee and the Planning Commission, Mr. Leibach played an important role in encouraging the applicant for the Oak Grove development to dedicate two of the site's ten lots to the City for a public park. Mr. Leibach passed away in February of this year and given his involvement with the City, particularly at the Oak Grove site, Leibach Place is an appropriate name for the street and a way to honor Mr. Leibach's many contributions to the City.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends **approval** of the street name change **from** Barecroft Place **to** Leibach Place.

**STAFF:** Faroll Hamer Director, Planning and Zoning;  
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