



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-3945, **Agenda Item #:** 62.

2/29/2024

Posting Language

Set a public hearing to consider renaming “Kellam Road” to “Circuit of the Americas Boulevard” under City Code Chapter 14-5 (*Street Name Change*) (Suggested date: March 21, 2024, Austin City Hall, Council Chambers, 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas)

Lead Department

Transportation and Public Works Department

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

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Additional Backup Information:

An application requesting a street name change was submitted by Circuit of the Americas. The reasons for the street name change as stated on the application are consistent with Subsection 8 of Code Sections 14-5-4 (*Allowed Reasons for Street Name Change*), “to enhance a neighborhood through the association of a street name with its location, area characteristics, and history.

Currently Circuit of the Americas Boulevard extends only to Elroy Road. The applicant seeks to have Kellam Road’s name be changed to Circuit of the Americas Boulevard from SH 71 to Circuit of the Americas Boulevard, where it merges into Circuit of the Americas Boulevard at the interchange of Elroy Road; giving the thoroughfare the same name throughout to help reduce confusion by enabling more people to take a direct route to their destination. The applicant believes this will help facilitate traffic patterns that are based on both community and event needs when moving through Del Valle and the City.

This street transcends jurisdictional lines between the City’s full purpose jurisdiction and Travis County. The Transportation and Public Works Department is thus working with Travis County.

As part of the Street Name Change process in City Code Chapter 14-5 (*Street Name Change*), the Transportation and Public Works Department notifies (by mail) the property owners abutting the street about the proposed street name change and asks for response either in support or in opposition of the renaming. If any number of property owners oppose the street name change, or if any number are not received back, a public hearing is required before Council acts on the street name change. These notifications were mailed on December 5, 2023, to the 25 property owners on this street. The deadline for responses was December 27, 2023; however, that deadline was extended to January 8, 2024, due to the holidays. Response forms were returned from only three (3) of the 25 property owners; those three were in support of the proposed renaming. However, because 100% of the response forms were not returned, a Public Hearing is required.

Concur review forms were sent to six agencies and City Departments including Austin Fire Department, Austin Police Department, Austin Transportation and Public Works Department, Communications and Technology

Department, Emergency Medical Services, and Travis County. All six responded with “concur” to the renaming.