

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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RENEWAL & PLANNING

*Michael R. Claret*

THE COMMITTEE ON  
URBAN REDEVELOPMENT  
RENEWAL & PLANNING  
Approves Passage of  
The Within Resolution

*Michael R. Claret*  
5-29-02

*Councilman Mancini (By request)*

IRENE J. TESTA  
Traffic Engineer

JOSEPH W. CAPRIO  
Deputy Director



VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.  
Mayor

Department of Traffic Engineering  
"Building Pride In Providence"

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** COUNCILWOMAN BALBINA A. YOUNG  
CHAIRWOMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON  
URBAN REDEVELOPMENT, RENEWAL AND PLANNING

**FROM:** IRENE J. TESTA *Irene J. Testa*

**DATE:** 3/19/02

**RE:** PENDING MATTER

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**REQUEST:** That the private right-of-way off Branch Avenue  
be re-named "Olmsted Way".

**DISPOSITION:** No objection.

Providence Postmaster



February 5, 2002

Ms. Holly Blais  
Community Builders  
2 Regency Plaza  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Ms. Blais:

This letter is in regards to your recent request to assign a street name to the passage leading to Olmsted Commons and Olmsted Gardens. It is my understanding that these two housing units presently use the mailing address of 752 Branch Avenue, which has caused some confusion. The name proposed is Olmsted Way.

First let me thank you for bringing your pending proposal to our attention and affording the US Postal Service the opportunity to provide you with quality input.

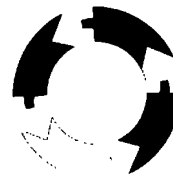
After carefully looking into the matter we have determined that your request would most definitely suit our needs and in no way present a problem for postal delivery service. The manager of our address management systems has been out to the site in question and has run the proposed name, Olmsted Way through our system to determine if there are any similar names in the Providence zip code area. In addition the proposal was brought to the attention of the delivery unit manager who also concurs.

However, we do request each addressee/apartment be issued their own designated street number. This would eliminate any confusion or delays in delivery when a mailer doesn't include an apartment number. All mail would be automation compatible and it would help us to provide a more quality delivery service. We would be glad to assist you with this task.

Once again, thank you for the courtesy call. If we can be of further assistance please don't hesitate to call my office.

Sincerely,

  
Steven M. Sondler  
A/Postmaster



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Patrick E. Clancy  
President & Chief Executive Officer

February 8, 2002

Peter Mancini  
Councilman, Ward 14  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Re: Olmsted Gardens and Olmsted Commons - Official Address

Dear Councilman Mancini:

As we discussed, I would very grateful for your assistance in officially naming the private Right of Way, which is the access road to the Olmsted Commons and Olmsted Gardens properties off Branch Avenue. These properties represent 24 units of family housing and 52 units of affordable elderly housing in the Wanskuck neighborhood.

The current legal address of the Olmsted Gardens property is 10 Vicksburg Street and the legal address for the Olmsted Commons buildings are 61 and 71 Winchester Street. Although the buildings have frontage on these streets, there is no access to the site from either street. This could be a very dangerous situation for the residents if a 911 call is made. Further confounding this issue, Olmsted Commons' 24 units has been using 752 Branch Avenue as their mailing address, despite the fact that this is not the official address.

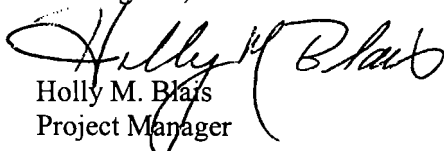
For the safety and convenience of all the residents, we would like to officially name the Right of Way, "Olmsted Way", with the buildings numbered accordingly.

I have spoken to the Postmaster's office, who has reviewed the situation and visited the site. Attached is a letter of support for the proposed name change.

Olmsted Gardens will be rented up this Spring, with a ribbon cutting in late Spring. It is our hope to have the formal new address on the sign at the event.

Thank you in advance for any support and help you can give me to expedite this process.

Best regards,

  
Holly M. Blais  
Project Manager

cc: Russ Johnson  
Bill Gordon

Providence Postmaster



April 11, 2002

Councilwoman Balbina Young  
Chairwoman, Urban Redevelopment  
Renewal and Planning Committee,  
Providence City Hall  
25 Dorrance Street  
Providence, RI 02903-1789

Dear Councilwoman Young:

Thank you for writing to us concerning the resolution pending that would name the right-of-way off Branch Avenue, "Olmsted Way".

We do not foresee any problems with the proposed street, pertaining to the Postal Service and mail delivery. Before submitting the proposal to the city the developer of the Olmsted properties had contacted the Postal Service for input. We appreciate their concerns as we do yours.

In addition, the petition regarding the naming of Service Road No. 7, in downtown Providence, would not have any impact on the Postal Service. Therefore we do not have any need to comment.

I would like to express my appreciation for your notifying the Postal Service of the proposed resolutions for the City of Providence and I hope our input is of assistance to you and the City Council in making a decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick L. Carlin".

Patrick L. Carlin  
Postmaster

pc: Pamela Thurber, Customer Relations Coordinator  
Anna M. Stetson, Acting Second Deputy City Clerk

Michael R. Clement  
City Clerk  
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Clerk of Council  
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Barbara A. Poirier  
First Deputy  
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Claire E. Bestwick  
Second Deputy  
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DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK  
CITY HALL

March 14, 2002

Leonard E. O'Leary, Postmaster  
United States Post Office  
1 Corliss Street  
Providence, RI 02904-9998

Dear Postmaster:

I have been requested by Councilwoman Balbina A. Young, Chairwoman of the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning, to forward to you the attached matters now pending before the said Committee.

It is also requested that you review the attached matters and report your findings and recommendations to the above-named Committee as soon as practical because the Committee would like to expedite this matter in an orderly fashion.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Anna M. Stetson".

Anna M. Stetson  
Acting Second Deputy City Clerk

City of Providence



Rhode Island

Department of City Clerk

MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 14, 2002

**TO:** Irene Testa, Director  
Traffic Engineering

**SUBJECT:** Resolution Requesting to re-name the private right-of-way off Branch Avenue to "Olmsted Way".

**CONSIDERED BY:** Anna M. Stetson, Acting Second Deputy City Clerk

**DISPOSITION:** I have been directed by Councilwoman Balbina A. Young, Chairwoman of the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning to refer to you the accompanying resolution for study, report and recommendation.

Please report back in writing to the above-named committee as soon as practical.

*Anna M. Stetson*  
Acting 2nd Deputy City Clerk

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK

Michael R. Clement, City Clerk  
Clerk of Committees

Jean M. Angelone  
First Deputy



Barbara A. Poirier  
Second Deputy

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES REQUESTED

Date: 5/20/2002 Time: 1:00

Council Person Marini By Request ☒  
Not By Request ☐

Summary: Res requesting to change name  
the private right of way off Branch  
Ave "Olmstead Way"

Taken By: \_\_\_\_\_

## PETITION TO THE CITY COUNCIL

**TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:**

*The undersigned respectfully petitions your honorable body*

**Re: Olmsted Gardens and Olmsted Commons  
Petition to Name the Private Right of Way**

This petition is being filed to officially name a private Right of Way off Branch Avenue as "Olmsted Way." The Right of Way serves both Olmsted Gardens and Olmsted Commons in the Wanskuck neighborhood of Providence, Rhode Island. Currently, the official address of Olmsted Gardens is 10 Vicksburg Street. The official addresses of the two buildings of Olmsted Commons are 61 and 71 Winchester Street. Although the three buildings have frontage on these streets, access to the site can only be obtained via the private Right of Way off Branch Avenue.

The three buildings have a total of 76 units of housing, two thirds of which will be affordable housing for the elderly. It is imperative that a clear and official address be established for each of the buildings, so that mail and emergency vehicles can quickly and efficiently access the site. Currently if emergency vehicles (especially those serving the elderly residents) responded to a 911 call, they would reach Vicksburg Street or Winchester Street and find no way to enter the site, putting the residents at an unnecessary health and fire risk. Therefore, we hereby respectfully petition that the private Right of Way be named "Olmsted Way," and numbering the buildings 1, 2, and 3 Olmsted Way. We have consulted with the United States Postal Service, and have their full support (please see attached letter).

The sites in question are Plat 102, Lot 276 (Olmsted Gardens) and Plat 102, Lot 243 and Lot 245 (Olmsted Commons). The private Right of Way intersects with Branch Avenue between Abram Street and Vandewater Street.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilmember Peter S. Mancini  
Councilmember Ward 14, City of Providence

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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A true copy  
Attest:

Michael R. Clement  
City Clerk

Barbara A. Truncy  
Acting Recorder of Deeds

BARBARA A. TRUNCY  
ACTING RECORDER OF DEEDS

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BARBARA A. TRONCY  
ACTING RECORDER OF DEEDS

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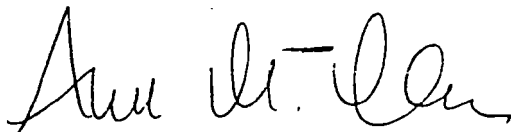
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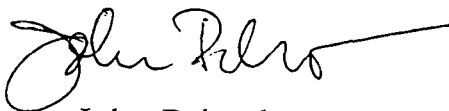
TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:

The undersigned respectfully petitions your honorable body

Since it's first issue in May 1988, Rhode Island Monthly has celebrated all that is great about the Ocean State. Our pages bring stories to readers far and wide of well-known and little-known Rhode Islanders: politicians and statesmen, hospital presidents and judges, chefs and artists, firefighters and police officers, doctors and lawyers, entrepreneurs and visionaries — the people who influence and shape our great little state. We also make an effort to bring to light the issue that concern Rhode Islanders and have an impact on their lives. And since its founding, the magazine has been located in the city of Providence, which is so much a part of our mission to celebrate living in Rhode Island. For that reason, we are respectfully petitioning that Service Road No. 7, in downtown Providence, be named in honor of Rhode Island Monthly magazine.



Ann M. Moan  
Associate Editor  
Rhode Island Monthly magazine



John Palumbo  
President and Publisher  
Rhode Island Monthly Communications, Inc.

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