



CITY OF MENIFEE

SUBJECT: Heritage Lake Drive Street Name Changes

MEETING DATE: October 2, 2024

TO: Mayor and City Council

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APPROVED BY: Armando G. Villa, City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Review and provide feedback on the proposed replacement names for multiple streets named "Heritage Lake Drive" within and adjacent to the Heritage Lake Community.

DISCUSSION

On September 27, 2023, the Community Development Department received notification from the Menifee Police Department that collision reporting and safety service calls referring to locations on or near Heritage Lake Drive that surrounds Heritage Lake ("Loop") were becoming increasingly difficult to identify. As shown in the attached Existing Street Map, the intersection of Menifee Road and Heritage Lake Drive is easily distinguishable as two distinct streets, whereas the intersection east of Menifee Road is the junction of two streets that are both named Heritage Lake Drive.

As staff prepared to recommend adding the prefixes, "East"/"West", to the loop, it was determined that there is a continuation of "Heritage Lake Drive" outside of the Heritage Lake community, west of Menifee Road, as well as an additional instance of the same name one block north between Junipero Road and Palomar Road. Consequently, it made sense to expand the existing effort to include changing these name segments as well for public safety purposes.

There are no addressed locations or ownership west of Menifee Road. However, staff issued a letter on December 11, 2023, to Heritage Lake Sports Park, Heritage Lake Club House, and Mesa View Elementary School, the three property owners along the loop. The letter served as notification that a recommendation would be presented to the City Council to add prefixes to the current street name due to concerns that the existing naming conventions would continue to have a negative impact on the efficiency and efficacy of city services and, consequently, the safety and security of city facilities and residents. Staff received two favorable responses from both the Heritage Lake Sports Park and Club House, with no objections to the proposal. Mesa View

Elementary School has not responded. Follow up notification of this Council discussion item occurred on September 16, 2024.

At this time, staff recommends two scenarios for Council discussion and consideration:

1. Add “East” to precede the portion of Heritage Lake Drive that runs east of Menifee Road and northeast of Lindenberger Road; and “West” to precede the portion of Heritage Lake Drive that runs northwest of Lindenberger Road back up to E. Heritage Lake Drive (Proposed Street Map).
2. Review and approve the following verified and available replacement names selected by staff for the two streets (Proposed Street Map) west and northwest of the Loop identified as “TBD”:
 - a. Lariat Way
 - b. Wagon Trail
 - c. Silver Lane
 - d. Gold Rush Trail
 - e. Underwood Way

Government Code § 34091.1 designates authority to the City Council to amend existing names of city streets by adoption of a resolution. Upon receiving direction on the forementioned street name changes, staff would return to Council with a resolution for the formal street name changes on the consent calendar.

Upon approval of a resolution at an upcoming Council meeting, the City would send a letter of notification to the facilities affected, providing the date that the City’s maintenance crew would complete the installation of new street signs. The Building Official would submit an address verification document to Menifee Geographic Information System (GIS), Riverside County GIS, 911 Emergency Services, and the United States Post Office (USPS). The three facilities would need to ensure the correct mailing address has been submitted to all service providers and is reflected on all legal documentation.

STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE

Safe and Vibrant Community / Connectivity and Mobility

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact of changing the signage would not result in additional costs beyond the installation cost and the staff time required to assess and prepare this item for council consideration. The estimated materials cost of replacing the street signs is \$600 (\$150/sign).

ATTACHMENTS

1. Existing Street Map
2. Proposed Street Map