REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE:	June 17, 2020
SUBJECT:	Public Hearing to close portions of Anders Avenue, Meadow Circle, and associated 10-foot alleys
PRESENTER:	Sam Starr, Property Addressing Office
ATTACHMENTS:	 (1) Area maps depicting Rights of Way to be abandoned, and existing conditions (2) Applicant's letter to Henderson County Property Addressing Office (3) North Carolina General Statute 153A-241 (4) Petition for Road Closure (5) Order to permanently close portions of Anders Avenue, Meadow Circle, and associated 10-foot alleys (6) PowerPoint

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Planning and Property Addressing staff have received the attached petition and survey to close portions Anders Avenue, Meadow Circle, and associated 10-foot alleys. Under North Carolina General Statute (UNGS) 153A-241, municipalities have the power to close any public road or easement not within a city, except public roads or easements for public roads under control of the Department of Transportation. To close any road, the Board must:

- Vote to adopt a resolution declaring its intent to close the public road or easement

- Call and notice a public hearing on closing the road or easement, with notice "reasonably calculated to give full and fair disclosure of the proposed closing to be published once a week for three successive weeks before the hearing, a copy of the resolution to be sent by registered or certified mail to each owner as shown on the county tax records of property adjoining the public road or easement who did not join in the request to have the road or easement closed, and a notice of the closing and public hearing to be prominently posted in at least two places along the road or easement". - Hold the public hearing, where the Board must "hear all interested persons who appear with respect to whether the closing would be detrimental to the public interest or to any individual property rights".

- Then, if the Board "is satisfied that closing the public road or easement is not contrary to the public interest and (in the case of a road) that no individual owning property in the vicinity of the road or in the subdivision in which it is located would thereby be deprived of reasonable means of ingress and egress to his property, the Board may adopt an order closing the road or easement."

- File a copy of the Board's order with the Register of Deeds.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Staff recommends approval of closing portions of Anders Avenue, Meadow Circle, and associated 10-foot alleys.

Suggested Motion:

I move that the Board approve closure of the rights-of way and certify the Order of Closure.

Site Plan for 609 Price Road and Surrounding Properties





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April 17, 2020

Sam Starr Henderson County Property Addressing 100 N. King St. Hendersonville, N.C. 28792

REVISED 5/11/2020 REVISED DRAWINGS ATTACHED

Re: Permanent Road Closure - Portions of Anders Avenue, Meadow Circle, & 10' Alleys

Dear Mr. Starr:

I am writing on behalf of Nan McFerren, Trustee of the Nan McFerren Revocable Trust dated September 5, 2012 regarding the permanent closure of an unopened street or alley pursuant to N.C.G.S. 153A-241. Ms. McFerren requests that the county permanently close the portions of Anders Avenue, Meadow Circle, and the adjoining 10' alleyways identified on the attached survey entitled "Tracts A, B & C – McFerren Property – Special Subdivision" by David C. Huntley & Associates, Inc. bearing Drawing No. H-6965S, dated May 22, 2019. The plat was recorded June 24, 2019 at Plat Slide 11888, Henderson County Registry. A copy of the surveyor's drawing is attached to more clearly show the locations of Meadow Circle, Anders Avenue and the roads/alleys. The portions of roads/alleys to be closed are shown in a second drawing and are shaded/hatched to specifically identify each of these portions.

The portions of Anders Avenue, Meadow Circle and the 10' alleys to be closed are also described in that judgment entered in Henderson County file 19 CVD 173 on May 17, 2019, a copy of which has been recorded in Book 3335, at Page 426, Henderson County Registry. Notwithstanding the judgment, Ms. McFerren has been unable to sell a portion of the property because the title insurance company will not accept the judgment as sufficient to close the roads.

Anders Avenue runs from the public Price Road (S.R. 1137) and through Tracts A & B, the property of the Nan McFerren Revocable Trust dated September 5, 2012, being more particularly described in Book 3354, at Page 81, Henderson County Registry, and Tract C, the property of Barbara Woodin, being more particularly described in Book 3360, at Page 653, Henderson County Registry, to the Featherston tract which is more particularly described in Deed Book 1447, at Page 445, Henderson County Registry.

The portion of Meadow Circle to be closed runs from Anders Avenue through the above-described Tracts B (McFerren) and C (Woodin). [A portion of Meadow Circle runs directly from the public Price Road (S.R. 1137) through the Fisher tract described in Deed Book 1325, at Page 712, Henderson County Registry, and it is not our intention to seek the closure of that portion of Meadow Circle at this time.]

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TELEPHONE: (828) 698-2345 FACSIMILE: (828) 697-1283 One of the unnamed 10' alleys runs West from Anders Avenue to the common line of the LaMoreaux Rentals LLC property and Tract A (McFerren). A second alley runs North from the above-described Tract A (McFerren) through Tracts B (McFerren) and C (Woodin) onto the property of Featherston. A third alley situated on Tract B (McFerren) runs East and then South to the common line of Tract B and the Fisher tract described in Deed Book 1325, at Page 712, Henderson County Registry. *[It is not our intention to seek the closure of a fourth alley, running south from the common line of Tract B (McFerren) and the Fisher tract and East to the portion of Meadow Circle located on the Fisher tract, at this time.]*

Meadow Circle and Anders Avenue are also shown on that plat entitled "Addition to Osceola Lake Park" by Case & Williamson Engrs. Dated January 1926 and recorded in Plat Book 2, at Page 32 (now reindexed to Plat Cabinet B, at Slide 118), Henderson County Registry.

A map of the streets to be closed is attached. The Nan McFerren Revocable Trust, Johnnie Featherston and wife, Colette M. Featherston, Steven Mininger and wife, Ruth Mininger, and Barbara Woodin comprise all of the affected owners of property adjoining the sections of unopened street to be closed. The portions to be closed are not necessary for access to any lot.

It is the desire of Ms. McFerren and adjoining owners Featherston, Mininger, and Woodin to permanently close the unopened portions of Anders Avenue, Meadow Circle, and the 10' alleys referenced above. Should you have any questions or require any further documentation, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am enclosing a check for \$450.00 for the application fee due to Henderson County.

Yours sincerely,

Edward L. Harrelson ELH/lb Enclosures

§ 153A-241. Closing public roads or easements.

A county may permanently close any public road or any easement within the county and not within a city, except public roads or easements for public roads under the control and supervision of the Department of Transportation. The board of commissioners shall first adopt a resolution declaring its intent to close the public road or easement and calling a public hearing on the question. The board shall cause a notice of the public hearing reasonably calculated to give full and fair disclosure of the proposed closing to be published once a week for three successive weeks before the hearing, a copy of the resolution to be sent by registered or certified mail to each owner as shown on the county tax records of property adjoining the public road or easement who did not join in the request to have the road or easement closed, and a notice of the closing and public hearing to be prominently posted in at least two places along the road or easement. At the hearing the board shall hear all interested persons who appear with respect to whether the closing would be detrimental to the public interest or to any individual property rights. If, after the hearing, the board of commissioners is satisfied that closing the public road or easement is not contrary to the public interest and (in the case of a road) that no individual owning property in the vicinity of the road or in the subdivision in which it is located would thereby be deprived of reasonable means of ingress and egress to his property, the board may adopt an order closing the road or easement. A certified copy of the order (or judgment of the court) shall be filed in the office of the register of deeds of the county.

Any person aggrieved by the closing of a public road or an easement may appeal the board of commissioners' order to the appropriate division of the General Court of Justice within 30 days after the day the order is adopted. The court shall hear the matter de novo and has jurisdiction to try the issues arising and to order the road or easement closed upon proper findings of fact by the trier of fact.

No cause of action founded upon the invalidity of a proceeding taken in closing a public road or an easement may be asserted except in an action or proceeding begun within 30 days after the day the order is adopted.

Upon the closing of a public road or an easement pursuant to this section, all right, title, and interest in the right-of-way is vested in those persons owning lots or parcels of land adjacent to the road or easement, and the title of each adjoining landowner, for the width of his abutting land, extends to the center line of the public road or easement. However, the right, title or interest vested in an adjoining landowner by this paragraph remains subject to any public utility use or facility located on, over, or under the road or easement immediately before its closing, until the landowner or any successor thereto pays to the utility involved the reasonable cost of removing and relocating the facility. (1949, c. 1208, ss. 1-3; 1957, c. 65, s. 11; 1965, cc. 665, 801; 1971, c. 595; 1973, c. 507, s. 5; c. 822, s. 1; 1977, c. 464, s. 34; 1995, c. 374, s. 1.)

§ 136-63. Change or abandonment of roads.

(a) The board of county commissioners of any county may, on its own motion or on petition of a group of citizens, request the Board of Transportation to change or abandon any road in the secondary system when the best interest of the people of the county will be served thereby. The Board of Transportation shall thereupon make inquiry into the proposed change or abandonment, and if in its opinion the public interest demands it, shall make such change or abandonment. If the change or abandonment shall affect a road connecting with any street of a city or town, the change or abandonment shall not be made until the street-governing body of the city or town shall have been duly notified and given opportunity to be heard on the question. Any request by a board of county commissioners or street-governing body of a city refused by the Board of Transportation may be presented again upon the expiration of 12 months.

(b) In keeping with its overall zoning scheme and long-range plans regarding the extraterritorial jurisdiction area, a municipality may keep open and assume responsibility for maintenance of a road within one mile of its corporate limits once it is abandoned from the State highway system. (1931, c. 145, s. 15; 1957, c. 65, s. 8; 1965, c. 55, s. 13; 1973, c. 507, s. 22 1/2; 1975, c. 19, s. 45; 1977, c. 464, s. 25; 1993, c. 533, s. 14.)



We join in this petition to permanently close the unopened streets identified in the letter of Edward L. Harrelson dated April 17, 2020.

NAN McFERREN, Individually and as Trustee of the NAN McFERREN REVOCABLE TRUST Dated September 5, 2012, and any amendments thereto

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Owner of:

609 & 611 Price Rd. Hendersonville, N.C. 28739



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Owners of: 1926 Old Kanuga Rd. Hendersonville, N.C. 28739

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BARBARA WOODIN

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Henderson County North Carolina

Before the Board of Commissioners

ORDER CLOSING A PORTION OF

RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR ANDERS AVENUE, MEADOW CIRCLE, AND 10' ALLEYS

THIS MATTER came on for hearing before the Henderson County Board of Commissioners at its regular June 17th 2020, meeting, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §153A-241, on the issue of closing a portion of rights-of-way for portions of Anders Avenue, Meadow Circle, and associated 10' Alleys was heard by the Board after public hearing. The Board of Commissioners makes the following findings:

1. This matter first came before the Board of Commissioners on at the Board's regular meeting on May 20th, 2020, on the petition of the Nan McFerren Trust to close portions of Anders Avenue, Meadow Circle, and associated 10' Alleys was heard in Henderson County.

2. At the Board's May 20th, 2020 meeting, the Board adopted a resolution "declaring its intent to close" the said portions of Anders Avenue, Meadow Circle, and associated 10' Alleys.

3. A map showing the area under consideration is shown on the attachment hereto, Exhibit A, (indicated by a broken yellow line).

4. A notice of this Board's June 17th hearing was published once a week for three successive weeks before the hearing in the *Hendersonville Tribune*, a copy of the resolution was sent by registered or certified mail to each owner as shown on the county tax records of property adjoining the public road or easement who did not join in the request to have the road or easement closed, and a notice of the closing and public hearing to be prominently posted in at least two places along the road or easement.

5. Before the Board on June 17th, the Board heard "all interested persons who appear with respect to whether the closing would be detrimental to the public interest or to any individual property rights" are required by N.C. Gen. Stat. §153A-241.

6. After such hearing, the Board is satisfied and finds:

A. That closing the public road or easement is not contrary to the public interest; and,

B. That no individual owning property in the vicinity of the road or in the subdivision in which it is located would thereby be deprived of reasonable means of ingress and egress to his property.

WHEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that portions of Anders Avenue, Meadow Circle, and associated 10' Alleys in Henderson County as shown on the attached map is hereby closed.

Adopted by the Board by motion duly made, this the 17th day of June, 2020.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HENDERSON COUNTY

By:___

Chairman

Attest:

Clerk to the Board

Public Hearing to Abandon Portions of Rights of Way and associated 10' Foot Alleys located at 609 Price Road



Henderson County Board of Commissioners June 17th, 2020

Henderson County Planning Department









Public Noticing + Comment

- Paper notice: 5/27, 6/3, 6/10
- Bi-directional signage posted for 21 days
- Adjacent and Applicant notified per NCGS mailing standard
- Public Comment only received from owners of 55 Little Ln.

-- Family is supportive of closures

Henderson County Planning Department