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James Crawford, Chairman
Chatham County Board of Commissioners
80-A East Street
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Via Electronic Mail

RE: Briar Chapel: Request for Approval of Road Name Change on Unrecorded Final Plat, Phase 9; Request for Approval on April 20, 2015 Commissioners Meeting Agenda

Dear Board of Commissioners:

This letter serves as a formal request by NNP-Briar Chapel, LLC (“Briar Chapel”) for approval to change the name appearing on the recently approved Phase 9 Final Plat from “Boulder Point Drive” to “Granite Mill Boulevard.” Briar Chapel requests that this matter be placed on the Agenda for the Commissioners Meeting on April 20, 2015. The Phase 9 Final Plat was approved on or about February 16, 2015 but has not yet been recorded. The reasons for the requested change are as follows:

1. Briar Chapel is in the process of a project to straighten out Granite Mill Boulevard and eliminate the intersection in front of the Margaret Pollard Middle School where Granite Mill Boulevard intersects with Boulder Point Drive. That process is expected to be completed this summer while the children are not in school. Once that process is completed and the intersection is removed, Granite Mill Boulevard will run in an uninterrupted fashion from Andrews Store Road, past Margaret Pollard Middle School, and through Phase 9 until it reaches the intersection with Briar Chapel Parkway. Once the intersection with Boulder Point Drive is eliminated, it will eliminate confusion to name the entire stretch of roadway “Granite Mill Boulevard” rather than having the roadway inexplicably change to Boulder Point Drive part way along its length.
2. It would also be extremely confusing for Briar Chapel to record the Phase 9 Final Plat showing the roadway name “Boulder Point Drive” only to change the roadway name to “Granite Mill Boulevard” after Boulder Point street addresses have been assigned to homes along the roadway in Phase 9.
3. Briar Chapel has conferred with Lesa Chavis of Chatham County Emergency Management Department and E 911 Addressing regarding the change and she agrees that changing the road name prior to recordation of the plat and assignment of addresses would be preferable. “Granite Mill Boulevard” is already an approved road name for this location.

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4. Planning Staff does not oppose the change of the road name to Granite Mill Boulevard on the Phase 9 Final Plat, provided the Board of Commissioners approve the change.
5. This approach of changing the name prior to recordation and sale of lots along the roadway will eliminate certain confusion and be better from the vantage point of both the Emergency Management Department and Briar Chapel.

For reference, we have also included the Phase 9 Final Plat road name sections that need to be changed.

Based on the foregoing, Briar Chapel respectfully requests that the Board of Commissioners approve the road name change request at its meeting on April 20, 2015. This is to request of the County Manager that the request be placed on the agenda for the April 20, 2015.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding the above.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. P. Robinson', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Nicolas P. Robinson

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Enclosure

c: Charlie Horne, County Manager
Jason Sullivan, Planning Director
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Lee Bowman