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Response from City departments regarding street name change

Department: AFD

Contact: Lt. David Belknap

Comments:

It is the position of AFD Communications that the platted road in question, although currently used as a driveway, should be named and have a sign posted at the intersection (curb cut) with Dark Valley Cove. There is a large parcel that may be developed in the future and that parcel could be accessed off of the un-named roadway. The current single house on this roadway is hard for responder to find because it is far off Dark Valley Cove.

Naming the road (even if it remains unpaved) will aide call-takers, dispatchers and responders provide timely emergency response.

Department: EMS

Contact: Jasper Brown, Communications Commander Operations.

Comments:

I agree with AFD that the platted road in question, although currently used as a driveway, should be named and have a sign posted at the intersection (curb cut) with Dark Valley Cove.

Department: APD

Contact: Russell Evans, Communications Supervisor.

Comments:

APD Communications concurs with this recommendation.

Department: GIS Addressing

Contact: Steve Clamons, Addressing Supervisor.

Comments:

The street to be named Water Way is a portion of right-of-way that was platted as part of the subdivision Shadowridge Crossing Section 12. There were several sections of road in the subdivision that were not accepted for maintenance by the City of Austin, and were not named on the plat due to a planning/reviewing loophole. The name Water's Way was requested for this portion because the Water's property is the only one that uses this road for access and is difficult to find using their current address, 8012 Dark Valley Cove.

Naming this road does not change its legal status nor does it require that city of Austin maintain it. The adjacent property owners object to the name for personal reasons but have no legal argument. This has been an ongoing problem since the subdivision was platted and needs to be resolved as soon as possible. Deborah Thomas in the legal department has already been over the details of this request and approved it to go to Council. This is a very simple case from the Addressing department's point of view - it is a dedicated right-of-way without a name, so we requested a name for it. There are no other unnamed right-of-ways in the city.