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**Planning Commission Comments - April 3, 2023 - Submission #73319**

**Date Submitted: 3/29/2023**

Comments completed in the form below will be submitted into the record for the April 3, 2023 meeting of the Hall County Planning Commission.

**First Name\***

Craig

**Last Name\***

Blaisdell

**Address1\***

6200 Lanier Islands Pky

**Address2**

**City\***

Buford

**State\***

GA

**Zip\***

30518

**Zoning Item for Comment\***

3. Unnamed Road | Establish a Road Name

Select from the list below which zoning item you would like to register a comment on. Items are listed in the order in which they appear on the agenda.

**Your Comments\***

We would like a guard rail or signage stating it's now a "Dead End" road. People just drive through the grass that we are maintaining and out our driveway. GPS has not been updated that it's a "Dead End".

Please write your comments in the box above.

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**Planning Commission Comments - April 3, 2023 - Submission #73793**

**Date Submitted: 4/2/2023**

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**First Name\***

**Last Name\***

**Address1\***

**Address2**

**City\***

**State\***

**Zip\***

**Zoning Item for Comment\***

Select from the list below which zoning item you would like to register a comment on. Items are listed in the order in which they appear on the agenda.

**Your Comments\***

Dear members of the Hall Country Planning Commission,

My name is Tony McCollum and I'm the senior pastor of Lanier Point Church. I regret that I cannot be with you in person for this important meeting, but I hope this submission will suffice to communicate the thoughts of my church on the renaming of the road in question.

Our building and main entrances are located on this unnamed stretch of road so we are very interested in the name that will be assigned to it.

Our property was formerly owned by New Bethany Baptist Church and has been a part of the community since 1875. Since we took possession of the property in 2019 and since that time, we have been continually investing in it to add to the overall benefit of the community around us.

From the time we moved into the property until today, the road we are on has had no name so we are delighted that a name will soon be assigned.

In regard to the name, we would like to suggest Lanier Point Way instead of the proposed name of Old Lanier Islands Drive.

The bottom line is that we believe all the other businesses on this stretch of road have entrances on the new road (Lanier Islands Parkway) and that they all use that road as their current mailing address.

We are not aware of any other business, organization, neighborhood, or home that would use the new name of the road for their mailing address except us.

We also believe we are the organization with the largest stretch of frontage in use on this road due in large part to a very large parking lot that was built by the previous owners as well as two cemeteries that are now under our care that are also located on this stretch of road.

Our parking lot has become something of a community space. People use it for all sorts of things. Some teach their kids to ride their bikes there. Others teach their kids how to drive there. Some just skateboard there. But it is used by scores and scores of people in the surrounding area.

We think the name Lanier Point Way has a nice ring to it and adds something unique to our little community. We are not aware of any other Lanier Point Way in Hall County, the State of Georgia, or elsewhere.

With that in mind, we would like to humbly and officially request that the name be changed to "Lanier Point Way."

However, if that name is deemed unsuitable for some reason, we would like to make the planning commission aware that the proposed name of Old Lanier Islands Drive is not entirely accurate. The road was never called Lanier Islands Drive. It was known as Friendship Road for ages. Then, it was briefly Lanier Islands Parkway. Then, the new stretch of road was opened and named Lanier Islands Parkway, and our road became nameless. But at no point was it ever Lanier Islands Drive so we believe naming the road Old Lanier Islands Drive will only add more confusion to what has been, and still is a very confusing situation.

Considering all that, one could suppose the proper name should be Old Lanier Islands Parkway instead, but that's quite a mouthful for a very small stretch of road of less than half a mile in length.

Again, we think Lanier Point Way sounds better, fits better, distinguishes the road, removes some general confusion, and ultimately serves our community better.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration of this matter. Please let me know if any of you have any questions for me or if I can be of any assistance in this matter.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,  
Tony McCollum  
Senior Pastor  
Lanier Point Church

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