



Request for
Naming or Renaming a Street

Date February 4, 2019

Applicant Name: Audry Allison

Company (if applicable): _____

Address: 165 Melrose Dr SW

Concord, NC 28025

Phone Number:

E-Mail Address (optional):

For subdivisions and other plats

Check One: Final Plat ____ Preliminary Plat ____

Name of Plat: Anneva Terrace

Phase: _____

Requested Street Names:

For a public or private street

Check one: Public street ☒ Private street ____

Check one: Naming (street does not currently have a name) ____ Renaming ☒

Existing name: Melrose Dr SW (from Melba Ave SW to the sharp curve at 259 Melrose Dr SW)

Requested name: Balknight Dr SW

Reason for request: The late Mr. Kenneth Balknight (birthdate – death) was instrumental in developing this portion of Melrose Dr SW. He was the primary land owner on this portion of Melrose Dr. He was known as a gentleman who took pride in the appearance of the neighborhood, was a handyman, and a businessman. It is proposed that this portion of Melrose Dr SW be renamed in his honor and memory.

See attached letter an petitions

Audrey Balknight Allison
165 Melrose Drive SW
Concord, North Carolina 28025

February 20, 2019

Neighbors & Homeowners
Melrose Drive SW
Concord, North Carolina 28025

Dear Fellow Melrose Drive SW Neighbor and Homeowners:

My name is Audrey Balknight Allison and I reside at 165 Melrose Drive SW. I am writing you today to make you aware of my petition to the City of Concord to rename a portion of "Melrose Drive SW" to "Balknight Drive SW" (outlined on the enclosed map).

My reason for contacting you is because you own a home within the affected portion of the road which would result in a minor change to the street address. Additionally, I would like to share the driving force behind my request.


My father, Kenneth Balknight, Sr., purchased the majority of the land on the fore mentioned portion of Melrose Drive SW "roughly" 50 years or so ago. I grew up in the family house on this road, along with my parents and five siblings. I have many fond memories of joy, laughter, fun, good times and bad times. Most of all, I can remember the pride my dad exhibited not only in the upkeep of our land, but also the beautification and cleanliness of the entire stretch that bordered our land, city-owned and all. Over the years, my father sold the farthest end portions of the land, closest to Melba Court and Robbins Street (some of you purchased from him). However, the middle portions have always remained "Balknight" property. Fast forward to today...my parents are both deceased and my siblings have all since moved to their own respective homes, still within the Concord area. I married and moved to New Jersey where I resided for 20 years. After my husband passed unexpectedly in 2012, I returned to Concord and reclaimed residence in the family home in 2016. I was surprised and saddened to see the conditions (litter and debris) of the roadsides, banks and ditches that my father had taken such pride in maintaining while he was alive and able. I took it upon myself to clean up what parts I could and contacted the city for what was beyond my means. This is what brings me to where I am today...petitioning the city to rename the road.

My brother and I continue to own the vast majority of the land on this segment of Melrose Drive SW. In memory of my dad, my intent is to "adopt" this stretch of the road and pledge to help the city in maintaining the cleanliness and upkeep of the roadsides and ditches that are within my means, just as my father had done in the past. With the adoption of the road, I would like to have it renamed as a reflection of the pride my father had (and my family continues to have) in the neighborhood and community in which he lived.

As a valued neighbor and resident of the affected portion of Melrose Drive SW, I am asking for your support as I petition the city to change the street name in memory of my father (Kenneth Balknight, Sr.), by signing the enclosed statement and returning it in the self-addressed stamped envelope by Monday, March 11, 2019.

Please feel free to contact me at (609) 923-3237 if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you, in advance, for your support.

Sincerely,



Audrey Balknight Allison



proposed location of street name change

**PETITION
TO RENAME STREET**

By signing below, I indicate that I am in support of the petition to rename a portion of Melrose Dr SW to Balknight Dr SW (from the intersection with Melba Ave SW to the sharp curve on Melrose Dr SW).

Date	Name (printed)	Address	Signature
3/8/2019	Travis J Allison	149 Melrose	Travis Allison

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Date	Name (printed)	Address	Signature
3-14-19	Anna Beatty	155 Melrose Dr SW Concord NC 28025	Anna Beatty

Also
Selling for \$100,000
717 856-3810

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Date	Name (printed)	Address	Signature
3-28-19	RICKY BALKNIGHT	247 MELROSE DR	Ricky Balknight