

Public Hearing: YES ☒ NO ☐

Department: Planning & Sustainability

SUBJECT:

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): 3 and 7

Application of Sharon Levister for a Street Name Change (SN) on behalf of the County Line Community to request a Street Name Change (SN) to change the street designated as “Davana Drive” to “James Moore Drive”, for property located in the R-75 (Residential Medium Lot-75) zoning district.

PETITION NO: N10-2026-1235 SN-26-1248261

PROPOSED USE: Street name change to “James Moore Drive”.

LOCATION: Davana Drive.

PARCEL NO. : 15 006 01 010; 15 006 01 023; 15 006 01 022; 15 006 02 025; 15 006 02 001; 15 006 02 006; 15 006 01 026; 15 006 01 027; 15 006 02 007; 15 006 02 008

INFO. CONTACT: Tony Guilford, Planning & Sustainability Transportation Engineer

PHONE NUMBER: 404-371-2155

PURPOSE:

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RECOMMENDATION:

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: N/A

PLANNING COMMISSION: (August 26, 2026) Approval.

PLANNING STAFF: (09.24.2026 BOC) Approval.

STAFF ANALYSIS: The property owner of 4444 Davana Drive, Barbara Moore (wife of the late Mr. James Moore in Ellenwood), is assisted by Sharon Levister in the requested street name change of the Right-of-Way (ROW) designated as Davana Drive to James Moore Drive. The street begins at its intersection with Linecrest Road and continues south past its intersection with Oscar Road, where it terminates with no further access. The ROW is classified as a local street. The renaming would honor Ms. Moore’s late husband, who was instrumental in the community with a record of many successful initiatives, including a fire station, Ellenwood library, Marta bus stops, and the improvement/paving of Davana Drive from what was once a dirt road. The property owner and community have submitted the proper documentation via petitions meeting the required 51% in support. Seven (7) of ten (10) property owners (70%) signed the petition in support of the street renaming. Adverse impacts are expected to be minimal aside from an administrative burden, as property owners must update addresses on business and personal items. Staff recommends *“Approval”*.

PLANNING COMMISSION VOTE: (August 26, 2026) Approval 7-0-0. Commissioner Patton moved, Commissioner Osler seconded for Approval, per Staff recommendation. Commissioner Costello recused herself from this vote; Commissioner Moore was absent.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL VOTE/RECOMMENDATION: N/A

Planning Commission Hearing Date: August 26, 2026
Board of Commissioners Hearing Date: September 24, 2026

STAFF ANALYSIS

CASE NO.:	SN-26-1248261	File ID #: 2026-1235
Right-of-Way (ROW) Name:	Davana Drive	Commission Districts: 3 and 7
Affected Parcel ID(s):	15 006 01 010; 15 006 01 023; 15 006 01 022; 15 006 02 025; 15 006 02 001; 15 006 02 006; 15 006 01 026; 15 006 01 027; 15 006 02 007; 15 006 02 008	
Request:	Application of Sharon Levister on behalf of the County Line community to request a Street Name Change (SN) to change the street designated as “Davana Drive” to “James Moore Drive”.	
Property Owner(s):	Barbara Moore	
Applicant/Agent:	Sharon Levister	
Acreage:	N/A	
Existing Land Use:	SUB (all sides of right-of-way)	
Surrounding Properties:	North: R-75 South: R-75 East: R-75 West: R-75 (all sides of right-of-way)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: APPROVAL.

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Staff recommends “*Approval*”.



Planning & Sustainability Department
Current Planning / Zoning Division

178 Sams Street
Decatur, GA 30030

Lorraine Cochran-Johnson
Chief Executive Officer

Juliana A. Njoku
Director

APPLICANT PERSONAL CONTACT
INFORMATION PAGE

Applicant Name: Sharon Levister

Address: 2105 Sugarstone Ct. City: Lawrenceville State: GA Zip: 30043

Applicant Phone #: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Owner Name: Barbara Moore

Address: 4444 Davana Dr. City: Ellenwood State: GA Zip: 30

Subject Property Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I hereby authorize the staff of the Planning and Sustainability Department, Current Planning/Zoning Division, to inspect the property that is the subject of this application.

Owner ☐

Agent ☒

[Signature]
Signature of Applicant

8-3-26
Date

NOTE: PLEASE BE MINDFUL THAT THE APPLICATION AND ALL OF ITS CONTENTS IS A PUBLIC RECORD ONCE SUBMITTED AND ACCEPTED FOR A ZONING CYCLE.

STREET NAME CHANGE APPLICATION FEE:

No Fee Due

DeKalb County does not require payment by wire transfer.

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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY

Chief of Executive Officer
Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

Director
Juliana A. Njoku

STREET NAME CHANGE APPLICATION

S.N. No. _____

Applicant / Agent / Owner: Sharon Lensler

TO BE COMPLETED BY PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY DEPARTMENT

Map Reference: _____ Date Approved: _____

Date Received: _____ Fee Paid: _____

Commission Districts: _____

Existing Street Name: Davana Dr.

Proposed Street Name: James Moore Dr.

The following information must be attached to the application:

1. A written petition bearing signatures of a minimum of 51 percent (%) of the property owners fronting said street. The property owners signing shall also constitute a minimum of 51 percent (%) of the linear street frontage. Linear street frontage shall include frontage of properties that abut both sides of the street right-of-way.
2. Map showing street or portion of street affected by change.

Reason for requesting change (Attach additional information if needed.):

Please see petition attached

Signature: Sharon Lensler

Date: 8-3-26

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Petition to Rename Davana Drive to James Moore Drive

To: DeKalb County Department of Planning and Sustainability

Subject: Petition to Honor Mr. James Moore by Renaming Davana Drive to James Moore Drive

Dear Dekalb County Commissioners,

We, the undersigned residents of the County Line Community and surrounding areas, respectfully petition the renaming of **Davana Drive to James Moore Drive** in honor of Mr. James Moore, a lifelong community leader, activist, and dedicated public servant whose tireless efforts transformed and improved our community for generations.

Mr. James Moore was one of the original grassroots leaders of the County Line Community, known for his unwavering commitment to family, faith, and civic responsibility. For close to 70 years he lived on Davana Drive and for more than 30 years, he worked diligently to advocate for residents, improve infrastructure, and secure essential resources for the Ellenwood and South DeKalb communities.

Among his many accomplishments, Mr. Moore was instrumental in spearheading the effort to have Davana Drive and surrounding community roads paved. At a time when many roads in the County Line Community remained dirt roads, Mr. Moore organized residents, gathered petitions, attended county meetings, and tirelessly advocated for infrastructure improvements that would provide safer and more reliable transportation for homeowners and families. The paving of Davana Drive stands today as a visible and lasting reminder of his dedication, persistence, and leadership.

Mr. Moore also helped organize the first County Line Community Civic Association in the late 1970's, serving for many years as President and later as Treasurer. His advocacy contributed to numerous community improvements, including:

- Installation of streetlights and improved neighborhood infrastructure
- Expansion of MARTA transit service into the Ellenwood area
- Development of local parks and recreational planning
- Advocacy for police accountability and the establishment of a local police substation
- Support for the construction of a local fire station to improve emergency response times
- Support for the development of the Ellenwood/River Road Library
- Environmental advocacy efforts to address landfill operations affecting the community

Mr. Moore was known for walking door-to-door collecting signatures, attending commissioner meetings in Decatur, speaking at county meetings, and ensuring the voices of homeowners and residents were heard. His leadership, dedication, and service left a permanent impact on the County Line Community.

Renaming Davana Drive to **James Moore Drive** would be a fitting and meaningful tribute to a man whose hard work helped shape the very road and community we benefit from today. This honor would preserve his legacy and inspire future generations to continue serving their community with the same commitment and integrity.

We respectfully request approval of this petition to rename Davana Drive in recognition of the extraordinary contributions and lasting legacy of Mr. James Moore.

Signatures:

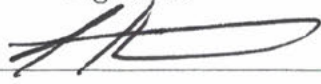
Property Address Frontage	Owner Name Contact Information	Signature	Date
█████ Davana Drive 105'	Antonio Weaver Phone number: Email address:	see attached signature	
█████ Davana Drive 105'	Phone number: Email address:		
█████ Davana Drive 150'	Margaret Jackson Phone number: ██████████ Email address:	Margaret Jackson	
█████ Davana Drive 59'	Tarrance Langston Cedrick Langston Phone number: ██████████ Email address: ██████████		
█████ Davana Drive 180'	Barbara Moore Phone number: ██████████ Email address:	see attached signature	

Property Address Frontage	Owner Name Contact Information	Signature	Date
Davana Drive 295'	Shirley Davis Phone number: Email address:	See attached signature	
Davana Drive 127'	Dorothy Jackson Phone number: Email address:	Dorothy Jackson	
Davana Drive 150'	Phone number: Email address:		
Davana Drive 54'	Land only - No street access to Davana Dr. Phone number: Email address:		
Davana Drive - 140'	Land only - No street access to Davana Dr. Phone number: Email address:		
Davana Dr. 105'	Diane Paschal Phone number:	See attached signature	

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Signatures:

Owner Name	Address - Frontage	Signature	Date
ANTONIO WEAVER	Davana Drive - 105'		05 Jun 2021
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Margaret Jackson	Davana Drive - 150'	Margaret Jackson	6.2.21
TERRANCE LANGSTON	Davana Drive - 59'		6.4.21
Barbara Moore	Davana Drive - 180'	Barbara Moore	
Daniel Carter	Davana Drive - 105'	Daniel Carter	June 2, 2021
Shirley Moore Davis	Davana Drive - 295'	Shirley Moore Davis	6/7/2021
Dorothy Jackson	Davana Drive - 127'	Dorothy Jackson	6-2-21
	Davana Drive - 150'		

