

August 7, 2017

Honorable Members of the
West Allis Common Council
7525 W. Greenfield Avenue
West Allis WI 53214

RE: Naming the Meadowmere, Biber Woods, and Juneau Highlands Neighborhoods

Dear Common Council Members:

This letter is a request to identify and name three neighborhoods. I suggest that the area of the City bordered on the west by 60th Street, Lincoln Avenue on the north, and City limits on the east and south be named the Meadowmere Neighborhood. This area contains the Historic Mitchell Manor that was the home of the John Mitchell family. The 480 acres surrounding the home was called Meadowmere and had stables and horses for racing. The area was sold in 1924 and developed with homes.

The second neighborhood, Biber Woods, is the area of the City with 108th on the west, the Freeway on the east, the Union Pacific Railroad on the north, and Lincoln Avenue on the south. The Biber Family emigrated from Germany in 1854 and after farming in Jefferson County moved to this site in 1866 and farmed 80 acres. Biber Woods, as it was commonly known, was a thirteen-acre parcel in this area that was the site of more recent controversy when the School District proposed selling the natural area for development in 1987.

The Historical Commission has reviewed these two proposed neighborhoods and concurs with the names.

Juneau Highlands is an area of the City bordered by Becher Street on the north, Beloit on the south McGeogh on the east, and 67th Street on the west. It was the highlands of the Joseph Juneau Farm. Joseph Juneau was the brother of Solomon Juneau who settled in Milwaukee. The area was sold for development in the 20's and 30's and was promoted as having wooded lots and winding roads. The residents of this area have asked for this designation and name.

I look for your approval in naming these areas of the City as the Meadowmere Neighborhood, Biber Woods Neighborhood, and the Juneau Highlands Neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Jeannette Bell,
Mayor

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