

Mike,

This email is in response to the request for the Parks Advisory Committee to comment on the possible renaming of Edgartown streets back to the original names prior to 1923 when they were changed to the present names. We understand that this idea came from a survey of the owners/residents in Edgartown, possibly as a way to honor the history of the area. We feel that 99 years with the present names are historical in and of itself. Please forward our comments to Mr. Mimms and the Commission as you see fit and let us know if any further action is required of the PAC.

The street renaming would include:

Avenue E to Spruce Ave

Cedar PT to Cedar Ave

Avenue D to Selene Ave

2nd ST to Pine ST

Indian River DR to Riverside DR

We discussed at length this idea and believe that renaming these streets would be divisive at a time when the city is trying to become "one city" rather than divided into different areas. For instance, Avenue D goes west all the way through Lincoln Park to 33rd street. Renaming a portion sets apart Edgartown in a way that sets us back rather than moving us forward. Also, renaming streets requires a major effort with Federal, State, County, and local governments to change addresses, maps, etc. This would be very costly, and time-consuming to re-print and re-publish all maps for the area and to change all property records and addresses. It is our opinion that this time and money could contribute to a more productive cause.

We do suggest and support signs (we're not sure if this is already planned) at the north and south ends of Edgartown with a historical identification of the area.

Please let us know if anything further is requested of the Parks Advisory Committee.

Thank you,

Charlene

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Parks Advisory Chair