

**Plantations Two Community Conversation Meeting
November 3, 2022**

**Facilitator Summary
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Members of the Community Agree:

- 1. This is a wonderful community where they love to live.**
- 2. It is important to remember/honor history.**

Members of the Community Disagree:

2. How to best remember/honor history – Opinions tended to lean toward either changing the name or keeping the name the same.

A. Some feel that keeping the name of “Plantations II” is best way to acknowledge and remember history.

- Important to recognize the wrongs of slavery.
- Educate our children
- A plaque with the names of those enslaved to honor them was suggested. A smaller donation to a Black History or other organization was suggested vs. spending money on name change.
- Generally expressed that we have a diverse, welcoming community now and the “stain of slavery” is in the past.

B. Some feel that changing the name of “Plantations II” is best way to address history.

- Name is very hurtful to some community members and some friends of community members.
- Name represents pain and oppression through slavery imposed on African American people on this land.
- Names matter. Changing the name is small gesture that would mean a great deal to those who the name disturbs.
- Generally expressed past is still with us and we have work to do.

3. Financial/Value

There were a range of quotes on cost of name change (0-\$20,000). Based on quotes obtained from the committee. The front entrance sign is considered a Capital Asset, (much like the tennis courts and playground) to remove the signs would require a vote from the community. Some were clear that they do not want to be financially impacted by name change.

Some felt that the value of homes in the community has not been negatively impacted by the current name and do not want to change the name of the community unless home values/sales are impacted.

Next steps

The HOA board will be mailing out one ballot to the owners of each resident home within the community.

Note – only one vote per home, and/or owner, and 60% of the homeowners need to vote Yes for the name change to go forward.

The vote will be simply:

Change the name **OR** Don't change the name