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To: Metropolitan Council
From: Metropolitan Historical Commission, Staff
Date: October 24, 2019
Re: BL2019-14

An ordinance to amend the Geographic Information Systems Street and Alley Centerline Layer for the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, by changing the name of Worth Street to "Creative Way." (Proposal Number 2019M-001SR-001).

As mapped, the subject road, Worth Street, runs from Briarville Road east to Lewis Road. Currently, only about half of the mapped route has been constructed. As built, Worth Street runs from Briarville Road east to the intersection with Ellington Place, primarily serving as an extended entrance to the Ellington Place Condominiums located to its south (Figures 1 and 3). The mapped segment of Worth Street intended to run from the intersection with Ellington Place east to Lewis Road remains unbuilt. All units in the Ellington Place Condominiums maintain Ellington Place addresses; there are no addresses on Worth Street.

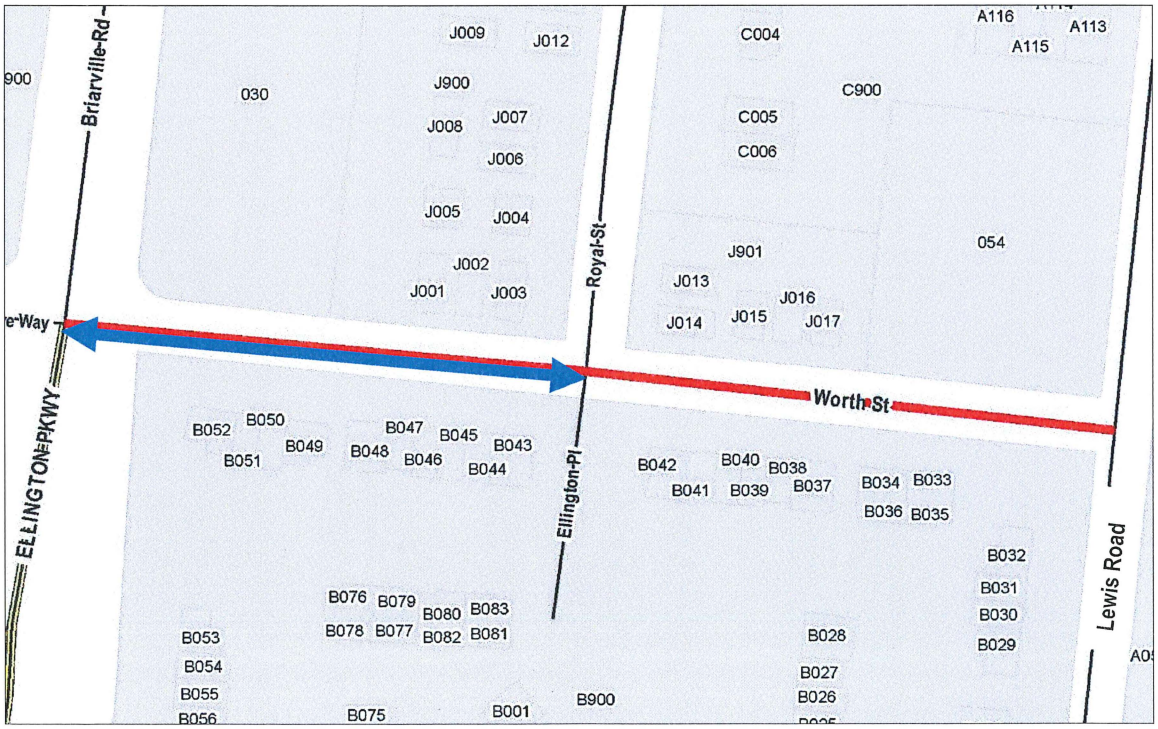

Figure 1: Red line indicates mapped route of Worth Street. Blue line (with arrows) indicates built segment.

Deeds for properties adjacent to Worth Street refer to a common plat, the *Subdivision of the Herbert Anderson Tract, Part of the N.O. Love Estate*, recorded on May 17, 1913.[1] Worth Street does not appear on this plat, but the road does appear on subsequent re-subdivisions of the Anderson property. Over thirty years after the recording of the Anderson subdivision, Worth Street appears on the unrecorded plat for *E.E. Russell's Subdivision of Lots Nos. 14-15-16-17 of the Herbert Anderson Tract as of record in Book 421, page 37 R.O.D.C.*, drawn in July 1947.[2] On this plat, Worth Street is mapped as a 50' wide road running from Briarville Road east to Lewis Road, crossing Royal Street at its midway point. This route is similar to the route shown in Figure 1.

Although Worth Street was mapped by 1947, the road remained unbuilt for at least thirty more years, as noted on the plat for *Subdivision of B.F. and P. Properties*, recorded on October 5, 1978.[3] Worth Street appears on this plat, which subdivided property located at the northeast corner of the Briarville Road and Worth Street intersection, but a parenthetical notation alongside it indicates that the road, now mapped as 40' wide, is "unbuilt."

Several more years passed before construction of Worth Street finally began. Worth Street appears on the *Subdivision Plat for Ellington Place Condominiums*, recorded on February 28, 1986 (Figure 2).[4] On this plat, Worth Street runs from Briarville Road east to a stub intersection with Royal Street (Figure 3).[5] Unlike the route shown on *E.E. Russell's Subdivision*, it does not continue to Lewis Road, which is labeled as "Not Open" on the plat. According to the Assessor of Property's online records, units in the Ellington Place development were built in 1986.

With the road finally built, Metro Nashville Public Works accepted Worth Street for maintenance on February 27, 1987.[6] Metropolitan Council approved amendments to the Official Street and Alley Acceptance and Maintenance Map, which included the acceptance of Worth Street, by Ordinance No. 088-175 on March 15, 1988.[7] Mayor Bill Boner approved the ordinance on March 18, 1988.[8]

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[1] *Subdivision of the Herbert Anderson Tract, Part of the N.O. Love Estate*, recorded on May 17, 1913, Plat Book 421, Page 37, RODC.
[2] *E.E. Russell's Subdivision of Lots Nos. 14-15-16-17 of the Herbert Anderson Tract as of record in Book 421, page 37 R.O.D.C.*, unrecorded plat 2289, dated July 8, 1947, L.D. Justice, Surveyor. Filed in Misc. Plat Book 4, Page 8, accessed through Metropolitan Planning Department's digital files. Also called "Russell Heights" in subsequent deeds.
[3] *Subdivision of B.F. and P. Properties*, Subdivision No. 78-344-G, recorded on October 5, 1978, Plat Book 5200, Page 95, RODC.
[4] *Ellington Place Condominiums*, Subdivision No. 85-527-G, recorded on February 28, 1986, Plat Book 6250, Page 829, RODC.
[5] As of July 2019, Royal Street does not intersect Worth Street. Like Worth, the mapped segment remains only partially built.
[6] Per email correspondence with Metro Nashville Public Works, July 19 and 22, 2019.
[7] Ordinance 088-175 approved the maintenance map for all streets accepted by Metro Nashville Public Works between October 1986 and September 1987. Per email correspondence with Metro Nashville Public Works, July 19 and 22, 2019.
[8] Metropolitan Clerk's Office, Digital Records.

The historical record (deeds, plats, etc.) does not indicate the origin of the name “Worth.”

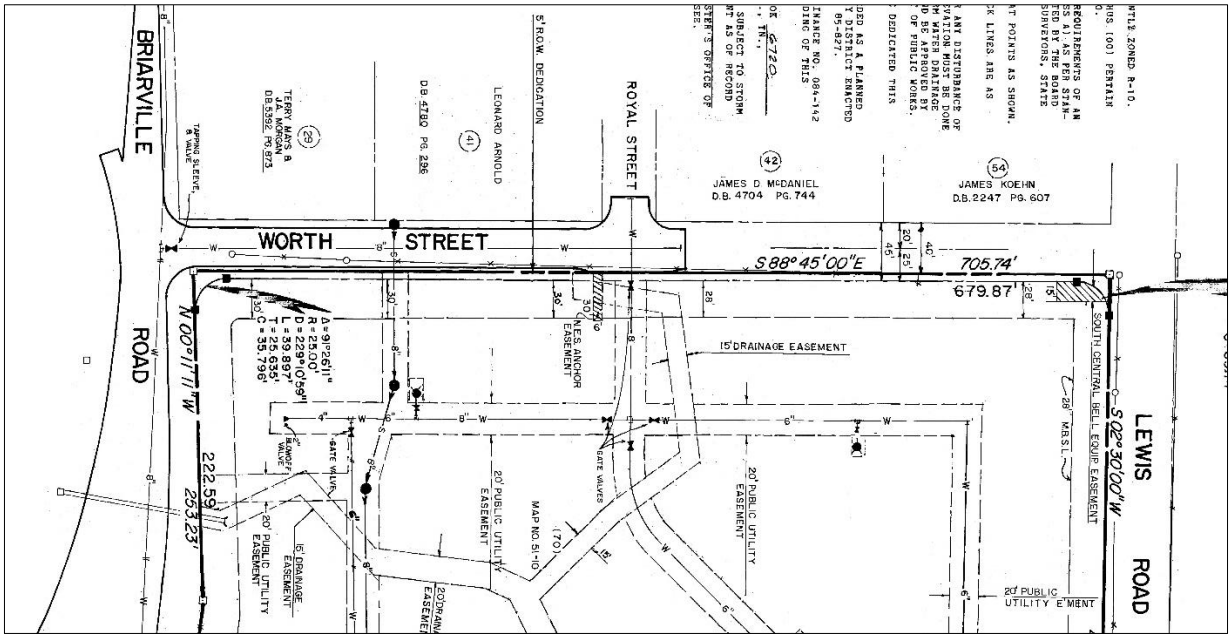

Figure 2: Subdivision Plat for Ellington Place Condominiums, 1986.

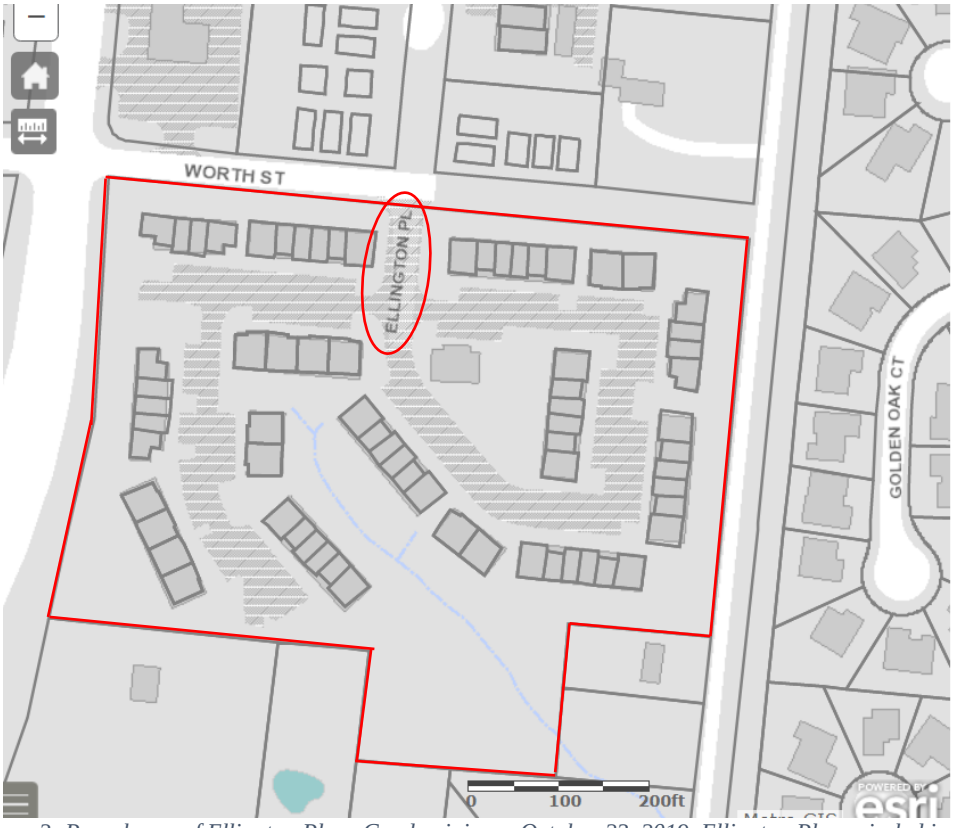

Figure 3: Parcel map of Ellington Place Condominiums, October 23, 2019. Ellington Place circled in red.