

DATE: August 7, 2024  
TO: Joliet Plan Commission  
FROM: Planning Staff  
SUBJECT: SN-1-24: Street Name Change for Riverboat Center Boulevard to Rock Creek Boulevard (adjacent to 1411 and 1421 Riverboat Center Drive)

GENERAL INFORMATION:

APPLICANT: City of Joliet  
STATUS OF APPLICANT: Owner  
REQUESTED ACTION: Street name change  
PURPOSE: To align the street names at this intersection to eliminate confusing street signage  
EXISTING ZONING: Adjacent zoning is B-3 (General Business)  
LOCATION: Between Houbolt Road and Riverboat Center Drive (adjacent to 05-06-23-401-003-0000 and 05-06-23-402-004-0000)  
R.O.W. SIZE: Approximately 277 linear feet  
EXISTING LAND USE: Local street

SURROUNDING LAND USE & ZONING:

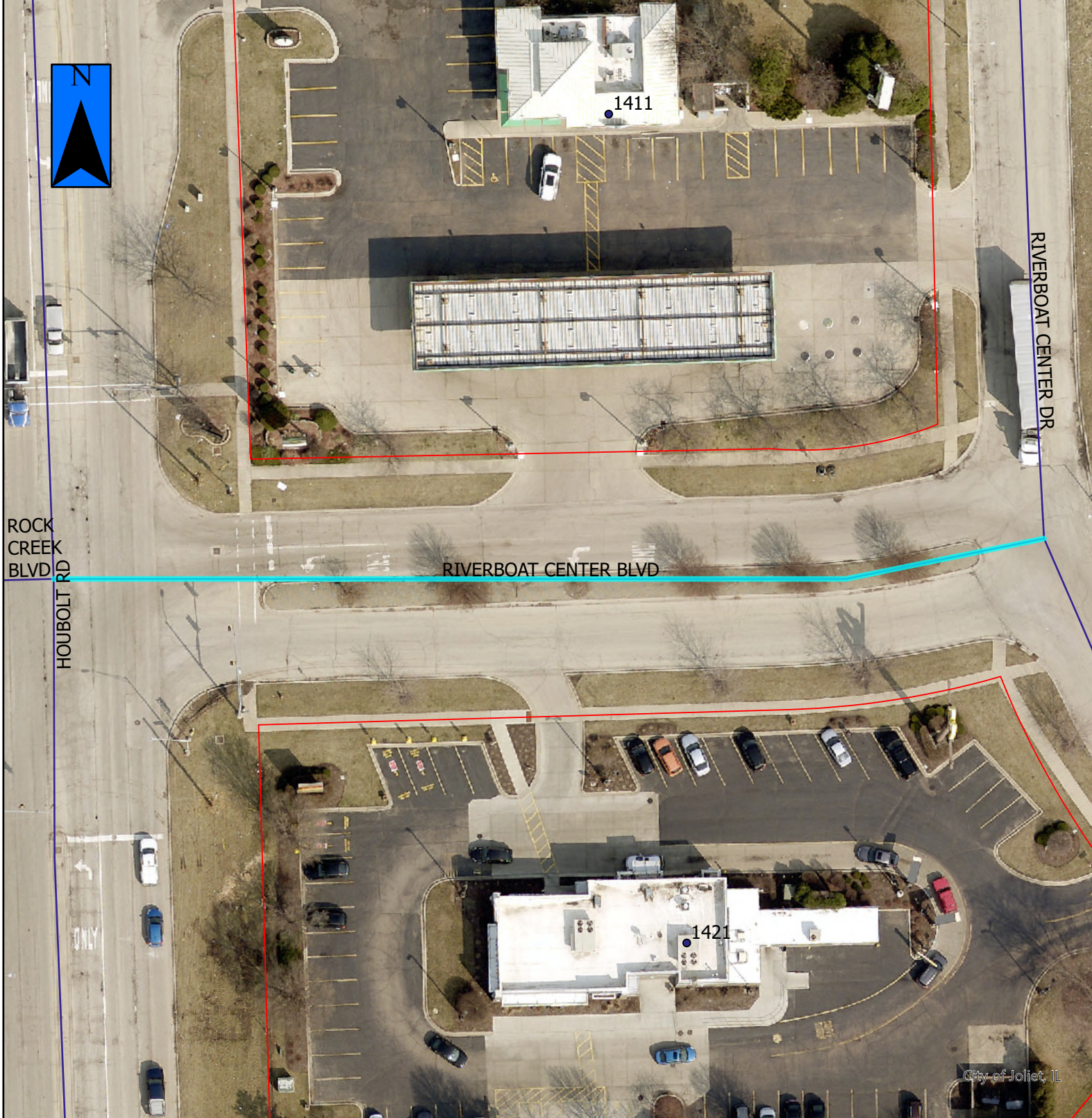
NORTH: Commercial, B-3 (General Business)  
SOUTH: Commercial, B-3 (General Business)  
EAST: Commercial, B-3 (General Business)  
WEST: Commercial, B-3 (General Business)

SITE HISTORY: The intersection of Houbolt Road with Riverboat Center Boulevard and Rock Creek Boulevard was built in the mid-1990s. Riverboat Center Boulevard is on the east side of the intersection and Rock Creek Boulevard is on the west side. Riverboat Center Boulevard, the subject of this request, is only one block long and terminates at Riverboat Center Drive on the east. Rock Creek Boulevard aligns with Riverboat Center Boulevard on the west side of the intersection and is a longer street with many established properties along its frontage.

SPECIAL INFORMATION: The City will soon be replacing the street signs at this Houbolt Road intersection and would like to change Riverboat Center Boulevard to Rock Creek Boulevard to simplify the street signage at the intersection. The only sign at this intersection for Riverboat Center Boulevard is a street sign pole at the southeast corner. There are street signs for Rock Creek Boulevard on the mast arms of both the north and south traffic signals on Houbolt Road, as well as on a pole at the northwest corner. Vehicles traveling on Houbolt Road approaching the intersection would simultaneously see the small sign for Riverboat Center Boulevard and the larger sign for Rock Creek Boulevard. The street name change will eliminate the confusing signage as only one name will be displayed.

Riverboat Center Boulevard is only one block long and has no properties fronting it, so the change to Rock Creek Boulevard will not affect any property addresses. The two commercial properties adjacent to the street have addresses on Riverboat Center Drive.

ANALYSIS: Approval of the requested street name change will create consistent street naming and correct confusing street signage at this intersection.



ROCK  
CREEK  
BLVD

HOUBOLT RD

RIVERBOAT CENTER BLVD

RIVERBOAT CENTER DR

1411

1421

City of Joliet, IL

**SN-1-24**



Street Name Change for  
Riverboat Center Boulevard to  
Rock Creek Boulevard

Figure 1: Intersection of Houbolt Road with Riverboat Center Boulevard on the east and Rock Creek Boulevard on the west (2024)



Figure 2: Street signs at the intersection, looking north up Houbolt Road (October 2022)

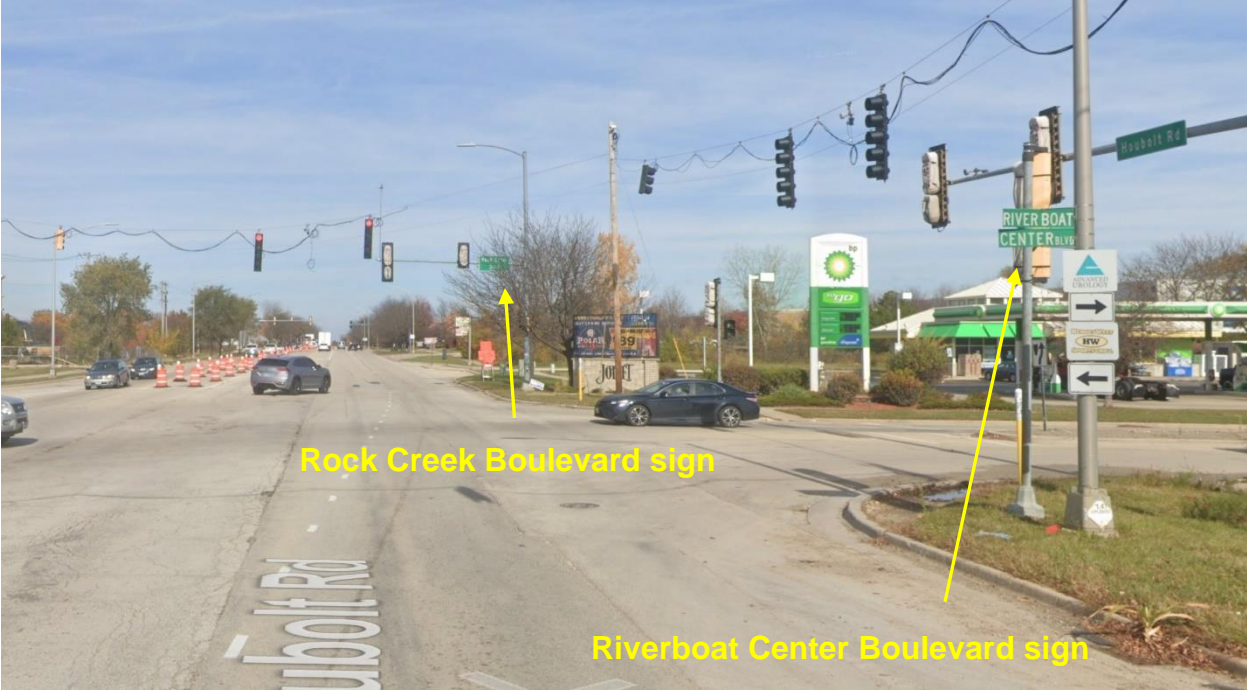


Figure 3: Street signs at the intersection, looking south down Houbolt Road (July 2021)



CASE NO: SN-1-24  
DATE FILED: 7/12/24

CITY PLAN COMMISSION  
JOLIET, ILLINOIS

PETITION TO CHANGE A STREET NAME

PETITIONER'S NAME: CITY OF JOLIET  
HOME ADDRESS: 150 W. JEFFERSON ST.  
CITY, STATE, ZIP: JOLIET, IL 60432  
HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
CELL #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
BUSINESS ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
BUSINESS PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY (location of street): \_\_\_\_\_

COMMON ADDRESS: RIVERBOAT CENTER BOULEVARD (EAST OF HEBBOLT / WEST OF CENTER DRIVE)

LOT SIZE: WIDTH: 100' DEPTH 277.16 AREA \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT STREET NAME: RIVERBOAT CENTER BOULEVARD

PROPOSED STREET NAME: ROCK CREEK BOULEVARD

USES OF SURROUNDING PROPERTIES: North: Com ; B-3  
South: " ; "  
East: " ; "  
West: " ; "

REASON FOR REQUEST: TO CORRECT CONFUSING STREET SIGNAGE ISSUE

STATE OF ILLINOIS) ss  
COUNTY OF WILL )

I, JAMES N. TORRI, depose and say that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further state that I agree to be present in person or by representation when this petition is heard by the Plan Commission.

[Signature]  
Petitioner's Signature

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_