



CIVIC ASSET NAMING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

A meeting of the Civic Asset Naming Committee was held on Tuesday September 10, 2013, at 5:00 pm, in the Town Hall Room 115, Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Verna Magee Shepherd, Chair
Leslie Clauson
Elizabeth Walker

ABSENT: Dmitry Alenushkin, Vice-Chair

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Andrea Reimer, Council Liaison
Heather Gordon, Archives Manager
Al Zacharias, City Surveyor

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Laura Kazakoff, Meeting Coordinator

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Elizabeth Walker
SECONDED by Leslie Clauson

THAT the minutes of the meeting held Monday, May 6, 2013, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Naming in the News

The Committee discussed an article from the North Shore News about a private initiative to name alleyways.

2. Review of Proposed Name Submitted by Public

The Committee considered two submissions of street name suggestions received via the City's website. Following discussion regarding the criteria for names to be added to the Civic Asset Name Reserve List, it was agreed to take no further action on the two requests.

3. Civic Asset Naming Requests

(a) Request for Naming of Three Public Streets in River District (also known as East Fraserlands)

At its meeting on May 6, 2013, the Committee postponed decision on the naming of three streets in the River District to the September meeting, in order to allow for further discussion at a working session and the receipt of additional information from ParkLane.

Accordingly, the Committee had before it a letter dated June 19, 2013, from Joe Carreira, Development Manager, ParkLane Homes.

The Chair welcomed Joe Carreira to the meeting and provided a brief overview of the Committee's activities in this regard since the May 6, 2013, meeting.

Mr. Carreira noted the three streets to be discussed are of significant importance as they are the only commercial streets in the development. He also provided additional information with regard to timelines, noting there may be more time for consideration than what was originally thought.

Al Zacharias, City Surveyor, noted that only a portion of Road 7 has been formally dedicated as street and can therefore be legally named by Council through a by-law enactment. However, he felt that the Committee could move forward in its consideration of names for all three streets, noting the report to Council will need to explain that only that portion of Road 7 which has been dedicated is being named, and the other names are recommended "in principle".

The Chair advised Mr. Carreira of the names which the Committee had agreed to at a working session of the Committee - "North Arm Avenue" (Road 7), "River District Crossing" (Road 12), and "Candlefish Crescent" (Road 13) - and asked for his feedback.

During discussion with Mr. Carreira on the three proposed names and the timing of the Committee's street name recommendations going to City Council, it was agreed to delay a decision on Road 13 to a future meeting.

The Committee also discussed the possibility of Road 7 being extended east to follow the roadway along the river. Mr. Zacharias agreed to follow up with addressing staff for their feedback on this suggestion.

It was, therefore,

MOVED by Elizabeth Walker
SECONDED by Leslie Clauson

- A. THAT the name "North Arm Avenue" be recommended to Council for the street shown as "Road 7" on the graphic contained within the letter from ParkLane Homes dated June 19, 2013.

- B. THAT the name "River District Crossing" be recommended to Council for the street shown as "Road 12" on the graphic contained within the letter from ParkLane Homes dated June 19, 2013.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Note: Subsequent to the Committee meeting, and following advice from the City Clerk, it was decided that only that portion of Road 7 which is formally dedicated as a city street would be reported to Council on October 8, 2013. Road 12 and the remainder of Road 7 will be reported to Council as soon as the street dedications have taken place.

4. Correspondence

The Committee briefly discussed emails received by all Committee members regarding "Talk Vancouver", noting that all citizens are welcome to submit ideas and opinions online at www.talkvancouver.com.

5. New Business

The Committee was advised that items requested at the last Committee meeting in May regarding naming processes and policies would be scheduled for the November meeting.

Leslie Clauson noted there is an existing street in the River District area which currently has one address on it, and wondered if it would be a candidate for renaming during the process of naming the many new streets in the district. Al Zacharias, City Surveyor, agreed to follow up and provide additional information on the street.

It was agreed to book a Working Session of the Committee prior to the next regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Elizabeth Walker
SECONDED by Leslie Clauson

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, November 25, 2013
TIME: 5:00 pm
PLACE: Town Hall - Room 115

The Committee adjourned at 7:35 pm.

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