



NOTICE OF MEETING
CIVIC ASSET NAMING COMMITTEE
AGENDA

DATE: Monday, November 3, 2014
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1
Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

PLEASE NOTE:

- *If you are unable to attend this meeting, please advise Laura Kazakoff at 604.871.6353 or e-mail laura.kazakoff@vancouver.ca*
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Roll Call

Leave of Absence Requests

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held September 8, 2014, to be approved.

1. Naming in the News
2. Review of Naming Proposals Submitted by Public
 - (a) Jim Deva (see attached)
3. "Memory Walk" Project - PeerNetBC

Romi Chandra Herbert, Co-Executive Director, PeerNetBC will provide information regarding an upcoming project called "Memory Walk" which will engage youth in exploring sites of injustice and justice and to look at ways to improve naming of monuments and places. The Committee's feedback is sought.

4. Civic Asset Naming Requests

(a) West End Lane Between Nelson and Comox Streets

Further to the presentation by Planning and Development Services staff at the September 8, 2014, meeting, and a Committee working session, the Committee will consider a name for a West End lane located between the 1500 and 1600 blocks of Nelson and Comox Streets (from Bidwell Street to Nicola Street). For recommendation to City Council.

5. Naming of Lanes in the West End

In anticipation of the future need to name several lanes in the West End, the Committee will discuss a framework or theme to guide the naming recommendation process. The Committee will begin to compile a list of potential names which can be recommended to City Council as naming opportunities arise.

6. New Business

Next Meeting:

To be determined.

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Agenda Item No: 2(a)

Suggestion to add name to Name Reserve List: Jim Deva

Quoting from email submission:

Jim cofounded the Little Sister's Book and Art Emporium. Jim is best known for the long and successful fight that he and store manager Janine Fuller waged against Canada Customs censors, who tried to prevent LGBT literature from being brought across the border. The bookstore served as a community gathering space for more than three decades. To quote Mayor Robertson, "He was an inspiration to Vancouver and all Canadians, and his irrepressible courage and tireless advocacy for equal rights and free expression played an enormous role in shaping the city that Vancouver is today."

The requestor suggests the name for any asset in the West End.

Staff comments:

At its Regular meeting on October 14, 2014, Vancouver City Council approved a motion entitled "Recognizing Jim Deva's Legacy". The motion states:

WHEREAS

1. The passing of Jim Deva has prompted a remarkable outpouring of community reflection on his life and legacy as a champion for LGBTTO equality, free expression, and social justice;
2. Vancouver City Council is immensely grateful for Jim Deva's outstanding role in shaping the city that Vancouver is today, and a lifetime of leadership and advocacy for human rights that echoed all the way to Supreme Court of Canada;
3. The City of Vancouver is committed to building on Jim Deva's legacy by continuing and expanding its leading advocacy for LGBTTO equality, rights, and inclusion;
4. The community-driven West End Plan recently approved by Council recognizes the Davie Village as a 'culturally and historically important hub for Vancouver's LGBTTO community', identifies Davie and Bute as the heart of Davie Village, and extensive consultation has now been completed on the recommendation of an enhanced, permanent plaza at Davie and Bute.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT staff be directed to report back on options to identify an appropriate place or civic asset to be named in recognition of Jim Deva and his lifetime of advocacy, working with the input of Jim Deva's family, the City of Vancouver's LGBTQ Advisory Committee, the Park Board, and the Civic Asset Naming Committee.
- B. THAT staff be directed to report back on the results of recent consultation done as part of the West End Community Plan on the future of an enhanced, permanent plaza at Davie and Bute, with a view to exploring this plaza as one potential option for recognition of Jim Deva's life and legacy and the history and contributions of the LGBTTO community in Vancouver.

As a result of the West End Community Plan's vision for laneway development, the Civic Asset Naming Committee is currently responding to a need to begin recommending names for lanes in the West End. There is a desire to focus these names on individuals with strong connections to the neighbourhood. Should the Bute Street Plaza not be the chosen option for commemorating Mr. Deva's legacy, a lane could be a fitting alternative.

"Jim Deva" does not pose any public safety issues.

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