



CIVIC ASSET NAMING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 4, 2013

A meeting of the Civic Asset Naming Committee was held on Monday, February 4, 2013, at 5:00 pm, in the Town Hall Room 115, Ground Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

- PRESENT:** Verna Magee Shepherd, Chair
Leslie Clauson
Stephanie Doerksen
Elizabeth Walker
- ABSENT:** Dmitry Alenushkin, Vice-Chair (Leave of Absence)
- ALSO PRESENT:** Les Mobbs, City Archivist
Heather Gordon, Archives Manager
Al Zacharias, City Surveyor
- CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Laura Kazakoff, Meeting Coordinator

Leave of Absence Requests

A leave of absence for this meeting was approved for Dmitry Alenushkin.

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Elizabeth Walker
SECONDED by Leslie Clauson

THAT the minutes of the meeting held Monday, September 24, 2012, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of 2013 Meetings Schedule

MOVED by Stephanie Doerksen
SECONDED by Leslie Clauson

THAT the following schedule of meetings for 2013 be approved:

Monday, May 6
Monday, September 9
Monday, November 25

All meetings to begin at 5:00 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Naming in the News

Les Mobbs, City Archivist, noted that the Park Board had recently approved renaming a small park on Burrard Street at Dunsmuir from "Discovery Square" to "Art Phillips Park", in commemoration of the former mayor's contributions to the city.

2. Request for Renaming of Grandview Highway

At its meeting on September 24, 2012, the Committee considered a request from a member of the public to rename Grandview Highway in order to replace the word "highway" with "avenue" or "boulevard". At the Committee's request, the matter was brought back to this meeting, along with additional information provided by staff.

During its discussion and review, the Committee agreed that the suggested name change did not meet the criteria for renaming civic assets which states that "existing city assets will not be renamed unless the renaming generally improves public safety".

However, it was also noted that street name changes might be appropriately considered within the context of larger planning initiatives; for example, neighbourhood visioning or transportation planning processes. For this reason, it was therefore,

MOVED by Leslie Clauson
SECONDED by Elizabeth Walker

THAT the request to consider renaming Grandview Highway to "Grandview Avenue" or "Grandview Boulevard" be forwarded to the Grandview/Woodlands Community Planning Group, for consideration during their planning process; and

FURTHER THAT the request also be forwarded to the Transportation 2040 planning process currently being undertaken by the City's Engineering Department.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VARY AGENDA

Due to the arrival of Kyra Lubell, Parklane Homes, the Committee agreed to vary the order of the agenda in order to deal with Item 4 prior to Item 3. For clarity the items are recorded in chronological order.

4. Civic Asset Naming Requests

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

The Committee had for consideration a letter dated January 29, 2013, from ParkLane Homes, putting forward recommendations for the naming of four public streets within their River District development.

Kyra Lubell, Director of Community Relations, ParkLane Homes, was present for this item, and responded to questions and provided further information with regard to the River District development and the developer's proposed street names. In reviewing the timelines for the development, Ms. Lubell noted that there were 24 streets to be named, however, suggested it may be best to first focus on the four streets put forward in the correspondence.

During discussion, Les Mobbs, City Archivist, referenced a 2010 letter from ParkLane which provided additional historical and background information regarding the River District.

The Chair thanked Ms. Lubell for her attendance and requested that a copy of the 2010 correspondence be provided along with any updated information which may assist the Committee in its discussions.

Following Ms. Lubell's departure, the Committee discussed options for moving forward on this matter and agreed to schedule a Working Session of the Committee in approximately one month, and then bring this item back to the next regular meeting on May 6, 2013.

3. Review of Proposed Name Submitted by Public

The Committee had for review a request received via the City's website to add the name "Lauren Woolstencroft" to the Name Reserve List. Ms. Woolstencroft is a multiple gold medal-winning winter Paralympian.

MOVED by Leslie Clauson
SECONDED by Elizabeth Walker

THAT the name Lauren Woolstencroft be added to the Name Reserve List, for use on any City asset, in any location.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Correspondence

None.

6. New Business

None.

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, May 6, 2013
TIME: 5:00 pm
PLACE: tbd

The Committee adjourned at 6:35 pm.

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