



CIVIC ASSET NAMING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MAY 6, 2013

A meeting of the Civic Asset Naming Committee was held on Monday, May 6, 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 (Leave of Absence)
Stephanie Doerksen (Leave of Absence)
- ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Andrea Reimer, Council Liaison
Les Mobbs, City Archivist, Staff Liaison
Heather Gordon, Archives Manager
Al Zacharias, City Surveyor
- CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Laura Kazakoff, Meeting Coordinator

Leave of Absence Requests

Leaves of absence for this meeting were approved for Dmitry Alenushkin and Stephanie Doerksen.

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Elizabeth Walker
SECONDED by Leslie Clauson

THAT the minutes of the meeting held Monday, February 4, 2013, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Naming in the News

The Committee discussed naming related topics in recent news reports, including "Dude Chilling Park" and an article about the River District.

2. Review of Proposed Name Submitted by Public - Adam Burhoe

Verna Magee Shepherd, Chair, welcomed Mike Thomson, Surveyor General of BC, to the meeting and invited him to speak in regard to the request from himself and from Chuck Salmon, Association of BC Land Surveyors, to add the name Adam Burhoe to the list of potential civic asset names.

Mr. Thomson provided an overview of Adam Burhoe's history as a land surveyor, including his employment with the City of Vancouver and as a commissioned BC land surveyor.

Vary Agenda

Following Mr. Thomson's departure, the Committee moved on to Item 3, in order to hear from the guest in attendance for that item. At the conclusion of Item 3, it was therefore,

MOVED by Elizabeth Walker
SECONDED by Leslie Clauson

THAT the name Adam Burhoe be added to the Civic Asset Name Reserve List, and the Lower Mainland BC Land Surveyors Group be asked to provide suggestions as to the most appropriate types of civic asset this name might be applied to.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Civic Asset Naming Requests

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

The Chair welcomed Joe Carreira, Parklane Homes, to the meeting and asked for clarification in regard to timelines and the actual number of streets to be named in this phase, noting that two of the streets put forward actually appear to run in a continuous line. Mr. Carreira agreed that one name could be applied to streets 13 and 23, and reviewed the proposed development schedule and related street name timing requirements.

Mr. Carreira provided an overview of the site and reviewed the developers' objectives in relation to street naming. He noted that "River District Crescent" was one of their proposed names and asked that it continue to be considered for streets 13/23.

The Committee provided Mr. Carreira with a list of names which had been discussed at its working session, and additional suggestions put forward by a Committee member following the session. Mr. Carreira agreed to take the list to ParkLane Homes for review and provide feedback in a few weeks. In addition, Les Mobbs, City Archivist, advised he would consult with Emergency Services staff with regard to "River District", given that the word "river" appears in

many Lower Mainland street names, and also as to the appropriateness of three word street names (i.e. River District Crescent).

Following Mr. Carreira's departure, the Chair advised that the matter will be brought back to a future working session or meeting of the Committee, pending receipt of additional communication from ParkLane Homes.

5. Correspondence

The Committee briefly discussed the letter from the City's IT Department regarding proposed methods of communicating the Committee's work online.

6. New Business

(a) Emergency Services Request

Les Mobbs noted that he had been asked to provide phonetic spellings to Fire & Rescue Services for all new names which are added to the street name list or for assets which would otherwise be used for way-finding.

(b) Future Agenda Items

The Chair requested the following be added to the agenda for discussion at the September 9, 2013, meeting:

- possible policy for naming of public spaces, such as bicycle lanes or other assets that are currently not named;
- naming processes used by other bodies, such as Parks, School Board, and Vancouver Public Library.

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, September 9, 2013
TIME: 5:00 pm
PLACE: tbd

The Committee adjourned at 6:05 pm.

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