



CIVIC ASSET NAMING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MARCH 3, 2014

A meeting of the Civic Asset Naming Committee was held on Monday, March 3, 2014, at 5:40 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, second floor, Vancouver City Hall.

- PRESENT:** Verna Magee Shepherd, Chair
John Atkin
Yvonne Chin
Leslie Clauson, Vice-Chair
Dimitrios Douzenis
Elizabeth Walker
Kim Washburn
Naomi Williams
- ABSENT:** Heather Forbes (Leave of Absence)
- ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Andrea Reimer, Council Liaison
Heather Gordon, City Archivist
Al Zacharias, City Surveyor
- CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Laura Kazakoff, Meeting Coordinator

Introductions

The Chair welcomed five new members to the Committee and invited all present to introduce themselves.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Dimitrios Douzenis
SECONDED by John Atkin

THAT Heather Forbes be granted Leave of Absence for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Election of Vice-Chair

Leslie Clauson was elected Vice-Chair by acclamation.

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Leslie Clauson
SECONDED by Elizabeth Walker

THAT the minutes of the meeting held Monday, November 25, 2013, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Naming in the News

Heather Gordon, City Archivist, noted recent naming issues in the news included a proposed park in Marpole potentially named for the former Silvertree Mill, and Guelph Park in Mount Pleasant, where the "Dude Chilling Park" sign has been put back in place with the approval of the Park Board.

Ms. Gordon also provided an overview of an article in the Vancouver Historical Society's February 2014 newsletter about Elizabeth Walker and her 60 years of service to the Society.

2. Review of Naming Proposals Submitted by Public

(a) Trutch Street - Renaming Request

The Committee had for consideration a request from a member of the public asking that Trutch Street be renamed. During discussion it was noted that the City's street naming criteria, does not allow for the renaming of civic assets unless it is to address a public safety issue.

It was agreed to respond to the writer noting that current policy does not allow the Committee to recommend street name changes to City Council, however the Committee recognizes the significance of the issues raised in the letter and will explore what options may be possible in regard to future policy changes.

The Committee agreed to discuss the issue of renaming and to further review the "Name Reserve List" at a future working session.

3. Civic Asset Naming Requests

(a) Rolston Street and Continental Street - Naming of extensions of public streets

Al Zacharias, City Surveyor, provided background information in regard to the naming of Rolston and Continental Streets, and noted that new streets which will line up with the two streets will be created with the future removal of the Granville Street "loops". He further explained it is City practice to have continuously-named streets for way-finding purposes, and requested Committee approval for naming those future streets as extensions of Rolston and Continental.

It was therefore,

MOVED by Kim Washburn
SECONDED by John Atkin

THAT the future new streets to be created by the removal of the Granville "loops", as shown on the graphic attached to the agenda for this meeting, be named as extensions of Rolston Street and Continental Street.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(b) Naming of Public Streets in River District - Background and Overview

Al Zacharias, City Surveyor, reviewed the background and context of the River District area, and provided a graphic on which the unnamed future streets are referenced by numbers.

Leslie Clauson provided an overview of Committee's involvement to date in considering and putting forward street name recommendations in the River District development with a view to respecting the site's historical, cultural, and natural features.

During discussion, the Chair noted the next step for the Committee was to further discuss street naming opportunities, in particular regarding roads 8 and 17. Therefore, it was agreed to schedule two Working Sessions of the Committee to occur prior to the next regular meeting in June.

4. Naming Processes and Policies

Heather Gordon, City Archivist, provided an update on her enquiries with Parks and Recreation staff regarding their park naming process. During discussion it was noted that while this Committee is not mandated to advise the Park Board, there may be options available for providing suggestions for naming of green spaces.

5. Correspondence

None.

6. New Business

None.

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, June 23, 2014
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: City Hall Business Centre
2nd Floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:16 pm.

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