



CIVIC ASSET NAMING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 3, 2014

A meeting of the Civic Asset Naming Committee was held on Monday, November 3, 2014, at 5:33 pm, in Committee Room 1, third floor, Vancouver City Hall.

- PRESENT:** Verna Magee Shepherd, Chair
John Atkin
Leslie Clauson, Vice-Chair
Heather Forbes
Elizabeth Walker
- ABSENT:** Demitrios Douzenis
Lillian Howard
- ALSO PRESENT:** Heather Gordon, City Archivist (Staff Liaison)
Al Zacharias, City Surveyor
- CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Laura Kazakoff, Meeting Coordinator

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Leslie Clauson
SECONDED by Elizabeth Walker

THAT the minutes of the meeting held Monday, September 8, 2014, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VARY AGENDA

The Committee agreed to vary the order of the agenda in order to consider Item 3 as the first item of business. For ease of reference, the items are minuted in numerical order.

1. Naming in the News

Heather Gordon, City Archivist, and Committee members discussed naming-related items which had appeared in recent news articles.

2. Review of Naming Proposals Submitted by Public

(a) Jim Deva

The Committee considered a request from a member of the public to add the name Jim Deva to the Civic Asset Name Reserve List, in recognition of his lengthy involvement in community activism and equal rights advocacy.

The Committee also discussed the motion approved by City Council on October 14, 2014, entitled "Recognizing Jim Deva's Legacy".

MOVED by John Atkin

SECONDED by Elizabeth Walker

THAT the Civic Asset Naming Committee approve the addition of Jim Deva to the Civic Asset Name Reserve List, for use on any civic asset in the West End.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. "Memory Walk" Project - PeerNetBC

Romi Chandra Herbert, Co-Executive Director, PeerNetBC, provided an overview of the upcoming *Memory Walk* project which will engage youth and the larger community in looking at sites of justice/injustice to get ideas regarding naming of such sites. Mr. Chandra Herbert requested the Committee's feedback regarding the naming of civic assets and the potential for youth involvement in such naming.

During discussion, members provided information regarding the civic asset naming process and the role of the Committee and offered suggestions with regard to the project. The Committee also expressed interest in a future meeting with project participants to exchange information regarding the naming of city assets once the project was underway.

4. Civic Asset Naming Requests

(a) West End Lane Between Nelson and Comox Streets

The Chair reviewed the Working Session discussion on this matter and noted a name was to be recommended to City Council before the end of the year. She reminded the Committee they had considered the name "Henshaw" for this lane, after Julia Henshaw.

It was, therefore,

MOVED by John Atkin
SECONDED by Elizabeth Walker

THAT the Civic Asset Naming Committee approve the name "Henshaw Lane" be recommended to City Council for the lane between the 1500 and 1600 blocks of Nelson and Comox Streets (from Bidwell Street to Nicola Street).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Naming of Lanes in the West End

Further to the Working Session held on this matter, the Committee discussed the suggestions put forward by members as potential names for West End lanes. During discussion a few of the names were removed due to similarities to existing street names, and others were flagged as possible names for non-street civic assets or for different parts of the city.

It was agreed to hold a Working Session to further review the names early in the New Year.

6. New Business

(a) Naming of Street Extensions - Carolina Street and East 1st Avenue

Al Zacharias, City Surveyor, provided a graphic and overview regarding two new streets which will be created through the development of the Emily Carr University Great Northern Way Campus and suggested the streets be named as extensions of East 1st Avenue and Carolina Street. He noted the names would be required in the New Year and could possibly go to Council for approval in January.

MOVED by John Atkin
SECONDED by Elizabeth Walker

THAT the Civic Asset Naming Committee approve the names "Carolina Street" and "East 1st Avenue" be recommended to City Council for the two new public streets to be created adjacent to the Emily Carr University - Great Northern Way Campus, as they are extensions of the existing streets.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(b) Naming of Street Extension and New Public Street - Southeast False Creek

Al Zacharias, City Surveyor, provided a graphic and reviewed a development in Southeast False Creek which will create two public streets, one of which is an extension of Switchmen Street. He noted these two streets could also possibly go to Council for approval in January.

During discussion, the history of the area with regard to the railway was noted, which is represented in the name "Switchmen".

It was, therefore,

MOVED by Heather Forbes
SECONDED by Leslie Clauson

THAT the Civic Asset Naming Committee approve the name "Switchmen Street" be recommended to City Council for the new public street to be created west of Quebec Street and north of East 1st Avenue, as it is an extension of the existing Switchmen Street.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Following further consideration, the Committee agreed to recommend "Pullman Porter" for the new street to be created, in recognition of the role porters played in the history of the railway. It was also noted the Pullman Porters' Club was formerly located nearby in Hogan's Alley.

It was, therefore,

MOVED by Heather Forbes
SECONDED by John Atkin

THAT the Civic Asset Naming Committee approve the name "Pullman Porter Street" be recommended to City Council for the new public street to be created between Ontario and Quebec Streets, running north from East 1st Avenue to the above-noted extension of Switchmen Street.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(c) Civic Asset Name Reserve List

At the suggestion of the Chair, it was agreed that the Working Session to review the Reserve List be held following the reestablishment and reappointment of the Committee.

Staff briefly reviewed the potential timing of the Committee's reestablishment following the November 15, 2014, civic election.

(d) Elizabeth Walker

The Chair noted this was Elizabeth's last meeting, and thanked her for her significant contributions to the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Leslie Clauson
SECONDED by Heather Forbes

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

To be determined.

The Committee adjourned at 7:33 pm

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