



CIVIC ASSET NAMING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

JUNE 1, 2015

A meeting of the Civic Asset Naming Committee was held on Monday, June 1, 2015, at 5:37 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: John Atkin, Chair
Scott Anderson
Mali Bain (*via teleconference*)
Francisco Javier Barajas
Leslie Clauson
Lynne Kennedy

ABSENT: Heather Forbes (Leave of Absence)
Joshua Labove (Leave of Absence)
Rennie Nahanee (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Catherine Evans (Park Board Liaison)
Heather Gordon, City Archivist (Staff Liaison)
Al Zacharias, City Surveyor

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Laura Kazakoff, Meeting Coordinator

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Leslie Clauson
SECONDED by Francisco Javier Barajas

THAT Heather Forbes, Joshua Labove and Rennie Nahanee be granted Leave of Absence from today's meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Lynne Kennedy
SECONDED by Scott Anderson

THAT the Minutes of the Civic Asset Naming Committee meeting held on March 30, 2015, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. **Naming in the News**

John Atkin noted that the Vancouver is Awesome website had a recent entry regarding the historical background of several Vancouver street names.

2. **Review of Naming Proposals Submitted by Public**

(a) **Nikola Tesla**

The Committee considered a request to add Nikola Tesla to the Name Reserve List. Following discussion, it was agreed to postpone this item to the next meeting of the Committee in order to allow time to further research the matter before making a decision.

3. **Civic Asset Naming Requests**

(a) **West End Plaza - Naming of permanent plaza at intersection of Bute and Davie Streets**

John Atkin reviewed the discussion related to this matter at the last working session of the Committee.

MOVED by Lynne Kennedy
SECONDED by Francisco Javier Barajas

THAT the Civic Asset Naming Committee recommend to Council that the new plaza to be created on Bute Street, at the intersection of Bute and Davie Streets, be named Jim Deva Plaza (with the name of the street remaining as Bute Street).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee's recommendation will be provided to Planning and Development Services staff for inclusion into their report to Council. The Committee requested that a draft copy of the report be provided to the Chair when it is available.

(b) **Arbutus Village - Extension of Yew Street and naming of new street between Yew and Arbutus Streets**

John Atkin reviewed the working session discussion on this matter. The Committee discussed possible names for the new street to be created between Yew and Arbutus and agreed to do more research and outreach before making a recommendation to Council. The matter will therefore be brought back to a working session in September.

The Committee also agreed however, that the extension of Yew Street could be decided at this meeting.

It was, therefore,

MOVED by Mali Bain
SECONDED by Leslie Clauson

THAT the Civic Asset Naming Committee recommend to Council that the new street to be created running north from Nanton Street as part of the Arbutus Village development process, be named Yew Street, as it is an extension of the existing street.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- (c) **Oakridge Mall Development** - Naming of new street to be created along the west edge of the site from Cambie Street to West 41st Avenue

John Atkin reviewed the discussion on this matter at the last working session. Heather Gordon provided a brief update regarding her discussion with Planning staff on options for public outreach. The Committee discussed the possibility of providing a handout for distribution at the public meetings on the Oakridge Development as well as other locations.

The Committee agreed to bring this matter back to the next meeting in October.

4. Naming of Lanes in the West End

Further to discussions at previous meetings and working sessions, the Committee considered options for the naming of the remaining four West End lanes. The Committee agreed to postpone consideration of Lane 7 to the next meeting, in order to do further research on potential names.

LANE 1

MOVED by Scott Anderson
SECONDED by Mali Bain

THAT the name Eihu ("Eihu Lane") be added to the Civic Asset Name Reserve List with a notation it is to be recommended for the future naming of the portion of West End lane which runs from Chilco to Gilford Streets, between Robson and Alberni Streets.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LANE 11

MOVED by Scott Anderson
SECONDED by Leslie Clauson

THAT the existing entry for Kathleen Cather ("Cather Lane") on the Civic Asset Name Reserve List be updated to add a notation it is to be recommended for the future naming of the portion of West End lane which runs south for half a block from Haro Street, between Bidwell and Cardero Streets.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LANE 12

MOVED by Mali Bain
SECONDED by Francisco Javier Barajas

THAT the existing entry for Pauline Johnson ("Pauline Johnson Lane") on the Civic Asset Name Reserve List be updated to add a notation it is to be recommended for the future naming of the portion of West End lane which runs south for a half a block from Nelson Street, between Denman and Bidwell Streets.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. New Business

- (a) Length of Street Names - Al Zacharias provided information regarding database systems used by the City in recording street names and noted there was a 20 character limit for each entry.
- (b) Upcoming Developments - Al Zacharias also provided information regarding two upcoming developments which may result in new streets to be named.
- (c) New Brighton Park - Leslie Clauson referenced upcoming plans for New Brighton Park and noted she hoped the Committee could have conversations with Parks about ways to acknowledge the historical significance of that site.

ADJOURN

MOVED by Leslie Clauson
SECONDED by Scott Anderson

THAT that meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, October 5, 2015
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room
2nd floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:03 pm

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