



**CIVIC ASSET NAMING COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 5, 2015**

A meeting of the Civic Asset Naming Committee was held on Monday, October 5, 2015, at 5:37 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

**PRESENT:** John Atkin, Chair  
Mali Bain  
Francisco Javier Barajas  
Leslie Clauson  
Heather Forbes  
Lynne Kennedy  
Rennie Nahanee

**ABSENT:** Scott Anderson (Leave of Absence)  
Johua Labove

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Andrea Reimer, Council Liaison  
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 Lynne Kennedy  
SECONDED by Leslie Clauson

THAT Scott Anderson be granted Leave of Absence from today's meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by John Atkin  
SECONDED by Francisco Javier Barajas

THAT the Minutes of the Civic Asset Naming Committee meeting held on June 1, 2015, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 1. Naming in the News

Staff noted City Council's recent approval of Jim Deva Plaza, as well as the new street name recommended by the Committee - Pullman Porter Street.

## 2. Name Reserve List

The Chair reviewed the discussion at the recent working session with regard to the Name Reserve List. He noted the Committee had discussed possible changes which could be made to the list in the short term, as well as the need to conduct a more detailed review.

He noted the list currently contained the names of two living persons, which were added prior to the criteria for inclusion on the list being clarified in regard to the provision regarding naming assets after persons who are no longer living.

MOVED by John Atkin

SECONDED by Leslie Clauson

THAT the Civic Asset Naming Committee approve the removal of the names of two living persons identified at the meeting on October 5, 2015, from the Name Reserve List, as they do not meet the criteria for inclusion on the list that "City-owned assets should generally be named after people who are no longer living...".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Lynne Kennedy provided a brief overview of two names which were discussed at the working session as possible additions to the Name Reserve List:

- **Naomi Frankenberg** - four decades of community service included Presidencies of the Beth Israel Synagogue Sisterhood, Vancouver Hadassah-WIZO, National Hadassah-WIZO, and Jewish National Fund Canada. She also served as Chair of Parent and Child Therapy, and worked with Canadian Jewish Congress, the Canada Israel Committee, and the campaign to construct a permanent home for King David High School.
- **Thelma Ginsberg** - held leadership roles in numerous community organizations including the National Council of Jewish Women, the Louis Brier Home for the Elderly, the Jewish Administrative Council, Canadian Jewish Congress, the Canadian Council of Jews and Christians, and the local Community Chest. In many of these cases, she was the first woman admitted to previously all-male boards.

MOVED by Lynne Kennedy

SECONDED by Heather Forbes

THAT the Civic Asset Naming Committee approve the addition of the names "Naomi Frankenberg" and "Thelma Ginsberg" to the Civic Asset Name Reserve List.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee also discussed the idea of adding a "Reference List" sub-section to the Name Reserve List to which names could be added that the Committee is interested in further researching or considering for future assets naming.

MOVED by Heather Forbes  
SECONDED by Lynne Kennedy

THAT the Civic Asset Naming Committee create a new sub-section on the Name Reserve List to be considered as a "Reference List".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **3. Naming of Lanes in the West End**

The Chair reviewed the working session discussion in regard to Lane 7 and the proposed name "See-em-ia", for Mary See-em-ia, granddaughter of Chief Capilano and wife of indigenous Hawaiians Eihu and Joe Nahanee. She and her family were residents of Kanaka Ranch, a settlement on the south shore of Coal Harbour, near Stanley Park.

Heather Gordon advised that Emergency Services had no concerns with the name.

MOVED by Rennie Nahanee  
SECONDED by Francisco Javier Barajas

THAT the Civic Asset Naming Committee approve the name "Mary See-em-ia" be added to the Name Reserve List, with a notation it is to be recommended for the future naming of Lane 7 in the West End ("See-em-ia Lane").

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **4. Review of Naming Proposals Submitted by Public**

#### **(a) Nikola Tesla**

On June 1, 2015, the Committee considered a request to add Nikola Tesla to the Name Reserve List, and postponed decision to this meeting.

Following additional discussion, it was,

MOVED by Heather Forbes  
SECONDED by Lynne Kennedy

THAT the Civic Asset Naming Committee approve the name "Nikola Tesla" be added to the Reference List section of the Name Reserve List.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **Civic Asset Naming Requests**

(a) **Arbutus Village** - Naming of new street between Yew and Arbutus Streets

The Chair reviewed the working session discussion regarding the new street to be created at this development. Following additional Committee discussion, it was agreed to recommend the name "Lahb", which is the Chinook word for arbutus.

Heather Gordon advised Emergency Services had no concerns with the proposed name.

MOVED by Mali Bain

SECONDED by Heather Forbes

THAT the Civic Asset Naming Committee approve the name "Lahb Avenue" be recommended to Council for the new street to be created between Yew and Arbutus Streets, north of Nanton Avenue, adjacent to the Arbutus Village Development.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Following Committee discussion, it was agreed to postpone further consideration on this matter to the next working session.

(c) **River District** - Road 8 and naming of sewer pump station

The Chair reviewed the working session discussion with regard to a possible name for Road 8 in the River District development. Following additional discussion, it was agreed to bring this matter back for consideration following additional research which Councillor Reimer agreed to undertake on behalf of the Committee.

The Committee also discussed options for naming the sewer pump station in East Fraserlands, and agreed to postpone further discussion pending additional information from staff regarding the budget for signage on this station.

6. **PeerNet BC - Presentation**

Vanessa Bui, Youth Community Developer, PeerNet BC, and volunteers Harpreet Gill, Miranda Bahng, and Cherry Yu, provided a presentation regarding PeerNet BC's "Youth Civic Asset Naming Committee Project", regarding the naming of public spaces, and sought feedback from the Committee. They noted their Mission Statement is to collaborate and partner with the City of Vancouver's Civic Asset Naming Committee to address concerns of diversity and representation in city assets.

During discussion, the Committee provided suggestions and advice regarding the project and related public outreach survey, as well as information regarding several existing named assets. The representatives were also invited to submit name suggestions via the Committee's online form. The Committee thanked the presenters, and agreed to discuss this proposal further at a future working session.

**7. New Business**

- (a) **Explanatory Signs** - John Atkin provided an example of a supplementary sign posted at a city park in Montreal, which gives additional information about the park's namesake.

**Next Meeting:**

DATE: Monday, December 7, 2015  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room  
2<sup>nd</sup> floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:40 pm

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