



CIVIC ASSET NAMING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

APRIL 11, 2016

A meeting of the Civic Asset Naming Committee was held on Monday, April 11, 2016, at 5:36 pm, in the Town Hall Room 116, Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: John Atkin, Chair
Scott Anderson
Francisco Javier Barajas*
Leslie Clauson
Steven Eastman
Lynne Kennedy*
Joshua Labove
Paola Qualizza

ABSENT: Mali Bain

ALSO PRESENT: Heather Gordon, City Archivist, Staff Liaison
Al Zacharias, City Surveyor

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Laura Kazakoff, Meeting Coordinator

**Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.*

Introductions

Two new members, Steven Eastman and Paola Qualizza, were welcomed to the Committee, and all those present were invited to introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Joshua Labove
SECONDED by Scott Anderson

THAT the Minutes of the Civic Asset Naming Committee meeting held on February 15, 2016, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Francisco Javier Barajas absent for the vote)

1. Naming in the News

The Committee discussed the recent media coverage regarding Jack Uppal Street and the West End lanes.

2. Grandview Woodland

Andrew Pask, Planner - Vancouver Midtown, Planning and Development Services, was present to consult with the Committee on the several topics related to the Grandview Woodland Community Plan.

Mr. Pask provided an overview of a Council motion approved on April 6, 2016, asking staff to explore the designation of a portion of Commercial Drive as "Little Italy", with a view to having the designation in place for Italian Days on the Drive in June. He noted a citywide online survey on this matter was open until April 22, and requested Committee feedback on the designation.

Following Committee discussion and comments, it was agreed to provide input following review of the results of the online survey.

Mr. Pask also reviewed consultation and community discussions regarding Grandview Highway North, the possibility of marking the historic Electric, Tram and Railway Avenues in the neighbourhood, and a request to explore the potential for Aboriginal place names, especially around the Britannia Community Centre redevelopment.

3. Civic Asset Naming Requests

- (a) **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 brief discussion, it was agreed to consider this matter further at the next working session.

- (b) **River District - Naming of sanitary sewer pump station**

Al Zacharias, City Surveyor, noted the developer was advised of the Committee's choice of "White Pine Mill Pump Station" and had no concerns. He noted that once a new rendering of the sign is produced and approved by City sign staff, a report will be forwarded to City Council requesting approval of the name.

- (c) **Emily Carr University Great Northern Way Campus Plaza**

Heather Gordon, Staff Liaison, advised that the Committee's suggested name for the plaza was sent to Emily Carr University and PCI Development, who replied that they welcome the suggestion and are currently reviewing naming opportunities.

4. Name Reserve List

The Chair reviewed the background of the Name Reserve List and explained the changes to its configuration and content which were discussed at several working sessions. He noted that once the Committee formally approves the changes, the new categorized list can be posted to the City's website for public viewing.

Steven Eastman noted that as this was his first meeting, he would abstain from the vote.

MOVED by Lynne Kennedy

SECONDED by Francisco Javier Barajas

THAT the current Name Reserve List be replaced with the new categorized Name Reserve List.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Steven Eastman abstained from the vote)

(Section 145.1 of the Vancouver Charter states "Where a member present at a meeting abstains from voting, they are deemed to have voted in the affirmative".)

5. Inventory of Unnamed Assets and Spaces

Heather Gordon, Staff Liaison, noted that the City was interested in developing a database of unnamed civic assets, which the Committee has also discussed at past meetings.

Following discussion, it was agreed to consider this item further at the next working session.

6. New Business

(a) Lahb Avenue - Update - The Chair reviewed the Committee's previous approval of Lahb Avenue, noting it will likely be the next street name to go forward for Council approval.

(b) West End Lanes - The Chair reviewed correspondence received from a member of the public asking questions regarding the Committee's choices of names for future naming of West End lanes. It was agreed he and the staff liaison would respond to the writer's questions.

(c) Future Streets to be named - Al Zacharias, City Surveyor, noted there will be several new streets created due to two developments in the Cambie corridor near West 57th Avenue, which will come to the Committee for naming at some point.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Joshua Labove
SECONDED by Scott Anderson

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Lynne Kennedy absent for the vote)

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, June 20, 2016
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: TBD

The Committee adjourned at 7:15 pm

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