



CIVIC ASSET NAMING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MAY 8, 2017

A meeting of the Civic Asset Naming Committee was held on Monday, May 8, 2017, at 5:35 pm, in the Town Hall Room 115, Main Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: John Atkin, Chair
Scott Anderson, Vice-Chair
Mali Bain
Francisco Javier Barajas*
Lois Evans
Paola Qualizza
Teyem Thomas

ABSENT: Lynne Kennedy (Medical Leave)
Doug Merry (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Heather Reimer, Council Liaison
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

All present were invited to provide a brief introduction to themselves.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

John Atkin was elected Chair and Scott Anderson was elected Vice-Chair, both by acclamation.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Scott Anderson
SECONDED by Paola Qualizza

THAT Doug Merry be granted Leave of Absence for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Francisco Javier Barajas absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Scott Anderson
SECONDED by Paola Qualizza

THAT the Minutes of the Civic Asset Naming Committee meeting held on January 30, 2017, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Francisco Javier Barajas absent for the vote)

1. Naming in the News

The Committee discussed naming issues mentioned in recent news stories, including three Vancouver Parks which have been named, articles regarding a campaign calling for the renaming of a National historic site in PEI, and a radio interview with Councillor Reimer regarding the 150+ Naming Project. A member also mentioned a recent trip to Italy where she observed streets which had undergone many name changes over the centuries, whereby all the previous names were listed below the current name on the street sign.

2. Naming Suggestions Submitted by Public

(a) Lamey's Mill Road

The Committee had for discussion a request from a member of the public to consider whether Lamey's Mill Road should be renamed to correct a misspelling of the name "Leamey", for which the street was originally named.

During discussion it was noted that until such time as a policy change is made, the Committee is not mandated to recommend renaming of city assets. In addition, the significant costs related to renaming a street which contains many addresses was noted, as was the numerous misspellings in the city, which themselves often become a part of history.

The Chair advised this may be an instance where an additional interpretative sign could be appropriate, as previously discussed by the Committee.

It was agreed to convey this information to the writer.

3. Street Naming Requests

(a) New Street Adjacent 3580 Graveley Street

The Chair reviewed the previous discussions on this future new street which will require naming.

During discussions, options were put forward as possible names for the street, as well as the possibility of designating the adjacent lane or a portion of Graveley with a non-official name, along the lines of "Wassermans' Beat".

(b) New Streets adjacent Pearson-Langara Gardens Development

Al Zacharias, City Surveyor, provided an overview of future streets which will be created with the Pearson-Langara Gardens development and which will require naming. He noted some of the streets will be extensions of existing streets, and others will require new names.

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VARY AGENDA

The Committee agreed to vary the order of the agenda to deal with Item 5 prior to Item 4.

For ease of reference, the items are minuted in numerical order.

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4. Work Plan

The Chair provided an overview of the proposed Objectives for the Committee's 2017-2018 Work Plan. During ensuing discussion, an additional objective was agreed to, and amendments and refinements were made to the Action Plan on pages 3 and 4 of the Work Plan.

Following the discussion, it was,

MOVED by John Atkin

SECONDED by Francisco Javier Barajas

THAT the Civic Asset Naming Committee approve its 2017-2018 Work Plan, as discussed at the meeting on May 8, 2017, and

FURTHER THAT the 2017-2018 Work Plan be submitted to the City Clerk's Office.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Note: The Committee's approved 2017-2018 Work Plan is now available online at <http://vancouver.ca/docs/council/2017WorkPlan.pdf>

5. 150+ Place Naming Project Update

Councillor Reimer provided an update on work to date regarding the 150+ Place Naming Project, with regard to the following four main projects, including information on who would be leading up each piece. She advised she would be providing regular updates to the Committee.

- Un-named Assets
- Indigenous Place Names and Design Guidelines
- Renaming Policy
- Registry of Existing Monuments.

Councillor Reimer noted she hoped the Committee could lead the conversation on the renaming policy aspect, to which the Chair advised it was to be included in the Committee's Work Plan.

6. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Scott Anderson
SECONDED by Lois Evans

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, July 10, 2017
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Town Hall - Room 115
Main Floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:11 pm

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