



CIVIC ASSET NAMING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

JANUARY 31, 2022

A meeting of the Civic Asset Naming Committee was held on Monday, January 31, 2022, at 5:34 pm, by electronic means.

PRESENT:

Kyle Krawchuk, Chair
Stephanie Ameyaw*, Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity
Advisory Committee
Natalie Chan
Madeleine de Trenquallye, Vancouver Historical Society
Sara Jellicoe, Vancouver Public Space Network
Darius Maze*, Vice-Chair
Spencer Perry
Michael Schwartz*

ABSENT:

Cinnamon Bhayani, Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory
Committee (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillor Adriane Carr, Councillor Liaison
Heather Gordon, City Archivist, Staff Liaison
Dave Parkin, City Surveyor
Eric Fredericksen, Senior Cultural Planner, Arts, Culture
and Community Services, Guest Staff Liaison
Metha Brown, Social Planner, Arts, Culture and
Community Services, Guest Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Rowena Choi, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting

WELCOME

The Chair welcomed members and acknowledged we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh People and we thank them for having cared for this land and look forward to working with them in partnership as we continue to build this great city together.

Leave of Absence Request

MOVED by Darius Maze
SECONDED by Spencer Perry

THAT Cinnamon Bhayani be granted a Leave of Absence from the Civic Asset Naming Committee meeting on January 31, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Michael Schwartz absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Madeleine de Trenquallye
SECONDED by Darius Maze

THAT the Civic Asset Naming Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of November 29, 2021, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Michael Schwartz absent for the vote)

1. Updates on Outstanding Street Naming Requests from Staff

Prior to the start of the item, the City Surveyor presented an overview to the Committee and requested the Committee to recommend three street extensions in the Heather Lands Phase 1 project and one new street name in the Heather Lands Phase 2 project.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed to discuss this naming request further at a future meeting.

Further, after the conclusion of the Heather Lands project overview, the City Surveyor provided an update on the progress and timelines of various outstanding street naming requests from staff. Following the update, the City Surveyor responded to questions.

2. Review of Naming Proposals Submitted by the Public

a. Peter Wohlwend

The City Archivist introduced the item and the Committee engaged in discussion.

Following discussions, it was

MOVED BY Spencer Perry
SECONDED BY Natalie Chan

WHEREAS

1. Peter [Wohlwend] and Midori [Oba] received the Greater Vancouver Good Neighbour Award from the Greater Vancouver Neighbourhood House

Association for their temerity and vision in steering this massive piece of work. An article on the contributions to the neighbourhood and Windsor Street can be found here: <https://viewpointvancouver.ca/2016/06/09/peter-wohlwend-walkability-and-windsor-way/>

2. The requestor suggests “Wohlwend-Oba Lane” for the laneway at Windsor between 17th and 18th Avenue in Mount Pleasant. While Peter Wohlwend passed away in 2016, Midori Oba continues to live near that area and the requestor suggests this would be a meaningful personal tribute to their contributions. The laneway between 17th and 18th at Windsor is the closest physical asset owned by the City of Vancouver.
3. The City Archivist explained to the requestor that policy precludes naming civic assets after living persons, and that the lane was likely too narrow to be named. Subsequently, the requestor suggested the following alternative locations for honouring Peter Wohlwend:
 - The Prince Albert Greenway between 14th and 15th Avenue;
 - The Greenway between Dickens primary school and Sunnyside Park (the Glen Drive Greenway);
 - The small parkette on the north side of Clark and Kingsway; or
 - The triangle of land between 12th and Kingsway and Knight.
4. Upon review of the above suggestions, staff provided the following comments:
 - The laneway at Windsor between 17th and 18th Avenue is only 20 ft. wide and therefore too narrow to name. A lane or street must be at least 30 ft. wide in order to be named. This is to ensure that there is enough space for emergency response vehicles to attend an address off the lane.
 - The two greenways, while under City jurisdiction, are already named, one with an additional colloquial name favoured by its volunteer stewardship group. In order to re-name either asset, the requestor should provide the additional information outlined in the City’s [Renaming Policy](#).
 - The small parkette at Clark and Kingsway is managed by Engineering’s Street Horticulture program. There are no volunteers associated with it, but staff believe the site is currently under construction as a result of a development on the adjacent parcel.
 - The triangle of land between 12th and Kingsway and Knight is unfortunately too broad of an area for staff to review at this time.
 - Staff have vetted “Wohlwend” through Vancouver Fire Rescue Services (VFRS), and emergency services staff have no public safety concerns regarding the use of the name for a street asset.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Civic Asset Naming Committee recommend that the name “Peter Wohlwend” be put on the Civic Asset Name Reserve for the name of an asset in Mount Pleasant.

FURTHER THAT should a suitable asset be found at a future date, the name could be considered.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Liaison Updates

Council Liaison Carr provided an update on the first UNDRIP Task Force meeting of the year. There are several components to the UNDRIP Task Force including a technical working group comprised of City staff. Details can be found in the minutes of the UNDRIP Task Force once published and made available.

Following Council Liaison's update, the Chair had offered to extend an invitation to the UNDRIP technical working group to a future engagement session with the Committee.

Guest Staff Liaisons, Eric Fredericksen, Senior Cultural Planner, Arts, Culture and Community Services and Metha Brown, Social Planner, Arts, Culture and Community Services, provided an update on the Commemoration Policy. Guiding principles and the incorporation of the best practices used by other municipalities are being explored for this policy.

Following the update, Eric and Metha responded to questions and requested the Committee to consider an engagement session at the Committee's next working session; the Committee so agreed.

4. Street Name Inventory Project

The Chair introduced the item and the Committee engaged in discussion.

The Committee shared that the Street Naming Inventory Project is intended for the Committee to review existing names of Public Streets and flag any that may require revisiting in the future once a revised commemoration naming policy has been finalized and approved by Council.

Categories being explored by the Committee in the above-noted project include but are not limited to renaming, contextualizing and adding cutlines.

The Committee identified actionable items including the division of workload amongst the Committee and researching resources inclusive of external databases.

The Chair reminded the Committee that if a member intends to approach media sources in their research that the member should advise the media source that the member is asking as an individual and not on behalf of the Committee.

Following discussions, the Committee agreed to continue its work on the above-noted project and will provide updates at future meetings as applicable.

5. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Michael Schwartz
SECONDED by Madeleine de Trenqualye

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: **Monday, March 28, 2022**
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: TBA

The Committee adjourned at 7:19 pm.

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