



VANCOUVER CIVIC ASSET NAMING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

JULY 5, 2012

A meeting of the Vancouver Civic Asset Naming Committee was held on Thursday, July 5, 2012, at 6:00 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Verna Magee Shepherd, Interim Chair
Dmitry Aleno
Leslie Clauson
Elizabeth Walker

ABSENT: Stephanie Doerksen

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Andrea Reimer
Leslie Mobbs, Director of Records and Archives
Al Zacharias, City Surveyor

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Laura Kazakoff, Meeting Coordinator

Introduction of Members and Staff

The meeting was brought to order and all present were invited to introduce themselves to the group.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

The Committee agreed to postpone the election of a Chair and Vice-Chair to a future meeting.

In the interim, Verna Magee Shepherd and Dmitry Aleno agreed to act as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively, until such time as an election is held.

1. 2012 Committee Meeting Schedule

MOVED by Elizabeth Walker
SECONDED by Dmitry Aleno

THAT the following meeting dates be approved:

Monday, September 24, 2012 (5:00 pm - 7:00 pm)
Monday, November 19, 2012 (5:00 pm - 7:00 pm)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Civic Asset Naming Process - Overview

Les Mobbs, Director of Records and Archives, provided an overview of the civic asset naming process, including a review of the Council direction from February of this year and the mandate and terms of reference for the Civic Asset Naming Committee. He also reviewed the process for adding names to the Civic Asset Name Reserve List and criteria used by staff in evaluating whether or not a submitted name is to be brought forward for Committee review.

3. Street Naming Request Process - Overview

Al Zacharias, City Surveyor, provided an overview of the process whereby requests for names for new or existing streets, usually resulting from development in the city, are brought forward for Committee review and recommendations.

4. List of Potential Vancouver Street Names

The Committee discussed the List of Potential Vancouver Street Names, which was closed in February 2012, with a view to determining which of the names should be placed on the Civic Asset Name Reserve List.

MOVED by Elizabeth Walker
SECONDED by Leslie Clauson

THAT all of the names on the List of Potential Vancouver Street Names, which are noted as a "Signer of petition to incorporate Vancouver in 1886" be amalgamated into a single appropriate name (to be determined) which can be used for a civic asset.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee members provided missing background information regarding the name "Sea Foam", which Les Mobbs took note of and will add to the list.

During discussion, it was agreed that any names on the list which are indicated as not meeting the criteria for naming, will not be placed on the Civic Asset Name Reserve List.

It was also agreed that further decisions regarding the list be postponed to a future meeting, and in order to facilitate the Committee's consideration and approval process, requested the following columns and/or information be added to the list:

- Ranking;
- Gender;
- Diversity;
- Category;
- One sentence or several words in each background description be bolded in order to highlight the main achievement or distinction associated with the proposed name.

5. Review of Proposed Names Submitted by Public

The Committee reviewed the following list of proposed names received via the City's website to determine if submissions are to be added to the Civic Asset Name Reserve List.

1. Haugh - (A.J. Haugh) - submitted for use as a street name

MOVED by Leslie Clauson
SECONDED by Dmitry Aleno

THAT the request to add the name "Haugh" to the Civic Asset Name Reserve List not be approved, as the various ways in which this name may be pronounced would potentially cause confusion with existing Metro Vancouver street names, such as Howe, Hay, Hawk and Hawks.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Cather*- (Kathleen Cather) - submitted for use as a street name -

MOVED by Leslie Clauson
SECONDED by Dmitry Aleno

THAT the request to add the name "Cather" to the Civic Asset Name Reserve List be approved, for potential use as a street.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Corrected from the previously shown "Kather".*

3. Occupy - (event) - submitted for use as a street, place or building

MOVED by Dmitry Aleno
SECONDED by Elizabeth Walker

THAT the request to add the name "Occupy" to the Civic Asset Name Reserve List be approved, with a note that any future consideration to apply this name to a civic asset be subject to an evaluation as to the relevance of the name at the (future) current time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Rick Hansen - submitted for use on any civic asset

MOVED by Elizabeth Walker
SECONDED by Dmitry Aleno

THAT the request to add the name "Rick Hansen" to the Civic Asset Name Reserve List be approved, for potential use on any civic asset.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Saskatchewan - submitted for use as a street

MOVED by Leslie Clauson
SECONDED by Dmitry Aleno

THAT the request to add the name "Saskatchewan" to the Civic Asset Name Reserve List be approved, for potential use as a street.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Andy Slobodian - submitted for use as a name for the Canada Line Bridge over the Fraser River

It was noted that the Canada Line Bridge over the Fraser River did not fall under City jurisdiction, but belonged to TransLink.

MOVED by Elizabeth Walker
SECONDED by Dmitry Aleno

THAT the request to add the name "Andy Slobodian" to the Civic Asset Name Reserve List for use in naming the Canada Line Bridge over the Fraser River not be approved as the bridge is not a civic asset.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Lawren S. Harris - submitted for use on any civic asset

It was noted that both "Lawren" and "Harris" do not meet the criteria for a street name, as they are either too similar to, or a duplication of, existing streets in the Metro Vancouver Network. However, the name in its entirety could be approved for use on another type of civic asset.

MOVED by Elizabeth Walker
SECONDED by Dmitry Aleno

THAT the request to add the name "Lawren S. Harris" to the Civic Asset Name Reserve List be approved, for use on any civic asset other than a street.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Terry Fox - for use on any civic asset

MOVED by Elizabeth Walker
SECONDED by Dmitry Aleno

THAT the name "Terry Fox" be added to the Civic Asset Name Reserve List, for use on any civic asset.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Civic Asset Naming Requests

(a) Public Street near Granville Street and West 70th Avenue

Al Zacharias, City Surveyor, provided an overview of the request by Westbank Projects Corp. for a street name to be applied to a public and private lane adjacent to their development near Granville and West 70th Avenue. Mr. Zacharias noted that the Committee would not normally recommend names for private streets, but in this case, staff advise that the public and private portions of lane be given the same name, and therefore the Committee's input is sought.

During discussion, the Committee agreed to recommend the name "Saskatchewan", which was added to the Civic Asset Name Reserve List earlier in the meeting, as the province is not represented with a street name in the city. It was also noted that one of the original streets in the Eburne Townsite (West 72nd Avenue) was once named Saskatchewan Avenue.

MOVED by Elizabeth Walker
SECONDED by Dmitry Aleno

THAT the name "Saskatchewan Lane" be recommended to Council for the public/private lane which connects West 70th Avenue and the lane north of West 68th Avenue, between Granville and Cornish Streets.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(b) **Public Street joining South West Marine Drive and West 64th Avenue and situated between Cambie Street and Yukon Street**

Al Zacharias, City Surveyor, reviewed the request by Intercorp for a street name to be applied to a new public street adjacent their development on Cambie Street, between West 64th Avenue and South West marine Drive.

During discussion, it was noted that Nunavut is also not represented with a street name in the city, and given the close proximity to many streets named for provinces and territories to the east, "Nunavut Lane" would be an appropriate name.

MOVED by Elizabeth Walker
SECONDED by Leslie Clauson

THAT the name "Nunavut" be added to the Civic Asset Name Reserve List; and

FURTHER THAT the name "Nunavut Lane" be recommended to Council for the new public street which connects South West Marine Drive and West 64th Avenue, between Cambie and Yukon Streets.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(c) **Renaming of Fraser Street to Rizal Street**

The Committee had before it a letter from the Confederation of Filipino Canadian Associations, addressed to the City Clerk in her capacity as the Chair of the former Street Naming Committee, in which the Association requests consideration be given to renaming Fraser Street as "Rizal Street" after Dr. Jose P. Rizal, noted Philippine national hero.

During discussion it was noted that the mandate of the Civic Asset Naming Committee was to name new streets and other civic assets, and did not include the authority to rename existing streets, and for that reason, the request could not be approved by this Committee.

7. New Business

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, September 24, 2012
TIME: 5:00 pm
PLACE: Committee Room No. 1
Third Floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 8:30 pm

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