

Regional Street Naming Committee

Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2019, 2:30 p.m.

Washoe County Slide Mountain Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Bldg. A
1001 East Ninth Street

Meeting was called to order by Chair Heather Edmunson at 2:32 p.m.

Members Present

Randy Baxley, Washoe County School District
Sean Chambers, City of Sparks Police Department
Heather Edmunson, Truckee Meadows Water Authority
Wayne Handrock, Washoe County Community Services Department
Brad Kaneyuki, Washoe County, Coordinator
Teresa Parkhurst, City of Sparks
Jon Walker, City of Sparks

Members Absent

Jessica Damole, City of Reno
Jennifer Felter, Washoe County Public Safety
Elaina Hooper, City of Reno
Robert Johnson, City of Reno
Rebecca Reid, NV Energy

Alternate Members Present

Alternate Members Absent

Doug Campbell, City of Sparks Police Department
Amanda Duncan, TMWA
Dixie, Rudebusch, Washoe County GIS
Patty Shinault, NDOT Roadway Systems
Patricia Silvestre, City of Reno

Legal Counsel

Stephan Hollandsworth, Washoe County District Attorney's Office

Non-Members Present

Laura Rose, Administrative Assistant, Washoe County Community Services Department

Guests/Other parties present

Jon Erickson, City Engineer, City of Sparks
Mr. and Mrs. Chen, adjacent property owners

1. Call to Order/Determination of Quorum

A quorum of the Committee was established.

2. Public Comment

There was no answer to the call for public comment.

3. Approval of the Agenda for the July 18, 2019 meeting of the Regional Street Naming Committee

Upon motion by Brad Kaneyuki, second by Wayne Handrock, the Agenda for the July 18, 2019 meeting of the Regional Street Naming Committee was approved as written. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes from the April 18, 2019 meeting of the Regional Street Naming Committee

Upon motion by Brad Kaneyuki, second by Wayne Handrock, the Minutes from the April 18, 2019 meeting of the Regional Street Naming Committee was approved with one correction noted under the heading Alternate Members Present – Doug Campbell represents the City of Sparks Police Department, not the City of Reno. Motion carried.

5. New Business

Discussion and possible action on a request to rename a named public street from C Street to Avenue of the Oaks, from Victorian Plaza Circle to Pyramid Way, in the City of Sparks.

Brad Kaneyuki, Regional Street Naming Committee Coordinator, introduced Agenda Item # 5, stating the applicant, City of Sparks, submitted the required application fee to rename a named public street from C Street to Avenue of the Oaks, from Victorian Plaza Circle to Pyramid Way, in the City of Sparks. Washoe County GIS performed due diligence, pursuant to the Street Naming Manual and reviewed the street name against the Master Street Directory and found no duplicate, phonetically sounding names or conflicts. Notification to property owners resulted in two property owners opposing the street name change. Mr. Kaneyuki, read into record the following:

Ms. Bonda Young, Barley Born Adventures, LLC: “I am a property owner that may be affected by the proposed street name change from C Street to Avenue of the Oaks. For the record, I am against the renaming of this street. I see no reason to change it. C Street has historical value and embraces the City of Sparks. Avenue of the Oaks conjures up this street as being lined with beautiful old oak trees. There are none. I think it is un-necessary to make the changes because of cost to the city and to property owners. I am unable to attend the meeting this Thursday as I will be out of town. Thank you for reading my opinion. Another note to add onto my email is that re-naming only a portion of C St., in my opinion, creates all kinds of confusion when people are looking for directions. I will follow up on the final outcome.”

Ms. Jill Pauley, Grafics Unlimited: “Due to the expense that my business would incur, I am in opposition of a street name change. I have attached the supporting documentation. This documentation was also sent to Jon Erickson with the City of Sparks.” Ms. Pauley submitted an estimate in the amount of \$29,216.58, with supporting documentation, representing the cost to her business as a result of the proposed street name change.

Mr. Jon Erickson, City Engineer, City of Sparks, presented a map depicting the location of the requested street name change, that being from Victorian Plaza Circle on the east side to Pyramid Way. Mr. Erickson noted the reason for the application is to lessen challenges locating Avenue of the Oaks via Pyramid Way. Currently, C Street turns into Avenue of the Oaks off of Pyramid Way. Downtown Sparks has a lot of development, new housing, restaurants, and the new Nugget Event

Center. The vast majority of citizens get to Downtown Sparks via Pyramid Way and it makes sense to change the name of the street, so it is clear how to get to Downtown Sparks. Mr. Erickson concluded his presentation and offered to answer any questions.

Mr. Kaneyuki asked if there were plans to address the concerns of Ms. Pauley. Mr. Erickson replied that he assumed Ms. Pauley would request reimbursement for the costs to her business, but that would be a policy decision to be made by the Sparks City Council. Mr. Erickson stated should this item be moved to a City Council agenda, it would be a general business item, that would allow the Council to discuss the pros and cons of the street name change, and at that point Ms. Pauley could come to the Council and make her argument as to the costs to her business associated with the name change.

Mr. Randy Baxley asked if all property owners along this section of C Street were notified of the proposed name change. Mr. Kaneyuki replied that all property owners addressed on C Street had been sent notification letters on July 1, 2019, including properties adjacent C Street.

Mr. Baxley asked if an apartment building (C Street Lofts) was affected, was notice sent to the individual tenants or just to the property owner. Mr. Kaneyuki confirmed the property owner is notified, and pursuant to the notification letter, responsible to notify any tenants of the proposed action.

Chair Edmunson called for further questions or discussion on the matter. There being none, Chair Edmunson called for a motion. Upon motion by Teresa Parkhurst, second by Jon Walker, the request to rename C Street to Avenue of the Oaks, from Victorian Plaza Circle to Pyramid Way, in the City of Sparks was approved. Motion carried, with Brad Kaneyuki and Randy Baxley opposed.

Chair Edmunson called for interpretation on the vote with two dissenting. Stephan Hollandsworth, Washoe County DDA, stated the need for a simple majority, and further clarified that the motion to approve, was a motion to recommend moving this matter to the Sparks City Council for their approval.

6. Miscellaneous / Announcements

Brad Kaneyuki stated that there was a planned transition to terminate the Interlocal Agreement that created the Regional Street Naming Committee and to dissolve the committee, an action requiring approval by the Washoe County Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Kaneyuki further stated that Election of Officers would be planned for the next regularly scheduled meeting of the RSNC, to be held on October 17, 2019. Mr. Kaneyuki explained that a Committee member could nominate another member or themselves to the position of Chair or Vice Chair, and clarified that a nomination may be declined.

7. Public Comment

Mr. and Mrs. Chen, adjacent property owners stated they were opposed to the proposed name change, but after listening to the presentation, they were okay with it also.

8. Adjournment

Chair, Heather Edmunson adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.