



WASHOE COUNTY
Regional Street Naming Committee
DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 2:30pm
ZOOM via: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86700631295>

Washoe County Administrative Complex
Slide Mountain Conference Room
1001 East 9th Street (Building A, 2nd Floor)
Reno, NV 89512

Members Present

Randy Baxley, Washoe County School District
Sean Chambers, City of Sparks Police Department
Amanda Duncan, Truckee Meadows Water Authority
Wayne Handrock, Washoe County Community Services Department
Robert Johnson, City of Reno (joined the meeting at 2:41pm)
Sara Skroch, City of Reno
Jon Walker, City of Sparks

Members Absent

Jessica Damole, City of Reno
Jennifer Felter, Washoe County Public Safety
Rebecca Reid, NV Energy
Teresa Parkhurst, City of Sparks

Non-Members Present

Wade Carner, Washoe County District Attorney's Office
Stephen Hein, Washoe County, RSNC Coordinator
Lacey Kerfoot, Office Support Specialist, Washoe County Community Services Department
Julie Orvald, Washoe County, Washoe County GIS
Dixie Rudebusch, Washoe County GIS
Laura Rose, Administrative Assistant, Washoe County Community Services Department

Guests/Other parties present

Kaitlin Cortes, Nevada Department of Transportation
Joshua Smith, Nevada Department of Transportation

1. Call to Order/Determination of Quorum

Meeting was called to order by Chair Wayne Handrock at 2:34 p.m. A quorum of the Committee was established.

2. Public Comment

Chair Handrock called for public comment. There was no response to the call for public comment.

3. Approval of the Agenda for the JANUARY 20, 2022 meeting of the Regional Street Naming Committee

There was no response to the call for public comment.

Upon motion by Randy Baxley, second by Amanda Duncan, the agenda for the January 20, 2022 meeting of the Regional Street Naming Committee was approved with a vote of 6-0; 5 members were absent.

Robert Johnson joined the Zoom meeting at 2:41pm.

4. Approval of Minutes from the OCTOBER 21, 2021 meeting of the Regional Street Naming Committee

There was no response to the call for public comment.

Upon motion by Sara Skroch, second by Amanda Duncan, the minutes from the October 21, 2021 meeting of the Regional Street Naming Committee was approved with a vote of 6-0; 4 members were absent and Robert Johnson was unable to be heard via Zoom.

5. New Business

- A. [Raven Wing](#) [For possible action] – Discussion and possible action to recommend the naming of an unnamed easement to Raven Wing. The easement is located within unincorporated Washoe County west of Red Rock Road in an area referred to as Red Rock Estates.

RSNC Coordinator Stephen Hein introduced the item.

The Committee members had no questions. The applicant, Richard Gardner, was present and stated that they are just trying to get the easement named for emergency access. They lost their access off of Bobcat Hill Rd. There was no response to the call for public comment.

Upon motion by Randy Baxley, second by Sean Chambers, the request to recommend the naming of an unnamed easement to Raven Wing was approved with a vote of 7-0; 4 members were absent.

Robert Johnson remedied the problem with his microphone. He participated in the vote for Raven Wing and all subsequent Committee votes.

- B. [Fasani](#) [For possible action] – Discussion and possible action to recommend the renaming of Litch Court to Fasani Avenue. Litch Court is within the City of Reno's jurisdiction, runs in a north-south direction and lies between Mary's Street to the north and an unnamed alleyway to the south.

RSNC Coordinator Stephen Hein introduced the item.

Randy Baxley stated that the committee received correspondence from one of the original owners of Litch Ranch who had mentioned that various streets in the vicinity of Litch Court were named after children of the Litch family. Mr. Baxley asked whether that individual was in attendance and wanted to comment. Chair Handrock asked if there was anyone present for public comment.

Public Comment:

Amy Lee called on behalf of her family, Fasani Painting. She did some research on Litch Ct and does not believe the Litch family was being represented as portrayed in the letter. Ms. Lee acknowledged that her family's request may create some hardship, especially the woman who mailed the letter into the County. Ms. Lee stated that if receipts are presented, her family would happily help with replacing the address labels that would need to be changed. Ms. Lee also pointed out that Fasani Painting has been recognized throughout the city for being here for a very long time. The family takes great pride in their city; and hopes that their family and their history could be represented within the city. She appreciates the Committee's consideration.

Chair Handrock asked that Recording Secretary Kerfoot read the letter received from Sandra McFarland into the record. There was no answer to the call for public comment.

Committee Discussion:

Sara Skroch asked whether the applicant lives on Litch Ct and for the reason behind requesting to change this specific street. Amy Lee, with Fasani Painting, does not live on Litch Ct, but stated that their business is on Litch Ct. She stated that her great grandfather built the building that houses the business as well as some surrounding buildings on Litch Ct. The Fasani family is requesting the street name change to acknowledge that their business has been on Litch Ct for 110 years.

Recording Secretary Kerfoot indicated that in addition to notices sent by the County, the applicants took the initiative to send a further notification letter to addresses that would be affected by the requested name change.

Randy Baxley asked if the Committee or the applicant receive any other responses to the notification that was sent out to those addresses.

Recording Secretary Kerfoot stated that Washoe County administrative staff did not receive any further correspondence on the matter. Chair Handrock asked for any additional comments or if someone would like to make a motion.

Randy Baxley asked the applicant if they had any contact with Ms. McFarland. Amy Lee stated that her father, John Lee, had received a text message from Ms. McFarland regarding the request, but stated that it was more of a personal attack and she didn't feel comfortable sharing it here. Ms. Lee stated that the text her father received did not mention the concerns that were addressed in the letter Ms. McFarland sent. After the text message was received, the Fasani family did not pursue additional communication with Ms. McFarland. Ms. Lee stated that the applicant has not received any comments from other property owners.

Chair Handrock asked for any additional comments or if someone would like to make a motion. Recording Secretary Kerfoot reminded the Committee that they are voting on a recommendation to send to the City of Reno, who will consider the request for final approval/denial.

Sara Skroch, being newer to the Committee, asked how the Committee usually handles contentious requests (between applicants and affected homeowners). Ms. Skroch asked if there is a historical precedent for these scenarios.

Chair Handrock stated that he's seen them go both ways. Recording Secretary Kerfoot stated that from an administrative standpoint, while the governing documents allow for

other types of street name change requests, the original intent of this Committee was to address public safety concerns, specifically street name duplication across jurisdictions and emergency service response.

Sara Skroch stated that from a public safety standpoint, she doesn't see any opposition to recommending a street name change. Ms. Skroch did acknowledge the difficulty it may pose for a resident who has been living there for 75 years. As a newer member, she doesn't feel comfortable making a motion, but from a public safety standpoint, can say that there isn't anything to stop this street name change from moving forward.

Randy Baxley stated that in the past when there has been significant opposition to a request, the Committee has continued the item to allow the applicant opportunity to address those concerns with the individuals in opposition to the name change. Mr. Baxley stated that given what the applicant has shared about previous contact with Ms. McFarland and the unlikelihood productive communication in the future, he doesn't think there would be anything gained by continuing the item.

Recording Secretary Kerfoot, through the Chair, indicated that there were a few hands raised via Zoom. Ms. Kerfoot stated that the public comment period was closed and that this was a time for Committee discussion unless the Chair decides to reopen public comment.

Chair Handrock reopened the public comment period.

Public Comment:

Amy Lee stated that it was recognized on the agenda that Litch Ct connects with an unnamed portion of alleyway. She stated that the applicant was unaware of this unnamed alleyway. The applicant is agreeable to the potential renaming of the unnamed portion of alleyway, as there are no addresses affected in that scenario. Ms. Lee also stated that, if requested, the applicants could help Ms. McFarland with the replacement of her items. Ms. Lee also pointed out that of everyone notified and affected, it is only one individual that took issue with the request. She hopes that all aspects of the request are considered.

There was no further response for the request for public comment. Recording Secretary Kerfoot pointed out that from an administrative perspective, the applicant would not need to pay a new fee, but they would need to put in a new application if they want the Committee to consider renaming the unnamed alleyway. That request was not noticed on the agenda, so it would need to be placed on the agenda for the next RSNC meeting.

Legal Counsel Wade Carner confirmed that what is on the agenda is the request to rename Litch Ct, not the unnamed alleyway. He reminded the Committee that this is just a recommendation to the City of Reno, who would make the final decision. Reno would need to put the item on their agenda, which would allow people to make public comment at that time. The RSNC is tasked with determining whether a proposed street name change creates a problem with duplication or conflict with other established street naming standards. It's up to the City of Reno to consider if it's something that they want to do, considering the input from the applicant and anyone who makes comment.

Amanda Duncan asked whether the City of Reno will receive the same information that RSNC receives. Counsel Carner indicated that the City will be forwarded the application, as well as all of the information that was presented to the Committee, along with whatever recommendation that this committee makes.

Chair Handrock posed a question to RSNC Coordinator, Stephen Hein, and Washoe County GIS representative, Julie Orvald, as to whether there would be any technical issues with considering the renaming of the unnamed portion of alleyway. Recording Secretary Kerfoot indicated that she did not believe that topic could be discussed, as it's not on the agenda. Counsel Carner agreed that renaming the alleyway is not on the agenda and that he doubts staff has been able to look into that yet.

Chair Handrock asked for a motion. Upon motion by Sara Skroch, second by Randy Baxley, to recommend the renaming of Litch Court to Fasani Avenue was approved with a vote of 7-0; 4 members were absent.

- C. **Self Storage [For possible action]** – Discussion and possible action to recommend the naming of an unnamed easement to Self Storage Way. The easement is located within the City of Spark's jurisdiction on the east side of Vista Boulevard.

RSNC Coordinator Stephen Hein introduced the item. Mr. Hein asked Chair Handrock whether he would like the items introduced together. Chair Handrock recommended that the items be introduced together, as they are part of the same project, but that they would be voted on separately, in the order that they appear on the agenda.

The Committee members had no questions. Chair Handrock asked if the applicant was present. Applicant Matt Kiley stated that he would like to name these streets for specific reasons; Golden Triangle is the project itself, which encompasses approximately 44 acres, and Self Storage Way will serve the commercial parcels, which are primarily composed of a gas station, a mini-storage facility, and an RV and boat storage and parking facility.

There was no answer to the call for public comment.

Upon motion by Randy Baxley, second by Amanda Duncan, to recommend the naming of an unnamed easement to Self Storage Way was approved with a vote of 7-0; 4 members were absent.

- D. **Golden Triangle [For possible action]** – Discussion and possible action to recommend the naming of an unnamed easement to Golden Triangle Way. The easement is located within the City of Spark's jurisdiction on the east side of Vista Boulevard.

RSNC Coordinator Stephen Hein introduced the item. The applicant, Matt Kiley, had nothing further to state regarding the project. The Committee members had no questions. There was no response to the call for public comment.

Upon motion by Sean Chambers, second by Amanda Duncan, to recommend the naming of an unnamed easement to Golden Triangle Way was approved with a vote of 7-0; 4 members were absent.

6. Miscellaneous / Announcements

Chair Handrock read the introduction to an item regarding discussion on committee membership. Recording Secretary Kerfoot pointed out that Chair Handrock was reading from an old, draft version of the agenda. The item in question was not on the January agenda. There was no discussion.

Recording Secretary Kerfoot announced that the next regularly scheduled RSNC meeting is **Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.**

7. Public Comment

There was no response to the call for public comment.

8. Adjournment

Chair Handrock adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.