



# WASHOE COUNTY Regional Street Naming Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 2:00pm  
ZOOM via: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81879803553>

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

## Members Present

Randy Baxley, Washoe County School District  
Sean Chambers, City of Sparks Police Department  
Jessica Damole, City of Reno  
Amanda Duncan, Truckee Meadows Water Authority  
Wayne Handrock, Washoe County Community Services Department  
Rebecca Reid, NV Energy  
Robert Johnson, City of Reno  
Sara Skroch, City of Reno  
Jon Walker, City of Sparks

## Members Absent

Jennifer Felter, Washoe County Public Safety  
Teresa Parkhurst, City of Sparks

## Alternate Members Present

Dixie Rudebusch, Washoe County GIS

## Alternate Members Absent

Doug Campbell, City of Sparks Police Department  
Heather Edmunson, Truckee Meadows Water Authority  
Elaina Hooper, City of Reno  
Patty Shinault, NDOT Roadway Systems  
Patricia Silvestre, City of Reno

## Legal Counsel

Wade Carner, Washoe County District Attorney's Office

## Non-Members Present

Stephen Hein, Washoe County Engineering, Coordinator  
Julie Orvald, Washoe County GIS  
Lacey Kerfoot, Office Support Specialist, Washoe County Community Services Department  
Laura Rose, Administrative Assistant, Washoe County Community Services Department

## Guests/Other parties present

**1. Call to Order/Determination of Quorum**

Meeting was called to order by Chair Wayne Handrock at 2:00 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 September 23, 2021 meeting of the Regional Street Naming Committee**

Upon motion by Randy Baxley, second by Amanda Duncan, the agenda for the September 23, 2021 meeting of the Regional Street Naming Committee was approved as written. Motion carried 9-0.

**4. Approval of Minutes from the August 12, 2021 meeting of the Regional Street Naming Committee**

Upon motion by Amanda Duncan, second by Jon Walker, the minutes from the August 12, 2021 meeting of the Regional Street Naming Committee was approved as written. Motion carried; 8-0, with Randy Baxley abstaining.

**5. Continued Business**

- A. University Way [For possible action]** – Discussion and possible action on a request to rename N Center Street, a .9 mile street that runs north-south between the Truckee River in downtown Reno and the UNR entrance on E Ninth Street, crossing Interstate 80 West, from N Center Street to University Way.

Chair Handrock asked Julie Orvald to introduce the item. Ms. Orvald shared that Stephen Hein has taken over as RSNC Coordinator. Ms. Orvald stated that she would still be present at the meetings to provide GIS support.

Coordinator Hein provided background on the project. Chair Handrock called for Board discussion.

Sara Skroch, City of Reno Public Safety, shared that when she was initially asked to provide comment on the item, she wasn't given the specific names/details of the request. Ms. Skroch's concerns over a delayed emergency response due to root name duplication were shared with the Committee at the last meeting. Ms. Skroch stated that while this request does have the potential to impact public safety response, she understands that the goal of the request is to strengthen the connection between the University community and the Downtown community. Ms. Skroch said that she is prepared to support the request.

Brian Sandoval, President of the University of Nevada Reno, thanked the Committee for their patience and indulgence in hearing this item again. Mr. Sandoval was glad to be back to address some outstanding issues and requests that were raised at the last meeting. Mr. Sandoval stated that prior to the last meeting, comments were solicited from community first responders. As he oversees the University Police Services department, he appreciates and supports their valued input on potential operational concerns. After working with agency partners to review concerns within context of the request, Mr. Sandoval shared that there was no opposition from Reno Police or REMSA; this is

reflected in the most recent comments from those agencies. There were also some general policy concerns from the Post Office regarding conflicting address ranges. In doing their due diligence, the University only found three conflicts with the same number within any "University" named streets in the region. The addresses are 150 N Center (CalNeva Parking Garage), 400 (Reno Events Center), and 401 (Reno Ballroom), which are all commercial properties. These properties share a street number with three residential properties on University Terrace; the commercial and residential properties are located in different zip codes, which addresses the Post Office's concern about misdirected mail. Mr. Sandoval also addressed a prior Committee concern regarding impact on the owners of the proposed University Way. There are twelve owners and eighteen parcels impacted by the request. Seven of the parcels are owned by the City of Reno. The University completed outreach to most of the other owners; there were four owners that did not provide any response. The University submitted the following letters of support: Mayor, Hillary Schieve, City of Reno; Reno Downtown Management District, Canyon Flatts, Francovich Office Building, Reno City Center/CAI Investments, and AT&T. Mr. Sandoval thanked the Chair and the Committee for their efforts and respectfully requests the Committee approve the renaming of N Center Street from the Truckee River to the University gates to University Way.

There was no response to the request for public comment. There was no further discussion from the Committee regarding the request.

Upon motion by Sara Skroch, second by Amanda Duncan, the request to approve the renaming of N Center Street to University Way was approved. Motion carried 9-0.

## **6. Miscellaneous / Announcements**

Chair Handrock stated that next month he would like to put together a workshop for the Committee to iron out some of the documentation and procedures. There will be an email coming in the near future.

Recording Secretary Kerfoot announced that the next regularly scheduled RSNC meeting is Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 2:30pm.

## **7. Public Comment**

Mr. Sandoval thanked the committee. There was no further response to the call for public comment.

## **8. Adjournment**

Chair Handrock adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

