



WASHOE COUNTY
Regional Street Naming Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2024

Washoe County Administrative Complex
Via Zoom Web Conference Only
<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/81401115663>

Members Present

Kaitlin Cortes, Nevada Department of Transportation
Jen Delano (Alternate), Washoe County Public Safety
Amanda Duncan, Truckee Meadows Water Authority
Wayne Handrock, Washoe County Community Services Department
Teresa Parkhurst, City of Sparks
Leah Picotti, City of Reno Community Development
Jon Walker, City of Sparks

Members Absent

Sean Chambers, City of Sparks Police Department
Jennifer Felter, Washoe County Public Safety
Robert Johnson, City of Reno
Brett Rodela, Washoe County School District
Sara Skroch, City of Reno

Legal Counsel

Jen Gustafson, Washoe County District Attorney's Office

Non-Members Present

Brandon Roman, Senior Office Specialist, Washoe County Community Services Department
Stephen Hein, Washoe County, RSNC Coordinator
Julie Orvald, Washoe County, Washoe County GIS
Sean Ruedy, Washoe County Tech Services Regional Services
Gary Zaepfel, Washoe County Tech Services Regional Services
Kyle Dares, City of Reno Public Works
Amy Pennington, City of Reno Public Works

1. Call to Order/Determination of Quorum

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wayne Handrock at 2:31 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 April 18, 2024, meeting of the Regional Street Naming Committee

Upon motion by Member Duncan, second by Member Parkhurst, the agenda for the April 18, 2024, meeting of the Regional Street Naming Committee was approved as written. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Approval of Minutes from the January 18, 2023, meeting of the Regional Street Naming Committee**

Upon motion by Member Duncan, second by Member Picotti, the minutes from the January 18, 2024, meeting of the Regional Street Naming Committee were approved as written. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **New Business**

a. **Reno Ice Way**

An application to name an unnamed easement to **Reno Ice Way** was received on March 21, 2024. The easement is located within the City of Reno jurisdiction, runs in an east to west direction, and lies east of Wedge Parkway adjacent to the South Valley's Regional Park. One address will be affected by the name change. The Applicant (City of Reno and Reno Ice) is requesting to name the easement for emergency services. Washoe County GIS performed due diligence by checking the proposed street names against the Master Street Directory for any existing, duplicate, or similar-sounding street names for the purpose of emergency management. The proposed street name is unique and has been accepted into the Street Reservation List.

Stephen Hein read the memo language for the committee per Chair Handrock's request.

Kyle Dares from the City of Reno Public Works explained how the City of Reno had this strip of land donated to them. They are in the process of formally accepting the land by first naming it. He made himself available for any questions.

Amy Pennington from the City of Reno Public Works introduced herself for the record and made herself available for any questions.

Chair Handrock asked for any discussion within the committee, which there was none.

Chair Handrock called for Public Comment regarding this item which there was none.

Chair Handrock called for a motion and second as well as a roll call vote for this item.

Upon motion by Member Parkhurst, second by Duncan, the request to name the unnamed easement that lies east of Wedge Parkway adjacent to the South Valley's Regional Park was approved. Roll call vote was called by Recording Secretary Roman, Motion carried unanimously.

b. **Leadership Parkway – Emma Marie Way**

An application to rename Leadership Parkway to Emma Marie Way was received on March 20, 2024. Leadership Parkway is within the City of Reno's jurisdiction, runs in an east-west direction and lies north of McCarren Boulevard. An estimated 810 addresses will be affected by the name change. The Applicant requested to rename Leadership Parkway to honor her daughter, Emma Marie, who passed away in a car accident on this road. Washoe County GIS performed due diligence by checking the proposed street



names against the Master Street Directory for any existing, duplicate, or similar-sounding street names for the purpose of emergency management. The proposed street name is unique and has been accepted into the Street Reservation List.

Stephen Hein read the memo language for the committee per Chair Handrock's request.

Chair Handrock asked if the applicant was present and if they wanted to speak about this item.

Applicant Yvonne Garland informed the committee that she petitioned 1,422 residents' signatures of support from the apartments, daughter's school and surrounding community regarding the name change.

Chair Handrock asked for committee discussion and public comment. Public comment was taken first.

Garrett Gordon, the attorney for the property owners of the 3 apartment communities located on Leadership Parkway indicated he submitted a letter with attachments for the committee members. Those items were forwarded to the members prior to the meeting and posted on the street naming's County website. He stated the owners were sympathetic but had concerns regarding the name change. The number of affected addresses and the costs associated with changing so much personal information have led his clients to not support the change. He stated that the owners were never petitioned about the name change and in his past dealings with name changes, the property owners had to give consent. He also stated that the accident had to do with parked cars and not the street name. He suggested that his team get together with the applicant and City of Reno to prohibit parked cars along Leadership Parkway and to memorialize the applicant's daughter another way.

Chair Handrock acknowledged that he received the aforementioned letter from Garrett Gordon and read it prior to the meeting.

ADA Jen Gustafson informed the Committee that the letter was posted on the County's street naming website for anyone to view.

Amy Pennington from City of Reno Public Works acknowledged she saw the letter. She confirmed that her department would work with the property owners and applicant to memorialize the applicant's request.

Yvonne Garland stated that she would work with the property owners and the City of Reno to find another solution to honor her daughter rather than rename the street. She requested to collaborate with both Garret and Amy to find a resolution.

Garrett Gordon thanked Yvonne for her willingness to work with him and indicated his contact information was on the letter posted on the County website.

Recording Secretary Roman and Chair Handrock briefly discussed the best way to contact Garrett Gordon. It was determined that the posted letter would suffice. Secretary Roman stated he would verify Garrett's contact information was on the posted letter while the Committee discussed the item.

Member Leah Picotti stated she felt for the applicant but was not supportive of the name change due to the large number of affected addresses.

Secretary Roman confirmed that all of Garrett's contact information was present

on the top of the letter.

Chair Handrock stated that he also felt sympathy for Yvonne, but the name change was too extreme due to the number of affected addresses. He suggested another way to memorialize Yvonne's daughter by her working with Garrett and the City of Reno to find a solution. He asked for Yvonne's thoughts on the matter.

Yvonne agreed with this solution. She didn't mind doing something more feasible and didn't want to affect other people's lives. She just wanted to raise awareness and ultimately keep the families in that area safe. She wanted her daughter to be remembered and ensure that drivers in that would slow down and be mindful of children.

Chair Handrock asked if she would like to retract her submittal for the name change.

Yvonne agreed to do so and work with the property owners and City of Reno to memorialize her daughter in another way.

Chair Handrock asked ADA Gustafson if that was appropriate. She verified that was acceptable. She informed Chair Handrock that he would need to state on the record that the applicant was withdrawing her request to rename the street.

Chair Handrock stated on the record that Yvonne was withdrawing her application to change Leadership Parkway to Emma Marie Way.

Secretary Roman asked Amy Pennington if she could give out her public information to Yvonne. Amy gave out her work email of penningtona@reno.gov for Yvonne to contact her.

6. Miscellaneous / Announcements

Recording Secretary Roman announced that the next regularly scheduled RSNC meeting is Thursday, July 18, 2024, at 2:30pm. He stated that this would be a Zoom meeting only.

Member Jon Walker asked if any information was received regarding Park Mesa Way.

Stephen Hein indicated that he got information about this street, but it was part of a development and went through a different process for naming.

Member Walker acknowledged that it would not be brought before the Committee. He asked Chair Handrock for a status update for this street.

Chair Handrock stated he would get one to Member Walker.

Vice Chair Duncan asked about the process of naming an alternate for Truckee Meadows Water Authority.

ADA Gustafson stated she would have to look at the Committee's governing documents and review the process and get back to her.

Secretary Roman verified that TMWA's current alternate was Heather Edmundson.

Vice Chair Duncan verified that Heather Edmundson was still the alternate but that she wanted to appoint a replacement at some point.

7. Public Comment

None

8. Adjournment

Chair Handrock adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

Chair Wayne Handrock