



Wednesday, December 14, 2022 – 4:30 PM
All Virtual Meeting

STREET AND PARK RENAMING AD HOC COMMITTEE MINUTES

Members of the Committee may attend virtually or by electronic means.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 4:39 p.m., Wednesday December 14th at p.m. by Chair Andrew Ching with a quorum.

Committee Members in Attendance:

- Andrew Ching (Chair)
- William Ortega
- Mel Kessler
- Phil Kraft
- Hannah Moulton Belec
- Reylynne Williams
- Julie Kent
- JC Porter
- Teri Metros
- Kim Dartez
- Justin Stewart
- JoAn Cooks

Staff: Madalaine McConville

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes approved unanimously.

2A. Approval of Ad Hoc Committee minutes from 12/7/22 meeting

Staff went over the names discussed at the last meeting.

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

One member of the public provided comments on the renaming of city-owned locations.

4. ITEMS FOR REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

4A. Ratification of Recommended Park and Street Names

Staff provided an overview of what was discussed at the last meeting, including the overview of names chosen to replace the current streets and parks.

Chair Ching asked for consensus around the first four names chosen at the last meeting when there was quorum and to have discussion around the last two names.

- Proposed name, Romo-Jones Street to replace West Laird Street;
- Proposed name, Michelle Brooks-Totress for Redden Park;
- Proposed name, Parque de Sotelo-Soza to replace Hudson Park;
- Proposed name, Mary & Moses Green Park to replace Harelson Park;
- Tentatively proposed name, Thomas Lane (for Maggie and Theodore Thomas) to replace Hudson Lane;
- And tentatively proposed name, Ragsdale Street (for Lincoln J. Ragsdale) to replace East Laird Street.

The Committee members discussed renaming Hudson Lane to Thomas Lane after Maggie and Theodore Thomas. There was consensus from the committee to continue with recommending Thomas Lane to City Council.

Chair Ching discussed next steps after there is consensus of the committee. The names and the process will be presented at Work Study Session most likely in February of 2023. A resolution would then be introduced to Council in late February or Early March where they would vote. City staff would then work with the appropriate stakeholders to get those renamings completed by roughly the next fiscal year (July/August 2023).

Chair Ching read a statement from committee member Shereen Lerner about the renaming of city-owned locations. Her statement discussed her reluctance with the renaming of East Laird Street after someone who was not a Tempe resident.

Staff also provided additional information about other names that had been sent to the committee for consideration and more background on Lincoln Ragsdale.

Committee members discussed renaming East Laird Street after Lincoln Ragsdale. There was consensus from the committee to recommend East Laird Street be renamed after Lincoln Ragsdale.

The motion was approved unanimously to ratify the following parks and streets names and recommend them to City Council:

- Proposed name, Romo-Jones Street to replace West Laird Street;
- Proposed name, Michelle Brooks-Totress for Redden Park;
- Proposed name, Parque de Sotelo-Soza to replace Hudson Park;
- Proposed name, Mary & Moses Green Park to replace Harelson Park;
- Proposed name, Thomas Lane (for Maggie and Theodore Thomas) to replace Hudson Lane;
- And proposed name, Ragsdale Street (for Lincoln J. Ragsdale) to replace East Laird Street.

There was also a motion to forward the following names to City Council for future consideration of naming future city facilities.

- Hohokimel (A'Odham word for "butterfly")
- San Pablo
- Okemah
- Obregon (for Pedro "Pete" Obregon)

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER OR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee members and Chair Ching vocalized their support and gratitude for the work of the committee.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

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