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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
for the
SIOUX FALLS NAMING COMMITTEE

Friday, May 29, 2015

1:30 p.m.

City Hall Commission Room
224 W 9th Street
Sioux Falls SD 57104

(Staff Liaison: Mike Cooper: 367-8888)

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike Cooper (Director of Planning & Building Services); Doug Barthel (Police Chief); Mark Cotter (Director of Public Works); Jim Sideras (Fire Rescue Chief); Jeffy Wilkes (Citizen Member);
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mary Johns (Director of Siouxland Libraries) - excused; Don Kearney (Director of Parks & Recreation) - excused; Jesus Ramirez (Citizen Member) excused; Mark Young (Citizen Member) - excused;
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Cassidy Jennings; Brian Jennings; Briana Zeinstra; Russ Sorenson (Urban Planner)

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER & QUORUM DETERMINATION

Naming Committee Chairperson, Mike Cooper, called the special meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

ITEM 2. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Naming Committee Chairperson, Mike Cooper, welcomed the naming committee members and guests.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Naming Committee Chairperson, Mike Cooper, asked if there were any changes to the special meeting agenda. Committee members expressed no changes to the special meeting agenda. Committee member Jeffy Wilkes made a motion to approve the special meeting agenda. Committee member Mark Cotter seconded the motion. The special meeting agenda was unanimously approved, as presented.

ITEM 4. REVIEW & ACTION on February 20, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Naming Committee Chairperson, Mike Cooper, requested a motion to approve the February 20, 2015 meeting minutes. Committee member Mark Cotter made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Committee member Jim Sideras seconded the motion. The motion to approve the February 20, 2015 meeting minutes passed unanimously.

ITEM 5. REVIEW & ACTION on Naming Application 2015-05-01 for a commemorative street renaming for a portion of 27th Street, between Center and Dakota Avenues, OR for a portion of 28th Street, between Minnesota and Dakota Avenues, to "Mark Twain Lane".

Applicant, Cassidy Jennings (4th grade Mark Twain student), presented the Naming Application 2015-05-01 for a commemorative street renaming for their preference to commemorate a portion of West 27th Street, between Center and Dakota Avenues, to “Mark Twain Lane”. This particular street segment is located in front of the former Mark Twain School. Onsite construction of a new school – Susan B Anthony – is almost completed and scheduled for opening in the Fall of 2015. The former Mark Twain School is slated to be demolished. Ms. Jennings commented the reason this application is so important is not only have thousands of kids been educated there, but thousands of kids have been impacted there. There are generations of memories there and we want to keep those memories alive. Ms. Cassidy explained that the existing name and addresses for this segment of West 27th Street will not change. Ms. Jennings also presented and referenced results of a “survey monkey” signed by 325 persons supporting the commemorative street renaming. In addition, Ms. Jennings stated that two of the three residents along West 27th Street signed a petition supporting the commemorative street renaming, and that one of the residents verbally expressed no objection to her mother. Ms. Jennings thanked the committee members for their consideration.

Mr. Cooper, Committee Chairperson, noted that city Public Works offered three signage design examples for the applicant’s review. Relative to the street signage options, Ms. Jennings mentioned her preference is to have two signs installed- one each - at the intersections of West 27th Street and Center and Dakota Avenues. Ms. Jennings expressed her preference is to install the blue and yellow colored signage (36” X 18” die cut blank) that depicts the silhouette shape of the former Mark Twain School. Ms. Cassidy stated there would be no taxpayer cost to manufacture the commemorative street signage.

Committee members considered the city ordinance criteria for commemorative designations. The historical significance of the name Mark Twain and the elementary school name is part of our community building. The applicant demonstrated neighborhood and community support for the commemorative street renaming to “Mark Twain Lane” – which is acceptable.

Committee members expressed their appreciation to Ms. Cassidy for her citizen involvement and keeping the Mark Twain School memory alive within our community.

There were no other public comments received.

Committee member, Mark Cotter, made a motion to approve the commemorative naming for a portion of West 27th Street, between Center and Dakota Avenues, to “Mark Twain Lane”. Fire Chief, Jim Sideras, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 6. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business presented or discussed.

ITEM 7. PUBLIC INPUT

There were no other public comments received.

ITEM 8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT MEETING –Friday, August 21, 2015, 1:30 p.m., City Hall Commission Room

ITEM 9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

HANDOUTS – May 29, 2015 Special Meeting

- o May 29, 2015 Agenda
- o February 20, 2015 Meeting Minutes
- o One (1) Application Naming Application 2015-05-01 for a commemorative street renaming for a portion of 27th Street, between Center and Dakota Avenues, OR for a portion of 28th Street, between Minnesota and Dakota Avenues, to “Mark Twain Lane”.