



# WASHOE COUNTY Regional Street Naming Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 15, 2021  
2:30pm

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

ZOOM via: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84206614275>

Meeting was called to order by Chair Wayne Handrock at 2:35 p.m.

## Members Present

Jessica Damole, City of Reno  
Sean Chambers, City of Sparks Police Department  
Wayne Handrock, Washoe County Community Services Department  
Robert Johnson, City of Reno  
Julie Orvald, Washoe County, Coordinator  
Teresa Parkhurst, City of Sparks  
Rebecca Reid, NV Energy  
Jon Walker, City of Sparks

## Members Absent

Randy Baxley, Washoe County School District  
Heather Edmunson, Truckee Meadows Water Authority  
Jennifer Felter, Washoe County Public Safety  
Elaina Hooper, City of Reno

## Alternate Members Present

Amanda Duncan, TMWA  
Dixie Rudebusch, Washoe County GIS

## Alternate Members Absent

Doug Campbell, City of Sparks Police Department  
Patty Shinault, NDOT Roadway Systems  
Patricia Silvestre, City of Reno

## Legal Counsel

Chaz Lehman, Washoe County District Attorney's Office

## Non-Members Present

Lacey Kerfoot, Office Support Specialist, Washoe County Community Services Department  
Laura Rose, Administrative Assistant, Washoe County Community Services Department

## Guests/Other parties present

Oscar Delgado, City of Reno, City Council Member

Troy Miller, University of Nevada Reno, Directory of Real Estate  
Angie Crowther, Citizen  
Adrienne Feemster, Citizen, via Zoom & In Person  
Carla Fells, Citizen, via Zoom

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

A quorum of the Committee was established. Jessica Damole was not included in establishing the quorum, as she was unable to acknowledge her presence verbally.

### 2. Public Comment

There was no answer to the call for public comment.

### 3. Approval of the Agenda for the July 15, 2021 meeting of the Regional Street Naming Committee

Upon motion by Rebecca Reid, second by Jon Walker, the Agenda for the July 15, 2021 meeting of the Regional Street Naming Committee was approved as written. Motion carried.

### 4. Approval of Minutes from the April 15, 2021 meeting of the Regional Street Naming Committee

Upon motion by Theresa Parkhurst, second by Sean Chambers, the Minutes from the April 15, 2021 meeting of the Regional Street Naming Committee was approved as written. Motion carried.

### 5. New Business

A. [Reno Experience District](#) [For possible action] – Discussion and possible action on a request to rename three named private streets within the Reno city limits, east of South Virginia Street, west of Wrondel Way, south of East Plumb Lane, and north of east Grove Street from:

Roselite to Red (approved by RSNC 04/15/21);  
Great Park to Experience (approved by RSNC 04/15/21);  
Bloom to Makers (approved by RSNC 04/15/21);  
Mosaic to Pavillion;  
Olivine to Basecamp;  
Ammil to District (approved by RSNC 04/15/21);  
Century to Century (*unchanged*); and  
Element to Element (*unchanged*)

Julie Orvald provided background on the project, explaining that four of the requested street names were approved at the April 15, 2021 meeting – Red, Experience, Makers and District. The applicant has proposed two new names, Pavillion and Basecamp, which were accepted into the Street Name Reservation List and are now before the committee for approval.

The Committee members had no questions. There was no answer to the call for public comment.

Upon motion by Theresa Parkhurst, second by Rebecca Reid, the request to approve the street names Pavillion and Basecamp was approved. Motion carried.

- B. [Bihler Ct Easement](#) [For possible action] – Discussion and possible action on a request to name an unnamed 330' easement, leading to Washoe County property (APN 142-241-17), located at 14070 Bihler Road in the Government Homesite area, from:  
    Unnamed easement to Bihler

Julie Orvald introduced the item and explained that the request meets the requirements for naming. Applicants, Melissa are currently experiencing problems with receiving deliveries, which prompted their request.

The Committee members had no questions. There was no answer to the call for public comment.

Upon motion by Sean Chambers, second by Rebecca Reid, the request to rename an unnamed easement to Bihler was approved. Motion carried.

- C. [Feemster St](#) [For possible action] – Discussion and possible action on a request to rename E 10<sup>th</sup> Street, within Reno city limits, between Sutro Street and Butler Street, from:  
    E 10<sup>th</sup> Street to Feemster

Julie Orvald introduced the item, submitted by Reno City County Member, Oscar Delgado, to honor the Feemster Family. The Feemster Family has been a driving force for good in the City of Reno and members have dedicated their lives to the betterment of the community. Ms. Orvald explained that the proposed street name change would affect 40 addresses, meets street naming and emergency management criteria and has been approved to the Street Name Reservation List.

Committee members did not pose any questions. Chair Handrock opened the floor for public comment.

**Public Comment:**

Oscar Delgado, member of the Reno City Council, stated that he submitted the application and asked for the consideration and support of the Committee. Mr. Delgado explained that he request was to honor the Feemster family, but more specifically, Dolores Feemster, who was a former counselor, principal and advocate for the community; as well as, Darrel Feemster, who was a formal Reno City Council member and advocate for the community. Mr. Delgado stated that this renaming would be an honor and respect to the commitment of the Feemster family and what they have done. In addition to the Feemster home being on the corner of 10<sup>th</sup> and Sutro, the street hugs Traner Middle School, Duncan Elementary School and the Reno Housing Authority, which the Feemster's also committed their lives to supporting. Mr. Delgado also pointed out that the Traner-Duncan library was something that Adele Feemster advocated strongly for. Mr. Delgado urged the Committee to do justice to and honor the Feemster family by approving the request; he thanked the Committee for their time.

Angie Crowther is a new resident to Reno. Ms. Crowther shared that she googled Dolores Feemster and read about her contributions to the community. She voiced her support for this item and hopes that the Committee will vote yes.

Adrienne Feemster (via Zoom), who is the granddaughter of Dolores Feemster, thanked Councilman Delgado for his acknowledgment. She mentioned her grandparents, as well as Darrel Feemster, Loni Feemster, Robert Feemster, Lanette Feemster, Carolynn Feemster-Page, Gary Feemster and other members of her family that have served the

City of Reno. Adrienne Feemster thanked Oscar Delgado for his recommendation, which is an honor.

Recording Secretary Lacey Kerfoot stated for the record that the Committee received emailed public comments from Ron Aryel, Kristen De Haan, Deanna Fine and Carla Fells. Those comments were distributed to the RSNC Committee members ahead of time and posted to the County website.

Carla Fells stated that she submitted a written comment. Her family lives on 10<sup>th</sup> Street and her family have been long time friends with the Feemster family. She stated that it is an honor that Councilman Delgado wanted to rename the street in Dolores' name. Ms. Fells stated that she supports renaming the school for Dolores but opposes renaming 10<sup>th</sup> Street because she has an autistic brother who has Asperger's and 10<sup>th</sup> Street is the only address that he knows. During previous emergency incidents, Ms. Fells' brother knows to give his name and address. However, Ms. Fells is concerned that he will be unable to give the proper address. Ms. Fells also takes care of the next-door neighbor who has early signs of dementia. Ms. Fells explained that she has concerns regarding the health and safety of her neighbor and her family should the name change be approved. Ms. Fells stated that she also spoke with the elderly neighbor who lives at 1411 E 10<sup>th</sup> Street, who could not attend the meeting, who is also opposed. Ms. Fells stated that her main reasons for opposition are safety and security, as well as the costs that may be imposed on elderly citizens to change their address. Ms. Fells recommended renaming the senior citizen center, which would provide a more community wide respect and recognition for the Feemster name and their contributions.

Chair Handrock called for Committee discussion. Theresa Parkhurst asked whether the residents of the 40 homes understand what is involved in changing their address. Recording Secretary Kerfoot indicated that residents receive a notice which explains that their current mailing address can be used for a period of six months, but after that the address must be updated. The notice also indicates the landlords are responsible for notifying their tenants of the changes.

Julie Orvald explained that 911 can operate with many aliases for a street or address and if a street name is changed, prior street names are also available in the 911 system. Chair Handrock asked Robert Johnson, with City of Reno GIS, to confirm that both street names would be available in the system. Mr. Johnson confirmed that there is room for three aliases in the system and that it should show current and prior street names.

Chair Handrock asked the Committee for a motion for either approval or denial of the request to rename E 10<sup>th</sup> Street to Feemster. Chair Handrock asked a second time for a motion. A motion was made by Robert Johnson to approve the request, but a second was not secured. Chair Handrock asked for a second. There was no response to a second and third request by Chair Handrock to secure a second for the approval of Feemster. Chair Handrock asked if there was a motion to reject Feemster.

Theresa Parkhurst said that she believes none of the board members want to vote against honoring the Feemster name or family, but they are hesitant to make the residents jump through hoops. Ms. Parkhurst said that she would abstain regardless of whether there was a motion for approval or denial. Jon Walker, City of Sparks, echoed Ms. Parkhurst's comments regarding requiring residents to rename their address. He is in favor of renaming a larger, more important landmark in the community – like the community center. Rebecca Reid voiced her agreement for remarks made by Ms. Parkhurst and Mr. Walker. Sean Chambers with Sparks Police Department said that while it is easy to add alias

information to the system, not all parts of the system handle that information well. Mr. Chambers said that that while someone should get a response, there can be other complications.

Recording Secretary Kerfoot offered that the applicant, Councilman Delgado, is present in the room and may be able to provide response to resident and Committee comments.

Councilman Delgado thanked the Committee and appreciates the concern for existing residents of the community. Councilman Delgado stated that he would do all that he can to walk residents through the process and understand the associated impacts. He appreciates the difficulty facing the Committee in considering the name change in a historical community, but states that is where the opportunity is to honor a family that has done so much work for the community. Councilman Delgado restated his commitment to knock on every door on 10<sup>th</sup> street to ensure those families have what they need to proceed with the name change.

Chair Handrock asked the Committee for a motion for either approval or denial of the proposal. Theresa Parkhurst stated that she could not hear the comments that Councilman Delgado made. Councilman Delgado reiterated his above comments. Theresa Parkhurst asked if there was any financial relief available to the homeowners for the fees associated with updating their documents. Laura Rose, with Washoe County Community Services Department, stated that there is a \$100 fee collected by Washoe County for administrative processes related to the street name change request, but no fund for homeowners to offset any costs. Councilman Delgado was also not aware of any financial support available for residents.

Chair Handrock asked the Committee for a motion for either approval or denial of the proposal. Chair Handrock asked a second time. Jon Walker asked if action was needed on the current motion on the table to approve the request. Chair Handrock asked for the input of legal counsel. Counsel Chaz Lehman stated that unless Robert's Rules of Order were formally adopted, a second is not necessary. Recording Secretary Kerfoot stated that both the Interlocal Agreement and the RSNC manual state that the Committee does operate under Robert's Rules of Order. Chaz stated that under Robert's Rules of Order a motion that has not been seconded has not been properly brought to vote.

Chair Handrock asked the Committee if anyone wanted to make a motion against the name change. Amanda Duncan asked if the Committee could stay the item until the next meeting to allow time to research what fees are involved with the request and to give Councilman Delgado time to garner support and acceptance from the homeowners.

The applicant, Councilman Delgado, stated that he is agreeable to the request to table the item until the next RSNC meeting. Upon motion by Amanda Duncan, second by Theresa Parkhurst, the request to rename E 10<sup>th</sup> Street to Feemster was tabled until the next RSNC meeting to allow Councilman Delgado time to reach out to community member. Motion carried.

- D. [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

Julie Orvald introduced the item, submitted by the University of Nevada, Reno and the

Board of Regents, requesting to restore a portion of N Center Street to its historical name. The proposed name change would affect 236 existing addresses. Mr. Orvald stated that due to public safety issues caused by duplication, she was unable to approve the street name. Ms. Orvald indicated that there are already two other streets with the identical root name (University) within the vicinity. Ms. Orvald stated that although the street name was rejected, UNR wanted to bring the item to RSNC and potentially appeal to Reno City Council.

University Nevada Reno President, Brian Sandoval, addressed the Committee. President Sandoval shared that the University has always strived to connect with the community. One of the challenges is defining where the campus ends, and the community begins. He stated that the name change is supported by the University Board of Regents and is seen as a historical and present opportunity to be a gateway between the University and the community. President Sandoval stated that Troy Miller, Director of Real Estate, has been in contact with many property owners along Center Street – none of which expressed any objections. President Sandoval said that when University Way terminates into the University then it would become the Wolfpack Way throughout the campus. He sees the termination of University Way all the way to Mackay Stadium as a way to feature the alumni and the community.

Chair Handrock asked for questions from the Committee. Amanda Duncan asked how many properties are affected by the proposed change. Troy Miller, Director of Real Estate for the University of Nevada Reno, stated that there are 12 owners and 18 parcels, 7 of which are owned by the City and 11 that are owned by others. Mr. Miller stated that he has spoken with most owner's who are in support of the change. Mr. Miller also stated that he has received letters in support of the proposed change from City of Reno Mayor, Hillary Schieve, as well as the Downtown Management District.

Ms. Duncan asked what challenges EMS would face with this name change. Chair Handrock asked for comment from any of the emergency response organizations represented on the Committee. There were no comments. Chair Handrock asked for comment by Julie Orvald. Ms. Orvald stated that as the RSNC Coordinator, she is not to assign duplicate street names, especially within the same jurisdiction, to avoid confusion from dispatch. Ms. Parkhurst asked if there was consideration to naming the street Wolfpack Way all the way through. President Sandoval said the preference is for "University Way," as a more formal connection to the community. He explained that to change to "Wolfpack Way," he would have to go back to the Board of Regents. President Sandoval expressed his desire to hear from the emergency response organizations that sit on the Committee. President Sandoval stated that minimal to no residential addresses affected – most lots are commercial, city addresses or vacant lots, so he does not foresee issues with emergency responders.

Ms. Parkhurst asked Dixie Rudebusch if the address ranges were significantly different and whether that would make a difference. Ms. Rudebusch said that she would have to check. Ms. Rudebusch stated that she wanted to get input from Jen Felter with City of Reno Dispatch regarding name duplication and 911 response before proceeding with the item.

Chair Handrock asked for questions from the Committee. There were none. Chair Handrock asked the Committee for a motion for either approval, denial or to table the item until comment could be obtained from emergency responders.

Recording Secretary Kerfoot asked Chair Handrock to call for public comment.

**Public Comment:**

Angie Crowther stated that she supports the arguments put forth by President Sandoval and Troy Miller. She pointed out that the same concerns are not being brought up for similar items – noting that the Committee has not discussed the cost impact to residents on the proposed University item. Ms. Crowther stated that the Committee's recommendations do not seem equitable. She ended her comment by stating her support for UNR.

Councilman Delgado stated his support for the name change. City of Reno has done a lot of work in collaboration with UNR and he's excited that President Sandoval is moving forward with the name change to University. Councilman Delgado stated that as young man living in Sparks and Reno, the University seemed so far away. He applauds the work that the University is doing to be more embedded in the community. The name change blends into the core of the Midtown area and Wells District area, bringing life and synergy to the area.

Troy Miller shared a map (attached at the end of the minutes) and stated that other than University Terrace, the other streets that share the name "University," University Ridge Park and University Ridge Way, are quite a ways away from the requested street.

Chair Handrock asked Julie Orvald if she had any information on the street ranges for University. Ms. Orvald said that University Terrace and University Place have some overlap in the 900 range and that N Center Street is similar, under the 1000 number address range.

Recording Secretary Kerfoot noted that she had been handed a document by Troy Miller which indicates that house numbers vary between 10 N Center Street and 708 N Center Street (attached at the end of the minutes). Julie Orvald stated that University Terrace has 147 address on the street, which range from 101 to the 900s and that University Place is in the 900 range.

Jon Walker, as an alumnus of the University, stated that he supports the change. He said that the Committee needs to spend some time speaking with emergency services to ensure there are not issues with making the change. Mr. Walker stated that businesses Downtown will have to change their name, but it differs from the last item because the Committee is not relying on the residents to take care of that problem. Mr. Walker would really like some discussion with the emergency side of things and indicated that this issue is similar to a prior issue between Damonte and Del Monte, which are too close.

Sean Chambers asked the length of the street that is being proposed and what would happen to S Center Street across the river – whether it would eventually be renamed or whether it would also become University Way. President Sandoval clarified that the request is from the Truckee River forward to the University, with the remainder of Center Street to Virginia Street remaining the same. Mr. Chambers asked what was covered by the historical "University Way." President Sandoval stated that for a short period of Reno history, the entirety of Center Street was named University Way, before being changed back to Center Street. Troy Miller confirmed that information.

Mr. Chambers asked if the University would be content with shortening the portion of Center Street affected by the name change. President Sandoval stated that the objective is to connect with the community as much as possible. Jon Walker echoed Mr. Chambers

comment about shortening the request initially, asking the Committee to consider a request to rename Center Street from the freeway (Highway 80) north into the University and then work toward the University's goals.

President Sandoval stated that the University would be thrilled to take the Committee's recommendation with a commitment to work together on needed research in order to extend to the Truckee River.

Chair Handrock stated that he would like to see further research done with Emergency Services prior to renaming a portion of the road, due to overlap in the numbering schemes, and to avoid unnecessary issues. Mr. Walker asked whether a special meeting could be called in three to four weeks, as opposed to waiting for the next scheduled RSNC meeting in October 2021.

Recording Secretary Kerfoot indicated that with three weeks' time, she could produce proper noticing required to hold a special meeting. Counsel Chaz Lehman stated that if proper noticing and agendaing occurs, he has no objections.

Chair Handrock asked if President Sandoval is agreeable to postponing the item for one month. President Sandoval agreed. Julie Orvald asked the University to come up with other potential names. Troy Miller pointed out that the University owns all parcels from the freeway to the University. President Sandoval and Jon Walker agreed with that statement. Jon Walker said he supports moving

Chair Handrock expressed concerns about a piecemeal approval and would prefer to hold the entire consideration for the special meeting. Sean Chambers agreed that it would be best to get the input from dispatch and emergency services first. Mr. Walker asked whether there were plans for student housing along Center Street north of the freeway. President Sandoval stated there are no plans for student housing in that area. Troy Miller confirmed that the parcels are currently vacant with no plans for student housing.

Theresa Parkhurst asked whether the Committee could consider changing the address ranges as well as the street name to avoid confusion with emergency services. Dixie Rudebusch stated that it would not be problematic to change address ranges. Jon Walker stated that from the planning perspective, it would be easy to renumber the 800 block of N Center Street and that the main concern is from the freeway south to the river. Ms. Rudebusch pointed out that Harrah's has multiple permits in and changing an address could raise concerns.

Chair Handrock asked for a motion to table the item for one month to a special meeting. Upon motion by Jon Walker, second by Sean Chambers, the request to rename N Center Street to University Way was tabled to be heard at a special meeting of the RSNC in August. Motion carried.

## **6. Miscellaneous / Announcements**

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

## **7. Public Comment**

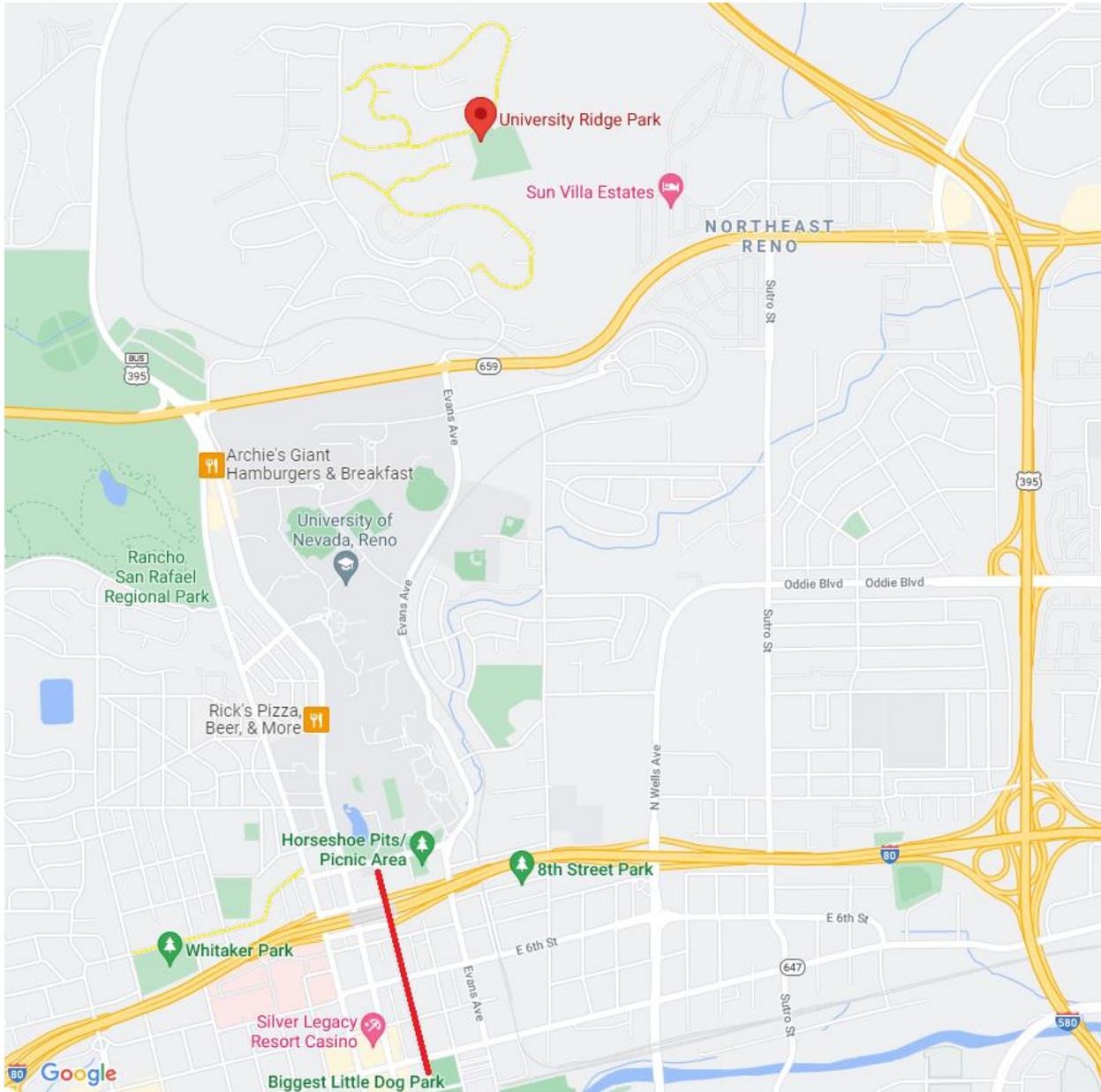
Theresa Parkhurst thanked the Washoe County staff for the amazing job they do on the agendas, minutes and posting of meetings. Laura Rose acknowledged and thanked Lacey Kerfoot for the work that she's done on the administrative items.

There was not further response to the call for public comment.

**8. Adjournment**

Chair, Wayne Handrock, adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Item 5D – Map Shared by Troy Miller with UNR



**Item 5 D - Address listing shared by Troy Miller**

708 N Center St	007-224-19
661 N Center St	007-217-21
600 N Center St	007-361-17
561 N Center St	007-502-01
553 N Center St	007-502-02
545 N Center St	007-502-03
537 N Center St	007-502-04
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209 N Center St	011-052-36
190 N Center St	011-072-10
100 N Center St	011-072-13
0 S Center St	011-606-05
10 N Center St	011-121-07