



WASHOE COUNTY
Regional Street Naming Committee
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2022

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

Members Present

Leah Brock, City of Reno Community Development
Kaitlin Cortes, Nevada Department of Transportation
Sean Chambers, City of Sparks Police Department
Amanda Duncan, Truckee Meadows Water Authority
Robert Johnson, City of Reno
Sara Skroch, City of Reno
Jon Walker, City of Sparks

Members Absent

Randy Baxley, Washoe County School District
Jennifer Felter, Washoe County Public Safety
Teresa Parkhurst, City of Sparks
Wayne Handrock, Washoe County Community Services Department

Alternates Present

Karina Prevost, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, on behalf of Jennifer Felter
Jon Ericson, City Engineer, City of Sparks, on behalf of Teresa Parkhurst

Legal Counsel

Trenton Ross, Washoe County District Attorney's Office

Non-Members Present

Lacey Kerfoot, Office Support Specialist, Washoe County Community Services Department
Stephen Hein, Washoe County, RSNC Coordinator
Julie Orvald, Washoe County, Washoe County GIS

Guests/Other parties present

1. Call to Order/Determination of Quorum

Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Amanda Duncan at 2:30 p.m.

Recording Secretary Lacey Kerfoot called role, indicating that Karina Prevost, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, would be standing in as alternate on behalf of Jennifer Felter and Jon Ericson, City Engineer, City of Sparks, would be standing in on behalf of Teresa Parkhurst.

A quorum of the Committee was established.

2. Public Comment

Vice-Chair Duncan called for public comment. There was no response to the call for public comment.

3. Approval of the Agenda for the October 20, 2022, meeting of the Regional Street Naming Committee

Upon motion by Sara Skroch second by Jon Ericson the agenda for the October 20, 2022, meeting of the Regional Street Naming Committee was approved as written. Motion carried.

Sean Chambers joined the meeting at 2:37pm. Mr. Chambers indicated that he was present.

4. Approval of Minutes from the July 21, 2022, meeting of the Regional Street Naming Committee

Upon motion by Leah Brock second by Sara Skroch the minutes from the July 21, 2022, meeting of the Regional Street Naming Committee were approved as written. Motion carried, with Jon Ericson abstaining.

5. New Business

- a. [Larkin Circle – John Phillips Circle](#) [For possible action] - Discussion and possible action on request to rename LARKIN CIRCLE to JOHN PHILLIPS CIRCLE. The roadway generally runs in an east-west direction and lies to the east of Greg Street. Larkin Circle is located within the City of Sparks. Eleven parcels with twelve unique addresses would be affected by the potential change.

Stephen Hein provided background on the project.

Karinah Prevost joined the meeting at 2:40pm. Ms. Prevost indicated that she was present.

Vice-Chair Duncan opened up the item for public comment.

Chris Kellett is general counsel for Larkin Circle, LLC, which is the company that owns property at 2296 Larkin Circle and 2302 Larkin Circle. Our company is adamantly opposed to the request street name change. Among other things, it would result in a cost for us to bear, which would include, but not limited to contracts, licenses, loan documents, informing customers, vendors, carriers and delivery drivers. In addition, it would be an opportunity cost, all time devoted to doing the above things would be time not devoted to our business. This would be the same for the seven tenants that we have as well, who would have to do the same things mentioned and incur the same costs. In addition, this would result in added confusion. There is a transloading facility which has gasoline, diesel and ethanol trucked out of. Some of those drivers are coming from out of state. We fear

that any change of name would result in significant confusion, disruption or delay in shipments. This would also be the same for each of our seven tenants. Finally, it would also result in a uniquely, in our case, loss of corporate identity. When we founded this company, we called it Larkin Circle, LLC on the very reasonable assumption that the street on which the business was located would remain larkin circle. The facility is referred to as Larkin Circle internally, by the railroad, which schedules railway deliveries, by our tenants, by our customers and our carriers. I don't know how our company remains Larkin Circle if there is no longer a Larkin Circle. It would, in fact, necessitate a complete rebrand for our company. This is not something that is fair, particularly in light of the fact that this proposed change would provide no benefit to the public. In essence, what the applicant is seeking is a private benefit at a public cost. This is a cost that our company and tenants are not willing to bear. In all fairness it's a cost that we should not have to bear.

Jon Walker, participating in the meeting by phone only, was acknowledged as being present at 2:44pm. Mr. Walker indicated that he was in attendance.

Recording Secretary Kerfoot indicated that there was a 314 number on the call by phone. Chris Kellett indicated that his computer crashed, so he called in. Recording Secretary Kerfoot explained that his public comment cut out around 20 seconds and he utilize his remaining time. Mr. Kellett accepted.

Mr. Kellett continued that this change would result in a cost to their business, their tenants and to other land owners in the area. It would inject confusion, it would be an opportunity cost and it would result in the loss of corporate identity for his company – Larkin Circle, LLC. It is an unfair cost that they should not have to bear. I would urge you to deny this application. There is no reasonable benefit to the public.

Recording Secretary Kerfoot indicated that two public comments were received via e-mail, the first from Kathy Drake and Mark Meiser and the second from Alicia Barber. There was no response to the call for public comment.

Sara Skroch asked if the applicant was present. Recording Secretary Kerfoot indicated that the applicant was not present.

Upon motion by Jon Walker, second by Jon Ericson the request to rename LARKIN CIRCLE to JOHN PHILLIPS CIRCLE was recommended for denial. Motion carried.

6. Miscellaneous / Announcements

Recording Secretary Kerfoot announced that the next regularly scheduled RSNC meeting is Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 2:30pm. Recording Secretary Kerfoot also indicated that she had accepted a job outside Washoe County and that this would be her last meeting.

Laura Rose will be standing in as Recording Secretary until a replacement is trained.

7. Public Comment

There was no response to the call for public comment.

8. Adjournment

Vice-Chair Duncan adjourned the meeting at 2:54 p.m.