

Regional Street Naming Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2021, 2:30 p.m.

Meeting conducted via ZOOM webinar

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Meeting was called to order by Chair Wayne Handrock at 2:30 p.m.

Members Present

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
Jon Walker, City of Sparks

Members Absent

Randy Baxley, Washoe County School District
Jessica Damole, City of Reno
Dave Solaro, Washoe County
Dwayne Smith, Washoe County
Heather Edmunson, Truckee Meadows Water Authority
Jennifer Felter, Washoe County Public Safety
Elaina Hooper, City of Reno
Rebecca Reid, NV Energy

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

Wade Carner, Washoe County District Attorney's Office

Non-Members Present

Laura Rose, Administrative Assistant, Washoe County Community Services Department

Guests/Other parties present

Tony Garrow
Nick and family, last name unknown
Javier De La Torre
Brenda Arellano
Troy Miller, Director of Real Estate at UNR
Elizabeth Ledger, UNR
Jerry Tiehm

1. Call to Order/Determination of Quorum

A quorum of the Committee was established.

Announcement- Chair Wayne Handrock announced that Item 5.B. the renaming of Roberta Lane has been withdrawn by the applicant and removed from the agenda.

2. Public Comment

Tony Garrow spoke in support of renaming Swallow Point to Hollow Point. This is a new development and nobody currently lives on the street so any street name change will not affect homeowners. This name change will not affect any of the current homeowners in Silver Ridge II.

Nick spoke in support of the name change.

3. Approval of the Agenda for the January 21, 2021 meeting of the Regional Street Naming Committee

Upon motion by Teresa Parkhurst, second by Sean Chambers, the Agenda for the January 21, 2021, meeting of the Regional Street Naming Committee was approved with the removal of Agenda item 5.B. Roberta Lane. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes from the July 16, 2020 meeting of the Regional Street Naming Committee

Upon motion by Teresa Parkhurst, second by Dixie Rudebusch the Minutes from the July 16, 2020, meeting of the Regional Street Naming Committee was approved as written. Motion carried.

5. New Business

- a. Discussion and possible action on a request to rename a named public street from Swallow Pointe Drive to Hollow Point Drive or Shallow Point Drive, located approximately 400 ft west of Pyramid Highway, 3 blocks south off Calle de la Plata, within Washoe County outside of any city limits.

Julie Orvald, Regional Street Naming Coordinator, opened the discussion. Mr. Javier De La Torre has proposed a street name change as a prospective owner of property in Eagle Canyon IV subdivision. The recently accepted public street is located in Washoe County and is currently Swallow Point Drive. He finds the name extremely unpleasant. His future property is one of 38 affected addresses with this street name. He suggested two alternative names: Hollow Point and Shallow Point. His first choice, Hollow Point, the intended meaning is wooded area or valley among mountains. Washoe County GIS has done due diligence and compared the proposed alternate names against the street directory and the names are unique and meet the street naming criteria.

The Chair called for committee comments.

Teresa Parkhurst commented that swallow is a bird and recognized that it may also has a sexual connotation. She also felt that Hollow Point might offend more people as it relates to bullets. She would vote for Shallow Point if it were changed.

The Chair called for public comment.

Tony Garrow commented that in speaking with people on the street, the name references the natural habitat. The spelling of point is different. They are proposing Hollow Pointe not Hollow Point as to reference the bullet. Different spelling and different meaning.

Regional Street Naming Coordinator commented that on the application, Mr. De La Torre spelled it Point and she made a mistake and put the e on the end of it and then recently noticed that it was without the e so she took it back off.

Nick's wife commented that working in the medical field, she did not feel it was appropriate to raise her family on Swallow Point. She understands that they are going for a bird name, but her daughter will go to school and have to deal with kids saying that she lives on Swallowing Point. It's not appropriate. Nick commented that there are other gun street names in the valley, Winchester and Remington, and he doesn't feel that Hollow Point is negative.

Javier De la Torre commented that in developing the name he thought of alternative ways to spell it such as Hallow and had to come up with names that were not already taken. As far as the spelling of Point with an e at the end, he would be okay with it if it made everyone happy.

Brenda Arellano commented that she will be living on the street with Javier and this is a home that they plan on living for a long time. Every time that she tells people the name of the street they don't think of the bird. She is in favor of changing the name.

Tony Garrow added that a street in the same neighborhood is called Garden Pond and it doesn't reference birds, it's just in keeping with the natural theme.

The Chair asked for written comment that was submitted. Laura Rose read the following comments into the record.

#1

November 14, 2020

Hello. My name is Tony Garrow and my wife, Anais and I are currently in the process of having a home built on lot 657 in the Silver Ridge II subdivision in Spanish Springs. As it stands now, our address will be 702 Swallow Pointe Drive. We will be the second purchasers of a house on this street- there are currently no active residences on this street.

The purpose for this letter is to support the on-file request to change the street name from 'Swallow Pointe Drive' to 'Hollow Pointe Drive'. Although I believe the reasoning to be evident, In case an explanation is a requirement for the file, the name carries a profane aspect and is not suitable for a 'family-friendly' neighborhood.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. I can be contacted at 318-780-1660 / hamr77@yahoo.com with any questions.

Tony Garrow

#2

November 15, 2020

Hello,

My name is Jerrad Cossio. I will be moving to 709 Swallow Point Dr.

I spoke with Javier De La Torre who will be one of my first neighbors on this street. I, like him, would love it if we could change the street name to Hallow Point Dr. One, if not at least two more of the neighbors are in agreeance and should be sending an email as well.

What can I do to make this work?

Thank you very much for your time.

#3

December 21, 2020

Laura,

My wife and I are in the process of purchasing a home on Swallow Point Dr. We are in support of Javier De La Torre's application/request to change our street name to Hollow Point Dr.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need anything further from us.

Thanks,

Shawn & Aften Hand

705 Swallow Point Dr

Sparks, NV 89441

#4

January 20, 2021

As a future resident on what is currently Swallow Pointe Drive I would like to voice high support for the name change to Hollow Pointe Drive, but if that is not approved, I would seriously prefer Shallow Pointe Drive to the current street name. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to voice our opinion.

Erica Thomas

The Chair closed public comment.

The Chair opened it back up to the committee for discussion. Sean Chambers from the Sparks Police Department had a question for GIS. He said that on the handwritten application it was spelled out Hallow and then on the typed-out form in the background it's spelled Hollow. Which one is it? Javier commented that he tried to come up with different spellings because he didn't know what would be accepted. When asked by the Chair if he had a preference between Hallow and Hollow, Javier did not.

Chair Wayne Handrock commented that while he is not opposed to either name, he felt that there would be less resistance to Hallow. Sean Chambers agreed with the selection of Hallow.

Teresa Parkhurst suggested that Hallow Pointe with an e on it sounds neighborhoodly and friendly.

Upon motion by Teresa Parkhurst, second by John Walker, the request to rename Swallow Point to Hallow Pointe was approved. Motion carried.

- b. Discussion and possible action on a request to rename a named public street from Roberta Lane to Dalton Hakin Lane, located approximately 1.4 miles north of Interstate 80 East, west off Pyramid Hwy, within Sparks city limits.

Removed from the agenda.

- c. Discussion and possible action on a request to rename a named public street from Artemesia Way to Artemisia Way, located approximately 5 blocks north of Interstate 80 West, between N Virginia St and N Sierra St, within Reno city limits.

Chair commented this item is to correct the spelling of the state flower.

The Chair called for committee member comments

There was no answer to the call for member comments.

The Chair called for public comment.

Troy Miller, Director of Real Estate at UNR, introduced Elizabeth Ledger and Jerry Tiehm, who were instrumental in this request.

Elizabeth Ledger expressed that they were excited to have the opportunity to change the name to the correct spelling. She and Jerry teach a plant identification class at UNR and one of her students suggested that they change the name to reflect the correct spelling.

The Chair asked if there were any written comments submitted.
Laura Rose said that none had been submitted.

The Chair closed public comment.

Upon motion by Sean Chambers, second by Teresa Parkhurst, the request to rename Artemesia Way was Artemisia Way was approved. Motion carried.

6. Miscellaneous / Announcements

There was no answer to the call for announcements.

7. Public Comment

There was no answer to the call for public comment.

8. Adjournment

Chair, Wayne Handrock, adjourned the meeting at 3:01 p.m.