



COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, April 05, 2023

APPROVED MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Rick Scholl
Council President Jessica Chilton
Councilor Patrick Birkle
Councilor Mark Gundersen
Councilor Brandon Sundeen

STAFF PRESENT

John Walsh, City Administrator
Kathy Payne, City Recorder
Crystal King, Communications Officer
Jacob Graichen, City Planner
Tina Curry, Contracted Event Coordinator

OTHERS

Erin Salisbury	Jim Coleman
Les Watters	Art Leskowich
Ginny Carlson	Andrea Cullen
Brady Preheim	Colton Freeman

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – 6:15 p.m.

TOPIC

1. Consider Renaming "Mill Street" in the Riverfront District

City Planner Jacob Graichen reviewed the Mill Street renaming information. A copy of his report is included in the archive packet for this meeting. The Planning Commission recommended Nellie Way, Wapama Way, Keel Way, and Kaleva Way. Based on those recommendations, Columbia 911 recommends Keel or Wapama.

Columbia County Museum Association Curator Les Watters reviewed the street name possibilities, history of street, historical context, and historical names in the area.

Councilor Sundeen proposed considering Lope Way. The house adjacent to the street, and currently owned by the Salisbury's, was once owned by the Lope's.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

- ◆ Ginny Carlson. She was not fond of any of the names proposed. She suggests a street name that looks forward and not backward, such as Twilight or a movie connection, but not Pumpkin Way. Names won't mean anything to people in the future. They should consider modern, inclusive, and equitable names. She did agree with a woman's name being used for inclusivity but understands the concerns about Nellie Way.

- ◆ Brady Preheim. He likes the idea of naming the street after a woman and suggests naming it Tina Way. She has brought a lot of activity to the community. It's about the future, and Spirit of Halloweentown is what it is today because of Tina Curry. Swan Way is another suggestion.
- ◆ Erin Salisbury. She and her husband are the property owners of the only standing building on that street. She agreed with it being a woman's name, but also wants it easy to pronounce. Lots of Twilight fans come to take pictures of her house which is directly adjacent to the street under consideration. She suggests they ask more people before making a decision.

Discussion of the urgency to make a decision. Graichen said the name needs to be decided to order the street sign.

It was the consensus of the Council to poll the public to find out what they want to see it named.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING - 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:

/s/ Kathy Payne

Kathy Payne, City Recorder

/s/ Rick Scholl

Rick Scholl, Mayor