

City of Colville

TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

March 22, 2011

8:30 a.m. – City Hall

MINUTES

Chairman Jim Lapinski called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Planning Director Jim Lapinski, Street Superintendent Terry LeCaire, Municipal Services Administrator Eric Durpos, and Councilmembers Doug Kyle and Dorothy Bergin. MEMBERS ABSENT: Building Official/Inspector Robert Cleaver. RECORDING SECRETARY: Susan Davis.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting of March 15, 2011 had been distributed to each member prior to the meeting. Terry LeCaire moved and Eric Durpos seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no Old Business to be presented.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Request a name change of Railroad Street in relation to Victory Park Project by Habitat for Humanity – Colville Valley Partners (CVP).

A letter from Lisa Meddock, Operation Manager, Habitat for Humanity – CVP, had been distributed to each member prior to the meeting (copy on file). The request being to change the name of Railroad Street to Stevens Weeks Way in relation to the Victory Park project. The request pertains to that portion of Railroad Street from 9th Avenue north to the end of the public right-of-way as illustrated on an attached map (copy on file).

Jim Lapinski explained that there is no established process for street name changes that are not related to the platting of property. During the platting process, a street which is planned as a continuation of an existing street shall bear the same name. Private roads are treated differently because they are not dedicated public right-of-way. Jim requested TRC review and comment relative to this request.

Brief discussion followed regarding the rationale for past actions such as designating the truck route as Railroad Street and creating N. Louis Perras Rd. between 5th Avenue and N. Highway (formerly known as N. Railroad Street). It was pointed out that these streets are continuations of existing public streets and the name changes were made to avoid confusion.

Doug Kyle expressed the feeling that he is opposed to renaming a portion of an existing street for purposes of emergency and non-emergency response and to avoid confusion. He stated street names are for navigation.

Eric Durpos and Terry LeCaire both expressed the feeling that it would be confusing to the public.

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Jim pointed out there is always the potential for development of the property beyond the Victory Park project. At this time he did not think it would be in the best interest of the general public to rename this portion of the Railroad Street right-of-way. It was recognized that there is an expense involved to the City and adjacent properties in making such a change.

Alternatively, it was suggested that Habitat could name their development after anyone they wish or construct a monument or a courtyard to honor someone. It was also pointed out that the private access drive on the north side of the property is outside the city limits. Possibly a request could be made to Stevens County to name that access drive Stevens Weeks Way.

Eric Durpos moved that the request to rename a portion of Railroad Street be denied. Terry LeCaire seconded. Voice vote showed all in favor.

Jim will write a letter to Ms. Meddock confirming TRC's action on the request.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: There was no public comment.

REPORTS:

Doug reported that it is anticipated that the new Avista Service Center will be occupied approximately April 11th.

There was a brief report regarding the streets in Pheasant Ridge Estates and the damage that is occurring due to settling.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Eric Durpos moved and Terry LeCaire seconded the motion to adjourn. There were no objections and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:05 a.m.