STREET NAMING SYSTEM TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES MARCH 22ND 2012

The Londonderry Street Naming System Task Force held a public meeting on March 22th, 2012 in the Sunnycrest Room of Londonderry Town Hall. The meeting began at 2:00 pm.

Present: Task Force Members: John Vogl, Karen Marchant and Brian Johnson. Members of the public: Bill Deluca (8 Action Blvd) and Dave Blake (8 Action Blvd)

Action Blvd

K. Marchant opened the meeting by summarizing the Task Force's actions re: Action Blvd. She said the Town had a numbering ordinance that has been in effect since 1995, with jurisdiction over both public and private roads. She said that the Town has been correcting address problems as they are discovered. In the case of Action Boulevard, she said that the street is problematic because even and odd numbered buildings are on the same side of the road and buildings should all be addressed with #1 and a letter suffix given that each are located on one lot of record. Regarding the town's change process, generally, changes were made from the assessing office, without providing notices or hearings from residents. The Task Force has recently conferred with the Town's attorney and has learned that a more formal process should be undertaken, where property owners who object are given an opportunity to be heard. Property owners should be given an opportunity to meet with the task Force and if disagreements persist, they can appeal to the planning board, per the addressing ordinance. K. Marchant said that addressing discrepancies on Action Boulevard were identified when the property owner filed for ZBA decision. Mr. Bill DeLuca (property owner) said that the number has been there for 16 years without problems. He said that he has been a good partner with the town and stated that the property contains non-residential uses, has 24-hour security on site, and has limited hours of public operation. He said that this site is unique and should stay as is. He explained that cost implications would be high. B. Johnson asked if there was room for expansion or more buildings. B. DeLuca said that there was not. He said that he gets multiple calls from persons interested in purchasing the land. B. Johnson asked about building labels. He said that from a safety perspective, all even numbers and odd numbers should be on different sides of the street. J. Vogl and B. Deluca reviewed the maps and building layout. B. DeLuca said that he would be willing to stipulate that the addition of further buildings would require re-addressing the street at that time. He also said that he could provide better number signage. J. Vogl said that the Task Force needed to be consistent in its decisions and that since we have asked residents to conform to the addressing standards, we needed to ask businesses to do the same. He did not feel we were in a position to compromise on the addressing policy. He said that this issues should be brought to the Planning Board for appeal and decision. J. Vogl made a motion to put the town's request to re-number properties on Action Blvd on hold and seek a decision from the Planning Board. Seconded by K. Marchant. All agreed; motion passed. J. Vogl said that he would send a letter to the Post Office and town staff to inform them that addressing actions were put on hold. He said that he would seek to add this issue to the May planning board meeting. He said that the property owners would receive legal notice of the meeting dates.

Wagon Wheels

Members discussed the results of public workshops held on 2/22/12. K. Marchant explained the issued and summarized resident feedback. Wagon Wheels violates several 9-1-1 standards since residents use lot-based addresses, units are numbered in a non-sequential order and even and odd numbers fall on the same side of the streets. B. Johnson said that there is disorder in this neighborhood and that all calls come to 9-1-1 as #2 Stonehenge Rd. The local dispatchers have to translate that to a street address to locate the correct unit. K. Marchant said that residents had promised follow-up information after the evening meeting but that she did receive anything, even well after their submission deadline passed. She said that she had researched a contact for signage for the association. Members reviewed the name suggestions of Apache, Pinto, Stage Coach, Prairie and Mustang. J. Vogl and B. Johnson agreed that Apache should not be considered because it was suggestive of the Indian-named streets surrounding Yellowstone Drive. The remaining names were considered acceptable to the group. Members discussed the address for mail to the association. All agreed that it should be delivered to the existing parcel address of #2 Stonehenge Rd. J. Vogl said that he had spoken with Postmaster Jay Hooley

and he had confirmed that the Post Office owns that mailboxes. He said that once new addresses are assigned, the Post Office will re-organize the boxes sequentially and inform the residents. Residents will use the same key to access their personal mail. Members discussed the approach to renumbering the Circle Drive properties. At issue was that properties on the "panhandle" section would be out of sequence if we renumbered the entire street clockwise or counter-clockwise around the circle. All agreed to consult 9-1-1 on this issue. B. Johnson said that we needed to leave a number available for the utility pump-house. All agreed that they were ready to advance this neighborhood to a Council resolution. Members agreed on the following names, informed by the public hearings:

Circle Drive to be renamed Stage Coach Circle

A Street to be renamed Prairie Lane

B Street to be renamed Mustang Lane

C Street to be renamed Pinto Lane

K. Marchant made a motion to adopt the agreed upon names and draft an ordinance for the 4/2 Council meeting (first read) and 4/16 Council meeting (2nd read and public hearing). B. Johnson seconded. All agreed; motion passed. J. Vogl said he would email a resolution to Dave Caron asap.

Meadow Drive

Members discussed Meadow Drive and reviewed the P&S book for a count of impacted properties. Members agreed that this street would be next and the section between 102 and Mohawk Drive would be renamed, given that fewer properties would be affected. No naming ideas were suggested. This will be reviewed in future meetings.

Other Business

J. Vogl said that direction from Attorney Matt Serge was that the town needed to formalize future renumbering actions. He said that future renumbering actions should be decided at Task Force meetings and that our letters notifying residents of taskforce decisions should inform them of opportunities to be heard at future meetings if they object. For that reason, we needed to have regularly scheduled meetings. All agreed that a schedule would be decided later on, when Bobby Jones could have input.

Meeting minutes from January 24th, 26th and February 2nd and 22nd were approved.

Workshop closed at 3:45 pm.

Minutes recorded by John Vogl