



Agenda Report

20-207

Agenda Date: 3/5/2020

REPORT TO HISTORICAL AND LANDMARKS COMMISSION

SUBJECT

Public Hearing: Consideration to add street names to the City's Approved Street Name List

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Hunter Storm Properties is proposing four new street names to be added to the City's approved street name list for assignment to the private streets within and bordering the Gateway Crossings project site. The proposed street names include Champions Way, Champions Drive, Olympic Drive and Hansen Drive. A fifth private street within the development would take the name Corcoran Drive, which is currently on the City's approved street name list.

BACKGROUND

Chapter 2.120 of the Santa Clara City Code provides for the Historical and Landmarks Commission (HLC) to act as an advisory board to the Council on street naming. The last update to the street name list was 2008 following recommendation by the HLC and approval by Council. Additions to the street name list have since occurred as part of the Tentative Map process for individual development projects that include private or public streets.

As requested by the HLC, staff asks applicants to consider names from the City's approved list prior to requesting a new name(s). In the case of this proposal, the applicant has chosen one name currently on the City's approved list and is proposing four new names with cultural and historical associations. The applicant has submitted the proposed list and basis for the choice of street names to be made part of the Final Subdivision Map for the approved Gateway Crossings Project and is attached for review.

DISCUSSION

The roadway network in the Gateway Crossings Project consists of five private streets that transect and link planned development on the site to public streets and adjacent development. A Site Map is attached illustrating the street layout and its integration into the street network connecting adjacent land uses on the Coleman Highline Planned Development Project to the east in the City of San Jose. Champions Way borders the Gateway Crossings Project along the eastern boundary of the site and is partly within the jurisdiction of San Jose and becomes a private street as it enters Santa Clara. Champions Way is an approved street name for the portion in San Jose and is proposed for continuance as an approved street name in Santa Clara with construction of both developments.

The proposed street names have been reviewed by the Communications Division of the Police Department and Traffic Engineering and determined not to pose any emergency response concerns. Staff recommends that the HLC recommend approval of Champions Way, Champions Drive, Olympic Drive and Hansen Drive be added to the City's approved street name list.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no cost to the City other than administrative staff time and expense for processing the request.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The action being considered is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) as the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have a potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

PUBLIC CONTACT

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RECOMMENDATION

Recommend that the Historical and Landmarks Commission recommend Council approval of the proposed street names Champions Way, Champions Drive, Olympic Drive and Hansen Drive be added to the City's approved street name list.

Reviewed by: Yen Chen, Associate Planner

Approved by: Gloria Sciara, Development Review Officer

ATTACHMENTS

1. Applicant Request for Proposed Street Names
2. Site Map