



CPED STAFF REPORT

Prepared for the City Planning Commission

CPC Agenda Item #1
January 12, 2015
Street Naming

STREET NAMING APPLICATION SUMMARY

- Property Locations:*
- A. 4th St. S. between Cedar Ave. and 15th Ave. S.
 - B. 16th Ave. S. between 6th St. S. and the Hiawatha Bike Trail
 - C. 6th St. S. between Cedar Ave. and 15th Ave. S.

Project Name: Commemorative street naming
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Applicant: Council Member Abdi Warsame
Project Contact: Council Member Abdi Warsame
Request: Add commemorative street names to the streets designated A, B and C, above, as follows: A. Oromo Street, B. Taleex Avenue, and C. Somali Street.

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SITE DATA

Existing Zoning	R6, Multi Family District OR3, Institutional Office Residence District C2, Neighborhood Corridor Commercial District C3A, Community Activity Center District I1, Light Industrial District PO, Pedestrian Oriented Overlay District IL, Industrial Living Overlay District UA, University Area Overlay District
Lot Area	Not applicable
Ward(s)	6
Neighborhood(s)	Cedar Riverside
Designated Future Land Use	Not applicable
Land Use Features	Commercial Corridor (Riverside Avenue)
Small Area Plan(s)	Cedar Riverside Small Area Plan

Date Application Deemed Complete	Not applicable	Date Extension Letter Sent	Not applicable
End of 60-Day Decision Period	Not applicable	End of 120-Day Decision Period	Not applicable

BACKGROUND

SITE DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT USE. The streets to be given commemorative names are located in the Cedar-Riverside community. They include 4th Street South between Cedar Avenue and 15th Avenue South, 6th Street South between Cedar Avenue and 15th Avenue South and 16th Avenue South between 6th Street South and the Hiawatha Bike Trail. The streets are and will remain public rights of way.

SURROUNDING PROPERTIES AND NEIGHBORHOOD. The streets are surrounded by extensive residential development, office and commercial buildings, and community facilities. The site is located in the Cedar Riverside neighborhood.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION. The applicants are proposing to add commemorative names to three existing public rights of way, as follows:

- 4th Street S between Cedar Avenue and 15th Avenue S would be designated as Oromo Street
- 16th Avenue S between 6th Street S and the Hiawatha Bike Trail would be designated as Taleex Avenue
- 6th Street S between Cedar Avenue and 15th Avenue S would be designated as Somali Street

RELATED APPROVALS. Not applicable.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. No comments have been received at this time. Any correspondence received prior to the public meeting will be forwarded on to the Planning Commission for consideration.

ANALYSIS

STREET RENAMING

Streets shall be named in consideration of the following criteria:

- **Numeric street names shall be written using numerical rather than alphabetical spelling. For example, 1 rather than One.**

The official street names will continue to use the numerals 4, 6 and 16.

- **Numeric street names shall include the alphabetic suffix to the numerical prefix. For example, 12TH rather than 12.**

The street names will continue to use 4th, 6th and 16th.

- **Street names shall not be longer than can be produced by the standard sign manufacturing capability of the City Engineer or 30 characters, whichever is less.**

The street names are all less than 30 characters long.

- **Continuous streets should have the same name throughout the metropolitan area.**

Official street names will not change.

A street name should be changed only if there will be a public benefit that clearly outweighs the public confusion and cost that would be created by the name change.

Official street names will not change.

- **A proposed street name should not be similar to an existing street name so that it creates confusion or hinders the provision of standard or emergency services.**

Official street names will not change. The proposed commemorative street names would not be similar to other street names in Minneapolis.

- **A proposed street name should not duplicate any other street name unless it is a continuation of an interrupted street.**

Official street names will not change.

- **Street names should be in alphabetic or numerical sequence whenever practical.**

Official street names will not change and will retain the appropriate sequencing.

- **A street name should not uniquely identify a particular product, service, tenant, business or living person.**

Official street names will not change. The proposed commemorative street names do not identify a particular product, service, tenant business or living person.

- **Streets should generally be named after people, places, events and things related to the City and citizens of Minneapolis. Proposed names should meet one of the following criteria:**

- **1) to posthumously honor and commemorate noteworthy persons associated with the City of Minneapolis;**
- **2) to commemorate local history, places, events or culture;**
- **3) to strengthen neighborhood identity; or,**
- **4) to recognize native wildlife, flora, fauna or natural features related to the community and the City of Minneapolis.**

The proposed names commemorate local culture and strengthen neighborhood identity.

- **No street shall be designated with the name "Parkway" except under the jurisdiction of the Park and Recreation Board.**

The street names do not include the name "Parkway." Again, the proposed names are commemorative in nature.

- **Elements of an alphabetical street name should not be abbreviated unless it is common practice to do so. For example, DR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR is acceptable and preferable to DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING JUNIOR.**

The proposed names are not abbreviations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation of the Department of Public Works and the Department of Community Planning and Economic Development:

The Department of Public Works and the Department of Community Planning and Economic Development recommend that the City Planning Commission and City Council adopt the above findings and **approve** the petition to add commemorative names to three segments of right-of-way, including:

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- 16th Avenue S between 6th Street S and the Hiawatha Bike Trail would be designated as Taleex Avenue
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ATTACHMENTS

- I. Street naming map.