

Planning Advisory Committee

September 13, 2023

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Chair – Rachael Berg

City Planning Commission – Stephen Kroll, Marin Stephens

Historic District Landmarks Commission – Tracy St. Julien

The Department of Real Estate and Records – Ashley Spangenberg, Toni Thompson

The Department of Public Works – Louis Haywood

Sewage and Water Board – LaJoyce Steib

Non-Members Present

Office of Resilience and Sustainability – Matt Rufo

GIS/CEO's Office – Chris Ard

A City Planning Commission representative called the meeting to order by describing the function of the PAC, to consider the technical merits of projects proposed in the public right-of-way to inform the City Planning Commission's decision.

Item #1 – Minutes from August 16, 2023

The minutes from the August PAC meeting were considered for adoption. The representative from HDLC made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 16, PAC meeting. The motion was seconded by CPC and unanimously adopted.

Item number 2 – Consideration of Street Name Change 003-23 – renaming Kenilworth Street south of Interstate 610 between an unnamed alley and Orleans Avenue as Firefighter Way.

The representative from the City Planning Commission explained the second item was a proposal for a street name change that will be considered at the October 10, 2023, City Planning Commission hearing. The lead planner from the City Planning Commission assigned to this project went into further detail of the request. Chris Ard, who oversees the City's GIS street system, stated this request would eliminate some confusion as there is another Kenilworth Street and didn't foresee issues with the city's software. Chris Ard also mentioned Katherine Kargo from the Orleans Parish Communication District was opposed to the street name change because it could set a precedent where businesses try and seek a street name change for "website optimization". The representative from the Department of Public Works asked if there would be a conflict because it's a DOT ROW. Chris Ard responded he didn't believe that would be an issue. The chair of the PAC read a comment from the Department of Safety and Permits and the addressing division within Safety and Permits stating their opposition to the request. A representative from the City Planning Commission read another comment from the Office of Resilience and Sustainability stating their opposition to the suffix "Way" and asking to ensure the applicant will pay for the new street signs as required by the CPC Rules and Regulations.

The representative from the Historic District Landmarks Commission put forth a Motion to approve the street dedication with further review from the City Planning Commission and the Department Public Works. The representative from the Department of Property Management seconded the Motion and the Motion passed unanimously.