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Minutes

Date: 04/20/2021

Time: 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

City Staff: Jesse Moos (JM)

In attendance: Steph Aman (SA), Ellenor Barish (EB), Kerri Connolly (KC), David Guss (DG), Sara Marx (SM), Will Mbah (WM) Robert LaPointe (RL)

Absent: Mary Jo Rossetti (MJR). Steph Aman (SA),

Agenda:

Meeting was called to order at 6:04PM

The March minutes were **unanimously approved**.

Old Business

None

New Business

•Reviewing naming opportunities for the SHS-Tabled

This item was tabled by request of SHS Building Committee member MJR, via email on 4/16/2021 who had a City Council Finance Meeting to attend at the same time of this MC meeting. Due to this discussion not being time sensitive, the Chair KC agreed that this could be delayed until the MC's May meeting.

•Reviewing naming opportunities for two streets in Assembly Row (10 Minutes)

JM shared the locations of two streets currently named Road K and Road L





KC suggested **Squaw Sachem, "Queen of the Mistick"** as a naming option. EB brought up concerns of using the name "Queen" as it might be disrespectful. Members asked do we have enough knowledge of this person and her heritage to name a street after her. EB will look into this more.

RL suggested if we can name one of the streets after "Edsol" or "Ford" to recognize the industrial heritage of this area. EB suggested naming the street "Auto Workers Way". JM suggested finding out the name of the Union that existed at that time that would honor the Auto Workers from the past. This led to a conversation of the difference of using a proper name of an organization or a concept.

KC presented **Harold Cohen** to name after one of the streets. Harold was the founder of Somerville Lumber, which was located close to Assembly Row. Ellenor made a motion to name Road K for Harold Cohen, vote passed with a **4-1 vote. (RL-dissented)**

EB presented Stan Koty as name for a street. JM talked about his involvement with building Assembly. No vote was taken.

The discussion of naming the second street will continue at the May meeting.

Adjourned at 7:05 PM

Next meeting date: May 25th 2021

