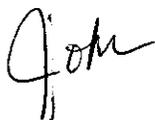


John Glascock



TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: City Manager and Staff

DATE: October 31, 2007



SUBJECT: Allowing Business Entrances off of an Alley

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Staff has prepared for Council consideration a report concerning the issues with having a business entrance solely off of an alley. Public Works has received a building permit application with this specific request.

DISCUSSION

Staff recently met with the property owner at 906 E. Broadway to discuss the issues concerning their only business entrance located off the alley. Public Works would like the issues of lighting, drainage, maintenance and expectations for vehicular access addressed before a business is allowed to proceed with an entrance off of an alley.

Lighting: Staff is concerned about the areas in the alley that will not be lit on either side of the business. The owner is willing to provide additional lighting for the business.

Drainage: Staff is concerned that most alleys do not have a collection system to provide for conveyance of stormwater. Staff discussed this issue with the property owner and no resolution was found.

Maintenance: Staff recommended to the property owner that some type of maintenance should be provided similar to what is currently required for sidewalks, i.e, snow and litter removal. The owner seemed agreeable to do this for a short period of time. This is a real concern of staff should Council allow, in the future, store fronts in the alleys. As with any access, the property owner has a high expectation of their store front appearance. Staff believes that if this request is approved, Council will receive requests to maintain these alleys with the same standards we currently have with streets. Staff also believes that with the current funding levels this maintenance would be at the expense of our residential streets. This issue was not resolved.

Vehicular Access: The owner has expressed interest in restricting vehicular access to public safety and service vehicles in the alley. Staff has not surveyed the other businesses in the area and would need more data to determine if this request would be supported.

Parking: Current ordinances prohibit most parking:
"Sec. 14-282. Parking in alleys.

No person shall park a vehicle within an alley in such a manner or under such conditions as to leave available less than ten (10) feet of the width of the roadway for the free movement of vehicular traffic, and no person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle within an alley in such position as to block the driveway entrance to any abutting property. "

This issue becomes even more important and critical if the sole access to a business is off of a narrow alley.

SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTION

Staff recommends restricted use in alleys.

Introduced by _____

First Reading _____

Second Reading _____

Ordinance No. _____

Council Bill No. B 330-07

AN ORDINANCE

naming five alleys within the downtown area; directing the City Clerk to record a certified copy of this ordinance; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

WHEREAS, all property owners of record abutting five alleys within the downtown area have been notified by certified mail of the City's intent to name the alleys and the date of a public hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission; and

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission has been published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City at least fifteen days prior to the hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission has held the advertised public hearing regarding the naming of the five alleys; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended to the City Council the naming of the five alleys; and

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing before the City Council to consider naming the five alleys has been published once in a local newspaper of general circulation at least seven days prior to the hearing; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has held a public hearing to consider naming the five alleys.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The unnamed alley running east/west between East Ash Street and East Walnut Street is hereby named McQuitty Alley.

SECTION 2. The unnamed alley running east/west between East Walnut Street and East Broadway is hereby named Nowell Alley.

SECTION 3. The unnamed alley running east/west between East Broadway and Cherry Street is hereby named Sorin Alley.

SECTION 4. The unnamed alley running east/west between Cherry Street and Locust Street is hereby named Barth Alley.

SECTION 5. The unnamed alley running east/west between Locust Street and Elm Street is hereby named Lancaster Alley. That portion of the alley now named Lancaster Drive shall be renamed Lancaster Alley.

SECTION 6. The City Clerk is hereby directed to have a certified copy of this ordinance recorded in the office of the Boone County Recorder of Deeds.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2007.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor

Source

Timothy Teddy

TO: City Council

FROM: City Manager and Staff

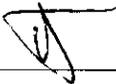
DATE: September 21, 2007



RE: A City-initiated proposal to name five east-west alleys within the Central Business District (Case 07-47)

Proposed names for the five alleys are:

- "McQuitty Alley" (Between Walnut and Ash Streets)
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- "Sorin Alley" (Between Broadway and Cherry St.)
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Fiscal Impact

YES

~~NO~~



Other Info.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At its meeting of June 4, 2007, after receiving a report from the staff, the City Council directed the Planning and Zoning Commission to proceed with a public hearing on a proposal to name five alleys in the downtown area. A public hearing was held by the Commission on September 20, 2007. Owners of property adjoining the subject alleys were notified of the hearing by certified mail, as required by City Ordinance. After hearing testimony from several members of the public and after considerable discussion, the Commission voted unanimously (6-0) to recommend the following alley names:

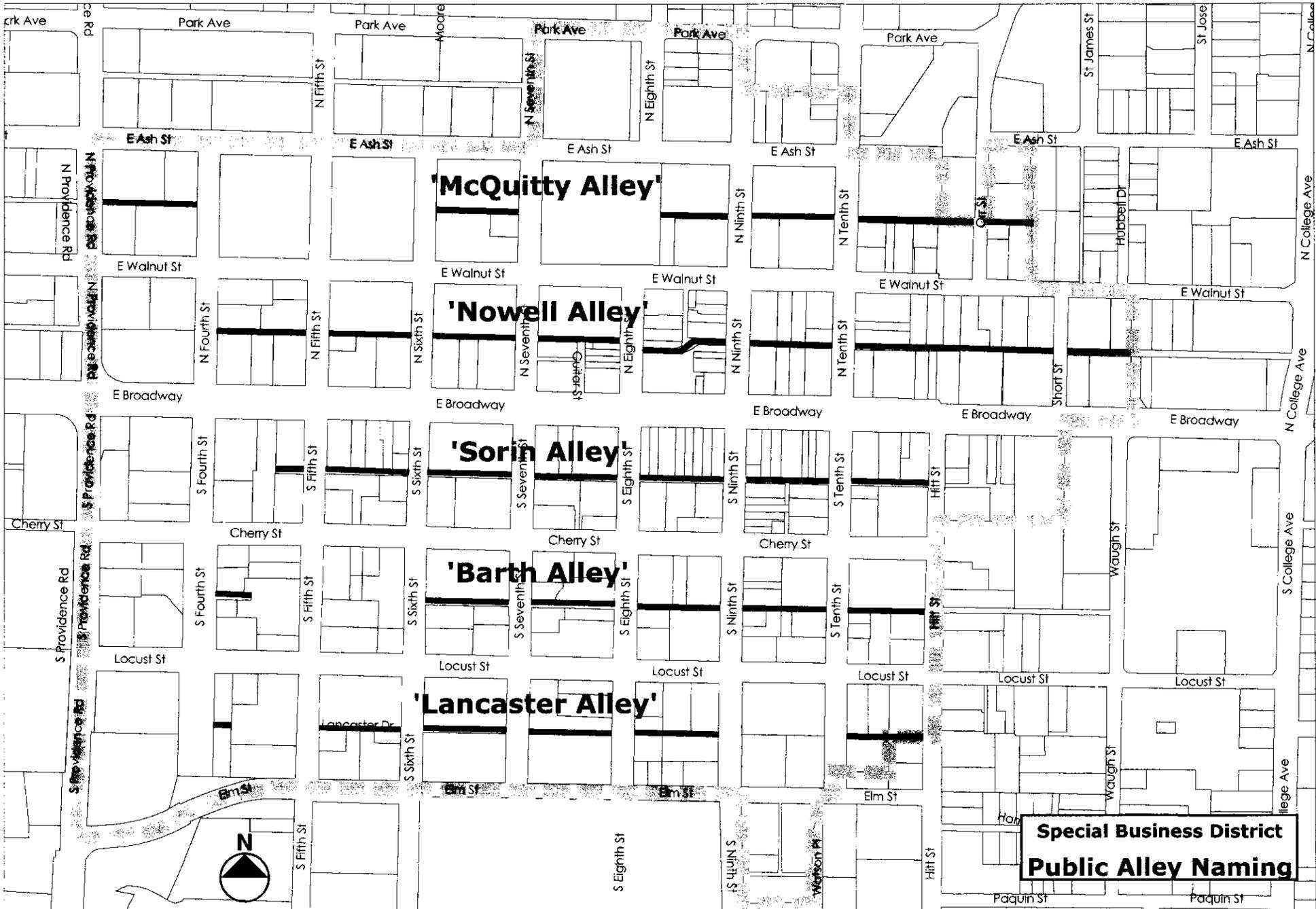
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These names differ somewhat from the original five names considered by the Commission. "Nowell" replaced "Sharp End," "Sorin" replaced "Nowell" and "Barth" replaced "Flat Branch" on the map originally proposed.

A staff report, a locator map, pertinent correspondence and excerpts from the minutes of the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting are attached.

SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTION

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the five, above-described alley names.



**Special Business District
Public Alley Naming**

**AGENDA REPORT
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2007**

ITEM NO.

07-47

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asked what that date was. Mr. Janku replied April 29, 2004. He noted they started working around September 2003. Ms. Nauser noted the property that was owned by Mr. Smith had since sold again in June 2006. She wondered who would get relief in that case.

Mr. Wade thought they should waive the tax bill for anyone listed on this sheet as a new owner as \$6,750 was not a lot of money. Mr. Janku pointed out, over the years, a lot of people had paid tax bills and in fairness they should pay it unless there was a reason they double paid. Ms Nauser agreed. Mr. Skala agreed with Mayor Hindman in that they needed to determine if the pre-final project date was a fair date.

Mayor Hindman made the motion to table this report to the June 18, 2007 Council meeting for further staff review in consultation with Ms. Nauser. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nauser and approved unanimously by voice vote.

(F) Naming of Downtown Alleys.

Mr. Watkins stated the Historic Preservation Commission and the Special Business District had been talking about naming alleys because some property owners were considering using alleys as entrance ways to businesses, which would require a name for addressing purposes.

Mr. Janku stated he believed this was an important public safety issue as well because if one tried to describe one's location in relation to an alley, it was almost impossible.

Mr. Janku made the motion to refer this issue to the Planning & Zoning Commission. The motion was seconded by Ms. Crayton.

Mayor Hindman stated he thought the idea of developing in the alleys was good. He showed the Council photos of Springfield where they had signs above the alleys. He believed it was a nice feature and would add to downtown.

Mayor Hindman commented that he believed they needed to have mid-block pedestrian crossings where the alleys were located on streets such as Eighth, Ninth and Tenth. He believed they wanted downtown to be a highly concentrated retail area with easy pedestrian access and by naming the alleys and encouraging people to cross at mid-block, it would direct more traffic into the alleys and encourage the development of retail in alleys. He asked if they would add the idea of mid-block pedestrian crossings at the alleys to his motion. Mr. Janku stated he would and noted it had been done in Jefferson City and worked well. Mayor Hindman noted High Street in Jefferson City was much more of a through traffic street than Eighth, Ninth or Tenth. Mr. Janku agreed those were logical places as there were physical indicators there. Mr. Skala stated he also believed it was a great idea and would dress up the alleys. He pointed out people crossed mid-block anyway, so it might provide some safety.

Ms. Hoppe understood they were recommending the Planning & Zoning Commission hold a public hearing for the suggested names recommended by the Historic Preservation Commission in 2004. Mayor Hindman stated he did not think they would be bound by just by those names. Mr. Janku thought they could make their own recommendations like they did with the Nifong Connector and Southampton.

The motion, made by Mr. Janku, amended by Mayor Hindman and seconded by Ms. Crayton, to refer the issue of naming downtown alleys to the Planning & Zoning Commission

along with having mid-block pedestrian crossings at the alleys on streets such as Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Streets was approved unanimously by voice vote.

(G) Roots N Blues Festival Signage Plan.

Mr. Watkins stated they provided, as a report, the complete request of the festival organizers in terms of temporary event signage. He noted there were a couple of banners that would be up for a longer period of time than two days. He commented that a presentation was made at the pre-Council work session earlier in the evening.

Mr. Janku made the motion to approve the plan as requested. The motion was seconded by Mr. Skala.

Mr. Janku noted some of this was out of the City's hands. MoDOT would be ruling on the directional items for the major roadways. He agreed the signage for the festival was necessary. He was hopeful they could come up with a way this could be done by others without the Council making that decision in the future. He noted there would be many types of downtown events, such as the bike races, etc. and he did not think they should be deciding whether or not a detour sign was needed on a particular block. He believed it was their responsibility to sign off on streets closures as they could be controversial from time to time. The issue of the banners over the bank might reoccur, but he was not sure if they were concerned with that. He believed they needed to obtain input for future decisions from the Central Business District.

Mr. Skala stated that since the bank was one of the sponsors, it was reasonable. He noted it was all temporary, although they would be put up in June, which made for a longer temporary timeframe. He believed the organizers were on top of it in terms of details for the roads, detours, etc. He agreed they might want to comment on some of the big items, but it appeared it was pretty much under control and a great idea.

Mayor Hindman understood the only significant issue involving the sign ordinance was the banner. He did not think the directional signs were an issue. The banners involved a significant exception to the sign ordinance and asked if they were the correct authority to make that decision or if it should go to the Board of Adjustment. Mr. Wade noted as they moved more toward high profile festivals, banners were a critical part. He believed they needed a way to deal with banners since they would always be in violation of the sign ordinance, which was for a very different purpose. He asked if they needed to think about a special handling of banners. He understood they also needed to ensure Council was not involved in the final decision regarding signs as it did not seem appropriate. A more appropriate place would be within operations, such as with Police or Public Works. Mayor Hindman noted they needed to have some kind of guideline. Mr. Wade understood they needed to set a policy and not make decisions on each specific instance. Mayor Hindman commented the problem was that they had set policy, but that policy did not cover this situation. Ms. Hoppe understood Mr. Wade was suggesting this might become a standard exception so they might want to set policy for that exception. Mr. Skala stated they needed to look at the ordinance. Mayor Hindman agreed, but noted they did not have time to do that with this instance. Mr. Skala understood the question was that if they wanted to make this an exception until such time they could deal with the ordinance, how would they do that. Mr.

It shall be unlawful for any person to use, travel or drive upon, with vehicles or horse, any street within the city in the course of construction or improvement, while the same is closed to public travel. It shall be notice to all that a street is closed to public travel when the same has rope barriers or railings constructed, erected or placed at the end of such street, and it shall be unlawful for any person to cut any rope or to remove any railing, barrier or construction of any kind when placed across any street, when the same is placed there for the purpose of showing that the street is closed. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.
(Code 1964, § 14.170)

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(Code 1964, § 14.180)

Sec. 24-15. Changing names of streets; procedure.

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(c) The city clerk shall have a certified copy of each ordinance changing a street name recorded in the office of the recorder of deeds.

(Code 1964, § 14.200; Ord. No. 10006, § 1, 11-21-83; Ord. No. 16395, § 1, 4-3-00)

Sec. 24-16. Numbering of houses, buildings, mobile homes.



Alley Names:

It should be noted that The Sharp End used to be a bar located at 609 N Garth. The Columbia Police Department investigated that bar and its owner(s) for various criminal acts and subsequently gained assistance from the Business License Office in revoking the business license to operate in the City.

Many in the community correlate the name Sharp End with disturbances, open air drug sales, peace disturbance, gambling, and more.

Mid block crossings at alleys:

Each alley should have corner mirrors in place where they intersect roadways. Example in place is the alley/driveway behind the Daniel Boone Building where the alley/drive exit to 7th St. There should also be roadway paint marking alley crossings across the road along with pedestrian crossing or traffic signs.

PSJC Comment Sheet

•**Not Approved**-City Ordinance prohibits use of duplicate, existing or platted street names. Names shall also be easily spelled and pronounced

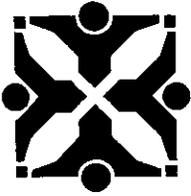
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McQuitty Wy	Mcquitty Ln already exists
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Lancaster Wy	Lancaster Dr already exists, if it is renamed it won't be a problem.

•**Not Recommended**-Will create a greater probability for error in sending emergency responses.

Street Name	Comment
Flat Branch Wy	Flat Branch is already a common name in the area, creek, park, business etc.

•**Available at this time**
Street Name

***There is a suffix or street type designated Alley, and has been used in streets in Columbia. The suffix for these Alleys should match what they are (i.e. "Streetname Alley")**



INTER-OFFICE MEMO

TO Timothy Teddy, Planning and Development Director

FROM: Jim Paneck Chief building Inspector, Protective Inspection Division

DATE: August 15, 2007

SUBJECT: Alley naming

Protective Inspection is opposed to the use of the street suffix type of WAY as noted with the recommended names.

The original Columbia town plat and all subsequent replats refer to ALLEYS. These public ways do not meet the standards of a street and should not be given a street type suffix.

Protective Inspection staff worked many hours with Boone County developing the "Addressing Procedure Guidebook" that is being considered by city council and county commission for adoption as approved procedure. Naming the alleys WAY would be inconsistent with this document as well.

I understand that certain individuals do not want these called alleys because of a negative connotation but they are alleys. There are new developments in Columbia that are incorporating alleys to provide vehicle access to the rear of the lots. These plats name the alleys and they are entered into the city land file street directory as such.

Even the document listing the recommended names refers to these roadways as alleys.

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September 6, 2007

Jeff Barrow
Chairman of Planning and Zoning Commission
701 E. Broadway
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Columbia, MO 65205-6015

SEP 10 2007

Dear Jeff:

I received the notice from the Planning and Development Director concerning the naming of proposed alleys in downtown Columbia. My wife, Nancy, and I own the office building located at 11 North Fifth Street. The ownership is under the name of M & E Offices, Inc.

The name designated for the alley on the south side of our building is not a name that we would be pleased to have on any sign or symbol anywhere around our office building. I find the name to be offensive to me and to the general area where we own our property. Although the name "Sharp End Way" may have some historic significance, Nancy and I find it offensive and inappropriate.

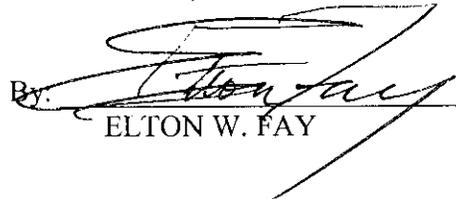
I would suggest that a more appropriate name for our alley would be "Blind Boone Way". Since Blind Boone's home is immediately west of our property, and at the end of the alleyway, it would seem a more appropriate name to commemorate an outstanding citizen from the past.

Please accept our suggestion with the hope that the Commission might consider another name for the alleyway between Walnut Street and Broadway.

Thank you for the time that you and the Commission members spend on city business.

Very truly yours,

M & E Offices, Inc.

By: 
ELTON W. FAY

EWf:tk

cc: Mayor Darwin Hindman
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August 20, 2007

John Ott
President,
Central Columbia, Downtown District
212 Bingham Street
Columbia Mo. 65203

RE; Downtown Alley naming.

Dear John:

This letter is written in regard to the request submitted to the City Council to name the downtown alleys. As a downtown property owner I agree that it might be interesting to name the downtown alleys, However, I am concerned about "Sharp end Way" being selected as the name for one of the alleys.

I am not sure that the Board of Directors is aware of the historic background for the name "sharp end" in Columbia. For many years there was a black business district situated where the Columbia Tribune Printing plant is now located. Unfortunately over the years there were so many knife and razor fights happening there that people started referring to it as sharp end.

Because of the derogatory nature of the use of the words "sharp end", I do not think that the black community would appreciate an alley being called by that name.

There were a number of historic citizens who owned property along that alley. I think it would be more appropriate that one of those persons be recognized in the naming of that particular alley. Following is a list of some historic possibilities who are all people who where involved in the history of Columbia and who owned property along the north side of Broadway near the alley in question.

1. JOEL HADEN: He built the building presently occupied by the Commerce Bank and the two previous buildings. The first building was an opera house. When it burned down he replaced it with a bank building: When it also burnt, his trust built the present building. (This certainly reflected a belief in the future of downtown Columbia) He was also one of the founders of the Exchange National Bank (now the First National Bank) and his home was located on old highway 63 north and for a time was the location of the Haden House Restaurant.

AUG 27 2007

ROBERT C. SMITH

2. THE BARTH BROTHERS Joe and Isidore Barth were some of the first itinerant clothes peddlers in the early days of Boone County. The Barth family owned and operated a men's clothing store at the location of what is now "Binghams" as well as owning another clothing store for a time in Rocheport.

3. THE BOWLING FAMILY Owned and operated the Exchange Bank for many years at the present location of The First National Bank.

4. MR. LEONARD; Mr. J.S. Leonard was an Englishman who came to Columbia and built and operated the original Daniel Boone Hotel which is now the location of the Columbia Municipal building.

5. BLIND BOONE. The Blind Boone House is located at the west end of the alley and that is another possibility for a historic name. However, it might be more appropriate to rename 4th street as Blind Boone Avenue since the Boone House faces that street.

6. ALLTON BROTHERS; John & Tom Allton for many years operated the Columbia Ford Agency where the Field house night club is now located. Also both of them were Columbia's pioneers in the flying of airplanes.

I am sure there are other appropriate history names for "sharp end way", but it seems to me we can surely do better than the name proposed.



Robert C. Smith

CC: Bill Watkins, City Manager
Darwain Hindman, Mayor

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September 4, 2007

Timothy Teddy, AICP
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SEP 11 2007

To Whom It May Concern:

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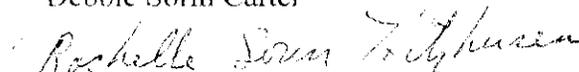
We think it would be most appropriate to name this alley "Sorin's Way" and honor someone who was so important in the history of Columbia.

Thanking you in advance.

Sincerely,


Lucy A. Sorin


Debbie Sorin Carter


Rochelle Sorin Hitzhusen

From: "Rochelle Hitzhusen" <gityup@andiamo-tel.com>
To: <planning@gocolumbiamo.com>
Date: 9/17/2007 9:53:13 AM
Subject: Naming of Alleys

Dear Members of Planning & Zoning,

In the naming of the alley between 5th St. and 6th St. please consider calling it "Sorin's Way" in honor of my father, Ben Sorin, who had his business in that block of Broadway for 65 years (Columbia Auto Parts). His business maintained this alley all those years as they used it to access their shop. He worked tirelessly for many charities and also for the City of Columbia. He was a very FINE MAN and " Sorin's Way" is the most appropriate name for this particular alley.

Thank You,

Rochelle Sorin Hitzhusen

FILE COPY

Timothy Teddy, AICP
Planning and Development Director
701 E. Broadway
P.O. Box 6015
Columbia, Mo. 65203-6015

Dear Mr. Teddy,

We received notification of the naming of five alleys within Columbia's Central Business District, which seems like a good idea. As we considered this along with other innovative projects like the refurbishing of the Wabash Train Station and the art that will be displayed there, perhaps naming the alley Wabash Way might help citizens locate the train station, view the art and other aspects of that location in The District.

If you might have any questions about this suggestion, please feel free to contact us at our residence, 443-2702. Thank you for requesting feedback regarding the plan.

Sincerely,



Vicki and Jim Straub

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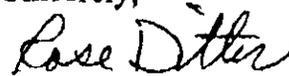
Rose Ditter
KeLani Salon & Spa
1100 E. Walnut
Columbia, MO 65201

City of Columbia
Planning and Zoning

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to you about the proposed name, Sharp End Way, which runs behind my business and property. I understand the historic value of the name, but I think that very few other people do. The first thought that comes to mind with such a name is an instrument of violence. In 1975 there was a bouncer stabbed to death in a bar called Faces at 1034 E. Walnut. There has been a number of other stabbing outside the old Lou's Palace, and also other such violence in the area. I would like you to reconsider the name and give our city a meaningful name that is positive and reflects the good changes that are occurring in the neighborhood.

Sincerely,



Rose Ditter

September 10, 2007

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Date: 9/19/2007 10:08:54 AM
Subject: Alley Naming

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a Downtown business and property owner, I have a suggestion regarding naming of alleyways downtown.

Instead of names of people, regardless of their historical significance, I suggest using more generic identification, such as One South, Two South, Three South, etc. Not only is this method much more logical, especially for out-of-towners, it eliminates any concerns about the appropriateness of names.

Thank you for your consideration.

E. Lynn Miller, D.D.S.

Miller Dental Associates

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Subject: "alley" naming

Dear Planning and Zoning members,

Our family has owned commercial property at 107 Hitt Street since 1975 and have operated our insurance agency business from this location. I like the idea of naming the east-west "alleys". I am fond of "Flat Branch Way", I really like this name and would like to see it come to fruition.

I like "Way". I do not like "Alley". When people think of "alleys" they think of dirty, rat infested, crime corridors. If "Way" is nixed by the city/PZ, then maybe "Walkway" could be a tag the SBD and city might consider. The majority of the "Walkways" we have in the District are just that and perhaps an added benefit of "Walkway" is that the name might discourage casual vehicle drive-thru traffic (except for service/delivery vehicles). Some of these "walkways" are narrow and I think every concerned party would prefer to see limited vehicular traffic (or on an "as needed" basis). At least one exception is the far east stretch of Flat Branch Way, just north of our property line, here the width supports two lanes of traffic.

As a business owner, I want the public to feel safe in every area of the District from parking garages to "alleys". This will improve the economic vitality of the district during the evening hours. It is my hopes that eventually issues such as security lighting, power-washing, crosswalk painting, signage, etc., be addressed. I do thank you very much for your time! Kelly Veach

Kelly Veach, Agent
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From: Jon Galloway <galloway7@gmail.com>
To: Timothy Teddy <TTTEDDY@GoColumbiaMO.com>, Scott Hanson <esh@gocolumbiamo.com>
Date: 9/20/2007 12:53:31 PM
Subject: Comments for Planning and Zoning Re: Sharp End Way

FILE COPY

Dear Planning and Zoning Commission:

I am writing to provide comments on Sharp End Way and want to express my support for this name remaining. Unfortunately, I cannot attend this evening and hope you will take my comments into consideration. My comments are in response to the concern that Sharp End is a name that has a negative historic meaning.

After doing research in the Missouri Historical Society Library into some properties in North Central Columbia, I ran across a masters thesis written in 2002 by an University of Missouri-Columbia student, Jason Jindrich. The thesis is titled "Our Black Children: The Evolution of Black Space in Columbia, Missouri, and contains extensive research on historically black areas of Columbia. The thesis is attached to this e-mail. In the thesis, the name Sharp End is used at length as the name for the black commercial and residential district that existed prior to its demolition as part of 1950s and 1960s urban renewal.

Mr. Jindrich is now a PhD student at the University of Minnesota and his profile is attached. His comments about Sharp End are below, and considering the amount of research he has done into this area, I think they are valuable comments that can dispel a negative image of Sharp End.

From 9/20/07 e-mail from Jason Jindrich regarding Sharp End:

"There is no certain origin for the name, and believe me I looked long and hard for one because the idea that the Black community would have accepted a blatantly derogatory name for the heart of their commercial district seems absurd.

That said, the knife and razor explanation is also almost certainly a folk etymology because it predates both the perception of that area as a crime center and the razor/knife stereotype of shiftless Negro gangsters, both of which emerged in Columbia following WWI. I just don't have the evidence to disprove it.

My strategy to get around this would be to sift the archive of the local Black newspaper and other sources originating in the Black community to find evidence that it was the common name for the neighborhood, and embrace it that way.

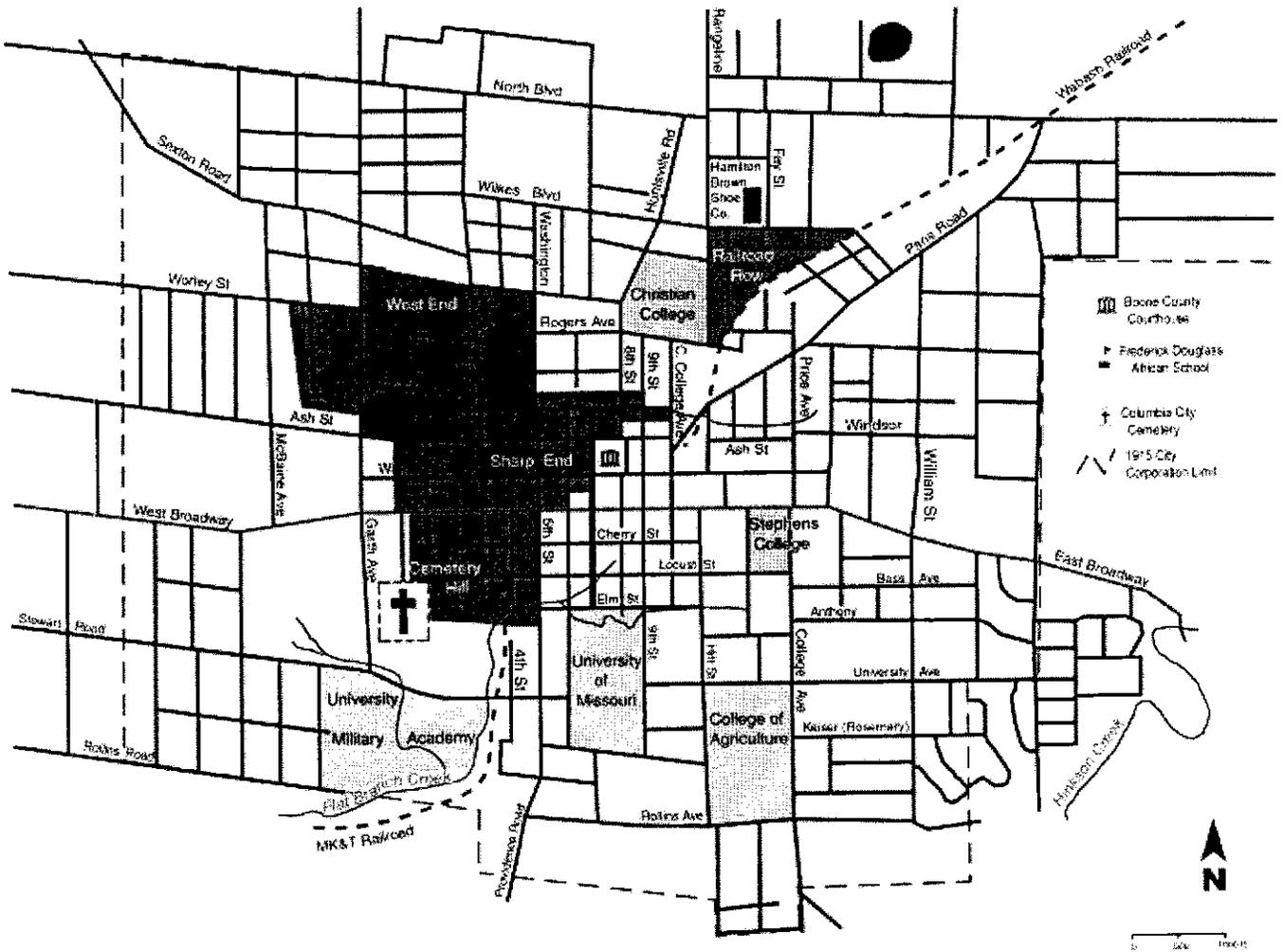
As you can see, Mr. Jindrich cannot disprove concerns outright, but makes a good point and suggestions for disproving that Sharp End is a negative name. It is also worth noting that the Blind Boone House sits in the Sharp End area as you can see on the map on Page 20 of the thesis, so Sharp End Way makes sense to go through this area.

Again, I hope the Planning and Zoning Commission will support Sharp End Way, and please let me know if you have any questions or comments about the information I have provided.

Sincerely,

Jon Galloway
Secretary
Historic Preservation Commission
Columbia, Missouri
314.482.0190

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Adapted from a map by Jason Ebersol

Map 3.1: Reference Map of Columbia in 1915. Dark green areas represent the general location of Negro neighborhoods.

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EXCERPTS
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING
September 20, 2007

4) PUBLIC HEARINGS

07-47 City-initiated naming of five public alleys in the Special Business District.

MR. CADY: May we have a staff report, please?

Staff report was given by Mr. Charles Bondra of the Planning and Development Department, with additional comments by Mr. Tim Teddy. Staff recommends that the suffix for each alley be "alley" rather than "way" and that the apostrophe be removed from Nowell's. The street duplication issue (Sharp Road and McQuitty Lane) is subjective since those streets are in unincorporated Boone County and use of the suffix "alley" should eliminate confusion with the two existing County roads.

The use of the name "Sharp End" has drawn some public comment. While the Planning Department staff is not opposed to use of the name with the suffix "alley," several alternatives have been suggested by citizens, which the Commission may want to consider.

MR. CADY: Thank you, Mr. Teddy. He does bring up a good question because, depending upon how -- and I know we'll have a lot of participation here from the audience tonight -- the one thing that I thought of is depending upon what we do recommend to the Council, it'll still have to be run through JCIC again, won't it, because if something other than what's in our staff report is our recommendation, they have to take a shot at it and they may turn it down. That's still a possibility, isn't it?

MR. BONDRA: Yes. I think if you recommend some alternate names, we'll run those by Joint Communications just to make sure there isn't a problem.

MR. CADY: And that brings up another question. If, let's say, all of the recommendations that we vote on get rejected, does it come back to us or does it just go to Council?

MR. BONDRA: I'm sorry? You mean, if you make a recommendation to the Council?

MR. CADY: If we make a recommendation based on either public input or what the Commission wants to do, and it gets rejected by JCIC, will it come back to --

MR. BONDRA: Oh, by JCIC?

MR. CADY: Well, I am not familiar with the new name yet, but will that come back --

MR. BONDRA: Public Safety Joint Communications. I'm sorry.

MR. CADY: Will that come back to us?

MR. BONDRA: Well, not necessarily. I think we would just advise the Council that Public Safety Joint Communications said -- you know, has red-flagged the street.

MR. CADY: Okay.

MR. BONDRA: It wouldn't necessarily come back to you unless the Council wanted it to go back to you.

MR. CADY: Okay. I just wanted to point that out, that, you know, this still has to have the review of the new department. Ms. Curby?

MS. CURBY: It might be a moot point, but if they're objecting to calling these ways which would imply that they might be streets, why is there an issue with the naming of them conflicting with streets?

MR. TEDDY: Are you talking about the suffix, whether it's called "way" or "alley"?

MS. CURBY: The name, yeah. No. No. No. Well, no. If they're objecting to using the name "way" because that might imply that it's a street, and if we use "alley," would that not negate the conflict with the street name?

MR. TEDDY: Oh, in other words, if the name duplicates, but the suffix sets it apart from an existing?

MR. CADY: Uh-huh. It's unique. It puts uniqueness on it.

MR. TEDDY: Yeah. Well, typically, we look at just the name, not the suffix. So, for example, give you an example of a name. If there's a Chestnut Drive, and, you know, it's in one part of the City, and then there's a Chestnut Lane in another part --

MS. CURBY: Yeah, I understand that.

MR. TEDDY: -- we would consider that duplication, so I think it's that principle they're working off of.

MR. BONDRA: I think what the issue with McQuitty and Sharp, those are so far out in the county that, I think, they're a little bit less of a problem than if they were in the city, so we have to kind of make a judgment call on some of these.

MS. CURBY: No. I'm just talking about the names conflicting with the street-name policy when they're clearly saying that these are not streets and cannot be called ways, but they have to be called alleys.

MR. TEDDY: Yeah. That's a recommended policy, and that's in draft form still. It's the work of a committee. My suggestion to the Commission is work the names first, and then once you have some kind of consensus or decision on names, then take up the issue of what kind of suffix identification.

MR. CADY: Well, let me throw something out. I know in the recent -- we approved a subdivision on Mr. Bass' property north of Smiley, and we recommended and the Council approved him putting in alleys. Now, I looked in our zoning map today, and those are called alleys. That sets them apart that they are an alley, so we need to keep that in mind, too. And like Mr. Teddy said, let's worry about the names, and then put the denominator on them or whatever we want to call that, so --

MR. TEDDY: Yeah. There's a few examples, but there's a new subdivision in north Columbia that,

by design, had an alley, and they called that Yogin Alley, and so, that's an example of the principle.

MR. CADY: Right. That's the subdivision I was referring to on Mr. Bass' --

MR. TEDDY: That's a new development, so --

MR. CADY: Yeah. Right. Right. Any further questions of staff? The one thing, Mr. Bondra, before I open the public hearing, would you put on the overhead the map that shows all five of them so that we can refer to them and the audience can, too. I can't hardly see the one on the easel. It would be easier to see the one up on the screen, if we could get -- there you go. That's it. Okay. Before I open the public hearing, a little bit of our engagement rules. The first speaker, if you're representing a group of people, you can have six minutes to talk, and everybody after that can have three minutes. Normally, these issues, you're either for it or against it, and I'm not sure how to put people in that category on this thing because each one is unique and it's site specific. And rather than have just the other side's first speaker speak for six minutes, too, I'm not sure how to handle that, so -- because everybody is going to get up and either be for it or against it. I'm not sure how to put those people in their separate camps.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

MR. CADY: Anyone wishing to speak on this issue, please come forward. State your name and address for the record.

MRS. SORIN: I'm Lucy Sorin at 15 Sappington Drive, Columbia, Missouri, and I received a letter from Mr. Teddy from Planning and Zoning about the naming of the alleys in downtown Columbia business district. If I could please read my letter that I wrote to Mr. Teddy, that will explain why I'm here. "To Whom It May Concern: We received a letter regarding the name of five alleys in Columbia. We understand that the Planning and Zoning meeting will be held on September the 20th to make recommendations to the City Council for naming these alleys. We would appreciate in naming the alley behind where Columbia Auto Parts was located (between 5th and 6th Street) 'Sorin's Way.' My late husband and our father, Ben Sorin, owned Columbia Auto Parts and was in business for 65 years at 504 East Broadway. You will not find a finer man -- he was a pillar of the community and worked very hard to make Columbia a better place. Ben served on many local committees benefiting Columbia, including the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, 50-year member and treasurer from 1980 to '81; Ag Committee, 25 years; Aleppo Grotto, 50 years; and active member of the United Way campaign for many years. Ben Sorin was a man who gave financially and he inspired others to contribute as well for projects such as the Red Cross Building on Providence Road and the Cancer Research Center at the Ellis Fischel Hospital. He gave jobs to those in need and mentored people in business ventures. He was a respected community leader and an inspiration to those who knew him. We think it would be most appropriate to name this alley 'Sorin's Way,' and honor someone who was so important to the history of Columbia. Sincerely, Lucy Sorin, Debbie Sorin Carter, Rochelle Sorin Hitzhusen." I ask for the alley behind

Columbia Auto Parts on South Fifth and South Sixth. I believe this name would give historical meaning to this lane. If not, I would be happy to be considered for any other alley. Thank you.

MR. CADY: Mrs. Sorin, would you mind, if we recommended to call it after your late husband, if we changed it to "alley" instead of "way"?

MRS. SORIN: Oh, not at all. Not at all.

MR. CADY: Okay. Okay. Just want to get your preference on the other end of this thing.

MRS. SORIN: Yeah, that would be fine. That would be good.

MR. CADY: Mr. Rice?

MR. RICE: Yeah. Question of staff. Are we charged with naming the alleys so that they have the same name through the entire length, or is there a precedent on that?

MR. TEDDY: Well, I think you can certainly look at any number of combinations, but we fairly strongly recommend you have continuity through the downtown so we're not changing names as we cross streets. And I would go out on a limb and say I think the City services that deal with addresses would feel the same way.

MR. RICE: Thank you.

MR. CADY: Are there any other questions of this speaker? Thank you.

MRS. SORIN: Thank you.

MR. CADY: The next speak, please. Anyone who would like to speak on this issue?

MR. SCHUSTER: Good evening, Commissioners. My name is Larry Schuster; I have offices in the historic Grand Avenue Grocery Store at 1101 Grand, and my residence is at 3109 Hill Haven Lane, which is a part of the Gordon tract, which is a major contributor to the Stephens College and the University of Missouri. I mention those things, one, coming cheap, but, two, as a part of this discussion of how important history is to this area. We were not carved out, like a lot of cities, at a juncture of a major stream, or anything of that nature, but because Ohioans and Kentuckians came out here and settled this area as a speculative venture. It has proved to very prosperous. We all love to live here, and our connection to our history is very important, so I applaud the City and the City Council in their efforts with this, and in that token, support Mrs. Sorin in her request that Nowell's Way be called Sorin's Alley. I do think that we could help this out a little bit by discarding Flat Branch Way. Flat Branch has plenty of historic significance and naming rights with the branch, and so, it's not lost, and that would accommodate Sorin's Alley all the way through there, and would give credence to a family that has contributed and helped build Columbia to what it is today. It's easy to look at some of these names, and we sometimes have a preference to, really, go to the pioneer days, and I think this is particularly important because it's a little bit more recent history. And I've know the Sorins for many years. They were good to me as I got started in the Pioneer business -- Pioneer Window Works, and they're good friends and good customers,

and I think that some recent history is, you know, just as important as our very early history. So, I'm in support of that and offer you as an alternative the deletion of Flat Branch Way and, that way, we can still honor an old family who is very -- also contributed very much to the history of Columbia and their commerce and contributions to Columbia.

MR. CADY: So, you're recommending taking Nowell's and just pushing it one alley south then down in this direction?

MR. SCHUSTER: That's correct.

MR. RICE: Okay.

MR. CADY: Do you --

MR. SCHUSTER: Sorin's has a particular geographic importance to where it's at.

MR. CADY: Okay. Do you have any comments on any of the other ones, or is that the only one you're highlighting on is --

MR. SCHUSTER: No. I was asked to comment on that one, and I was flattered to be asked to do that, and I willingly did so. The Sharp End Way, as a former first-ward councilman, I would point out that some of those constituents like to -- they say the police department calls that the Sharp End. I think the flip side of that coin is that everybody was dressed sharp for Saturday night to go out. Thank you.

MR. CADY: Just a minute.

MS. ANTHONY: Mr. Schuster, can I just ask one more quick question?

MR. SCHUSTER: Yes.

MS. ANTHONY: The staff seemed to have a question as to whether it was Nowell or Nowells.

MR. SCHUSTER: I believe it's Nowell. Mr. Nowell was a customer of mine, also.

MS. ANTHONY: Okay. Without the S -- the family name?

MR. SCHUSTER: That would be easy to clarify; you can also look in the phone book.

MS. ANTHONY: Okay. Thank you.

MR. CADY: Thank you. The next speaker, please?

MR. SMITH: Hi. My name is Bob Smith, and I'm a retired lawyer. I don't know what I'm doing down here -- and retired mayor -- other than I am going to say at the outset I don't think this is the most important thing that the P & Z is going to ever do. Secondly, that when you start to name something, everybody comes out with ideas, and I don't envy the job you have. But I do think that the naming of these alleys is a good idea for historic downtown Columbia. I like the name "way" because it -- I think it sounds a little dressier than "alley," but I think the idea of recognizing some of the old names of Columbia that might be important historically would be good. I do not agree that we should call it Sharp End Alley. I was born in 1923, and I lived through this period, and I know Sharp End was called because of the fact that there were some nightclubs and they had -- they didn't use guns in those days, but they had knives

and razors, and people always showed up in the hospital, and the newspapers were sort of afraid of the Sharp End, and I don't think that's something that we want to memorialize, so I think some of these other names would be better. I had thought of one possibility was Blind Boone's house was on that alley, that's one possibility. But I've always thought that Fourth Avenue -- Fourth Street should be changed to Blind Boone Street because the house faces there; I think that's one choice. I had mentioned Joel Haden Way, but I found out there's as Haden Street somewhere?

MR. TEDDY: Yes, sir. It runs north of Northland Drive in north Columbia.

MR. SMITH: I got you. I've lived here that long and didn't know it, but that's an old family name and it's one that -- he was involved in the building of the old opera house and everything that faces on this alley. Another name that I thought might be worthwhile is calling it Barth Way. The Barth family, a very historic family in Columbia. They came to this area -- Moses Barth came here in 1947. He was an itinerant clothing peddler and came through here. He established a men's clothing store at Rocheport and then he established one in Columbia, and his sons, Isadore and Joseph Barth, ran that Barth's Clothing Company which was on the corner of Ninth and Broadway where Bingham's is now, and which also is close to the alley, until 1946, and the Herrigon family took it over and they still called it Barth's Clothing Store, and it was -- in 1989, it was taken over by Bingham's, but that -- also that building has always been referred to as the Barth Building. I think that would be a very appropriate name for the alley. I, again, found that one of my suggestions was Bowling, and that, again, I guess, I struck out on that, so -- but I do think it's important to think of historical names for that alley rather than using Sharp End, and I think there's groups in Columbia that may have good ideas. I do think that the Barth Way would be a good idea.

MR. CADY: Mr. Smith, do you have any comments on any of the other ones, or just --

MR. SMITH: Well, I do know that they spell Nowell, N-O-W-E-L-L, also. I can confirm what Larry said. The McQuittys, I knew. Mrs. McQuitty was a secretary for about 60 years for an old lawyer here by the name of Ralph Alexander, and Mr. McQuitty worked in Barth's Clothing Store for about the same length of time, so they're an old established family. Lancaster Way, I'm a lawyer, but I don't ever remember anybody by the name of Lancaster. I guess I'm not that old after all. But here's some information about the Barth family and Haden family I'll just leave with you, if you want to really get into this thing deeper.

MR. CADY: Are there questions of this speaker? Thank you, Mr. Smith.

MR. SMITH: Thank you.

MR. CADY: Anybody else who would like to speak or comment, please approach the lectern and give us your name and address for the record.

MR. NOWELL: My name is John Nowell; I live on State Highway 163 south of town, and I was

flattered that my great-grandfather's name was considered for an alley. However, it would be historically accurate, it would be more appropriate to put that name, if it's so selected, where the Sharp End Way is because his first major grocery store is where the Haden building is now or the Commerce Bank is on the northeast corner of Broadway and Ninth Street. So, the suggested name for the alley is south of Broadway, he never had a business down there. And his second store, when the Haden Opera House burned, is -- the building is still there. It's been modified with -- (inaudible) -- off of it. It's where C.K. Grinders is on the southwest corner of Ninth and Walnut. And that alley where the Sharp End Way goes runs behind the building he used to operate on Broadway, and the front of the building there on Walnut. But our family was in the grocery business for 127 years in Columbia. Started in 1876 and, as most of you know, we went out of business in 2003, but sometime around 1930, 1934, his two sons sold the retail business where C.K. Grinders is and bought the Barry Building on Walnut and operated a wholesale business, and then my dad founded the store at West Boulevard and Worley. And the previous people commented that it's Nowell without an apostrophe and without an S.

MR. CADY: So, it's without an S?

MR. NOWELL: That was done because my great-grandfather's store was Nowell's Grocery, and it was possessive.

MR. CADY: Right. That's what I thought. That's why I figured the S was put on there years ago was because -- yeah.

MR. RICE: McQuitty doesn't have an S, either.

MR. NOWELL: Because it's his store, you know.

MR. CADY: Right. Right. Any questions of this speaker? Thank you. Anyone else, please come forward.

MR. DITTER: I'm Richard Ditter. My wife, Rose, is right there. We live at 2701 Malibu Court. We open property at 1034 East Walnut, 1100 East Walnut, and 1104 East Walnut. The building that I occupy is the D-Sport building. If you go back to the early '70s, there was bar in there called Faces. Any sharp object, like a knife, was used to stab the bouncer who died on the steps of that particular piece of property. As the police are well aware, there were a number of stabbings at Lou's Palace parking lot, and we just have a real problem. We feel that a way should have a positive name rather than a negative connotation. We would be honored if it was called Nowell's in conjunction with the Nowell's family; Tom Allton, Allton Ford, which our building is -- my building is the old Allton Ford Body Shop, so there's some historical relevance there. We also find that, you know, we think the term "way" came up, we felt that that was very acceptable. As you look at downtown, more that is being developed for residence. And I would ask the City staff members, how would you like to live on Nowell Alley? "What's your address?" "I live on an alley." It's a matter of semantics. And whether somebody sees it as a way or whether they see it as

an alley, it still has the same purpose. It is going to be used as an alley. It's not going to become a thoroughfare, by any stretch of the imagination, but if you go over to Europe and you look at how they have developed their alleyways into retail spaces and places to live, it gives a lot better connotation for a place to reside or a business to be.

MR. CADY: So, you prefer them to be left as "way" or would you --

MR. DITTER: We would prefer that it be left as a way or something positive, you know, that -- there is just an objection to alley. An alley is an alley. And when you're talking about store or retail resident addresses where, you know, "Where is your business?" "It's on an alley." "Where do you live?" "I live on an alley."

MR. RICE: Yeah.

MR. CADY: Okay.

MR. DITTER: You want something positive. If you look at our area of town, we've gone through a great renovation. And I think with the new arts center and look at what the Otts are doing, look at what Rose and I have done with that particular area of town, we've really brought it up from what it was when we took over, and some of the new art stuff that's going on there.

MR. CADY: Okay. Thank you. Ms. Curby has a question.

MS. CURBY: Well, you may have just solved our problem because when you were talking about Europe, you said what they did with their alleyways, so maybe we should just call them alleyways and --

MR. DITTER: That's possible. It has a more positive connotation, and that's our concern, because we have spent great hours and a great amount of time and energy to develop a positive image in that area, and that's what we're concerned about.

MR. CADY: Any other questions of this speaker? Thank you very much.

MR. DITTER: Thank you.

MR. CADY: Anyone else who would like to get up and give us their views or thoughts or likes or dislikes? Now is the time to speak.

MR. CLARK: Hi. I'm not really the public. I'm with the Historic Preservation Commission, and you probably have all of the e-mails that Tim Teddy said. And I just want to say that when we got this, none of the current commissioners were serving when we got this list, so we didn't really know what to make of this. And it turns out that there is an historical preference for every name on here. And, of course, we've looked at this and we thought, well, you know, we really didn't have a lot to go on. You've probably received more than we have to date. But I think there's probably a lot of people in the community that know a lot more about the history of the alleyways than we had to go with. But I know we had submitted to the Council a request to possibly name other alleyways or alleys in the future. And we had kind of talked about the idea that we will try to ask for public input through some local newspapers for any other

alleys that might have, say, a commercial application within a set boundary of Central Columbia. We talked about, you know, five down here in Columbia, because I know that some of these alleyways where there's a commercial application, if you don't have a name for where it is, you can't get an address, and you can't get, like, permits or different services. So, you know, I would just say that, you know, that there is an historical preference for every name here, but it certainly isn't the only consideration, you know. We like the name Sharp End Way because we felt that it might have some kind of positive connotation in the local African-American community, and we don't have a lot of representation for our African-American history in town. But, at the same time, I kind of thought it would be kind of nice if we could chop up the alleys and have more names for different sections where it actually is known for that. Like, I don't think that -- even though, you know, we could name alleys all the way through completely, like, some of the people that have come up here and said -- they talked about specific, almost, like, specific blocks of where their family businesses were located. I don't know. That might present kind of conundrum, too, but I kind of like the idea of us having, you know, more than one name necessarily, but that might not make sense for City services. So, I just want to say it was almost as confusing for us as it may be for you. But in the future, I just came tonight so I can kind of look at the process in case when you get submissions from the public in the future for any other alleyways, that, you know, we kind of know how to handle this, because, as far as I know, we've never named alleys in Columbia before; is this true? Is this a new phenomenon?

MR. CADY: Existing alleys, we have not. This is the first time we've done existing alleys.

MR. CLARK: Oh, okay.

MR. CADY: There have been some that are proposed in subdivisions and they're on the record, but this is the first time we've done existing alleys.

MR. CLARK: All right. Yeah. I just wanted to come up here and kind of quickly comment because it seems like a relatively new process, and so, it was new for us, too.

MR. CADY: Okay. Are there any questions of this speaker? Ms. Peters?

MS. PETERS: Have you worked with the Parks Department on possibly naming or putting up historic plaques near their benches and their flower deals downtown?

MR. CLARK: You know, as far as I know, no one currently on the Commission has gotten that recommendation, but it's not necessarily something that we couldn't consider in the future, so I don't know if that helps, but --

MS. PETERS: That's kind of my point, is I like the history and I'd like to see more of it downtown, and that would be an option to include more historic names and more history of Columbia, to incorporate it into already existing small parks and benches and areas of that nature.

MR. CLARK: Yeah. I think that's a really good idea. I mean, I think there's been more emphasis,

particularly recently, and we talk about this on the Historic Preservation Commission, that recently we've noticed that there's a lot more interest in the historical nature of downtown. I mean, the concrete canopy has come down. We've had some restorations to a more original appearance of, like, say, the City Center Building, and I think it creates a lot of civic pride in our community. And I know a lot of citizens have expressed some interest in some more historical naming of places, buildings, you know, et cetera, in the downtown area.

MS. PETERS: Is there currently, like, a historic walking guide to downtown Columbia?

MR. CLARK: Apparently, I believe we had a brochure eight years ago that was printed that had an historic walking tour of some prominent properties in and around the downtown area, I think. And we actually recently discussed the possibility of that. Our big problem was funding for the brochures to have them printed, but we did have a sample of the last ones. Thank you.

MR. CADY: Okay. Thank you very much. Anyone else who would like to speak?

MS. HURST: I've just got a question. I'm Ardith Hurst, 1115 Kennesaw Ridge Road. Question: Are these going to be, like, alleys that people drive down, or are you going to have them, like, be walkways? If it's going to be something where you're going to keep traffic going through --

MR. CADY: I think it's both.

MS. HURST: -- then you could have walkway. Is this another part of this?

MR. CADY: Mr. Teddy, do we know? I think they're supposed to be vehicular and pedestrian, aren't they?

MR. TEDDY: Right now, these alleys are open to vehicular traffic. There is no particular controls on them. There's, in fact, a lot of parking areas that are behind some of the buildings you see on the downtown streets. Once you walk down the alleys, you realize there is a lot of parking on particular alleys, so you need to keep them open to vehicles, plus service vehicles have to use them for trash collection, deliveries, that kind of thing.

MS. HURST: Okay. Then you really couldn't call it a walkway.

MR. TEDDY: Yeah. There is interest on our Council in activating them for pedestrian use, and that would involve some beautification and more business frontage or entrances to residential, if that's possible, in some of the buildings.

MS. HURST: Right. And then you really couldn't use the walkway then, though, could you, if you're using --

MR. TEDDY: Yeah. Yeah. I mean, the "way/alley" debate, I think we appreciate that "way" is a more friendly suffix. There really isn't anything in the Subdivision Code that says we have to use "alley" as a suffix, for now, frankly. But there are some addressing guidelines that a City-County committee have been working on, and they have a hierarchy of street types with "alley" as kind of the most basic.

And the recommendation of that committee so far has been that use "alley" when possible, but we appreciate that a person who has to have their business or their residence on one would prefer one over the other.

MS. HURST: Okay. That was my only thought.

MS. CADY: Okay. Thank you. Is there anybody else wanting to speak? Seeing no one, I'll close the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

MR. CADY: Mr. Teddy, I've got a question. I don't want to put a wrinkle in this, but there is a few short alleys that go north and south off of these alleys. Are those going to be dealt with?

MR. TEDDY: Well, Mr. Clark from the Commission mentioned that his Commission is interested in playing a role in naming additional alleys. We think some of those might be private. I've heard it said that a lot of the north-south are private alleys. But to the extent some are public, that might be a future assignment. As for this process, we have to send certified mail, return receipt requested, to every property owner, and because it's downtown and fairly dense with narrow lots, that's a lot of mailing, so we wanted to get through a pilot alley project, if you will, see how it goes, rather than try to take on the whole lot of them. And naming, as some have observed, gets contentious sometimes.

MR. CADY: Thank you. Let me say something before we get into a lot of discussion here. I don't know what the Commission's preference is in dealing with these. I know we're going to vote on these one at a time; that would be my preference. And my preference would be to start at the north end and go south. Now, that's just -- I'm throwing that out. Now, Ms. Curby?

MS. CURBY: Well, when I was looking at these, it makes sense to me to have the significant name associated with the place of that significance. Some people, like Nowell, had specific sites, and if we go with Sorin, that's a specific site. Some other names may not be specific to any particular site. So, going one at a time, would you want to have maybe several recommendations?

MR. CADY: Well, that's what I mean, yeah. Let's say if we start up at the very north and we look at McQuitty, we can talk about McQuitty and get the sense of the Commission, and if everybody is in agreement that, yes, McQuitty is the recommended, we'll vote on it, and then we'll go to the next one and we'll talk about the different names we want to put on it, like Sharp End Way or whatever, so that would be my preference. But, Ms. Anthony, what is your comment?

MS. ANTHONY: Mr. Cady, I think that's a little problematic only because following up on what Ms. Curby said, there are several streets that have definite locations. Whereas we may like the names of the other streets, but we may have to do a little reshuffling of them. That's what I'm saying. So, McQuitty may not -- I don't know. And we'll have questions, I'm sure, for Mr. Clark in terms of locations of names, but we may do a reshuffling of some of the locations.

MR. CADY: Yeah. No. I agree with that. But we can put names on all of them and then vote on the --

MS. ANTHONY: Oh, okay. That's fine.

MR. CADY: -- if we want to. I'm just trying to get an order here of how we're going to vote on this. We can either vote on them as a package. We can talk about all of them, if we get the right names. So, I'm just throwing that out so we get in some kind of protocol on this one. Ms. Peters?

MS. PETERS: The question I have is, apparently, we're not supposed to use "way," so --

MR. CADY: I think we probably need to deal with that up front so we're looking at "alleys" or "alleyways," so, that way, it's going to be constant on all of them. Is that agreeable to the Commission? I'm open to suggestions here. I'm just -- I'm the second puppet here, so --

MR. WHEELER: And why don't we just discuss that first.

MR. CADY: Okay. Let's throw that out.

MR. WHEELER: Well, I agree with the public. I think "way" sounds a lot better than "alley." And I understand City staff's concerns about this, but I think that we're talking about a unique portion of the City. This is the SBD that we're talking about. If it was over off of -- and somebody out here will live there, so I'm picking the wrong part of town, I'm sure -- but if it was, you know, in between Walnut and Ash on the west side of town, then "alley" wouldn't bother me at all. But in downtown Columbia when we're talking about business addresses and residences has been, you know, talked about tonight, I think "way" or, you know, anything but "alley." I just don't like "alley" on this; I really don't.

MR. CADY: On either end?

MR. WHEELER: No. No, I don't.

MR. CADY: Not on the front end?

MR. WHEELER: And one other thing, as long as we're talking about it, I think the name needs to be continuous, all the way through. I don't want to see any changes. I don't like that when we do it in the rest of the City, and I certainly don't want to see it on our alleyways.

MR. CADY: Okay. I would concur with that as far as continuity, so -- Mr. Rice?

MR. RICE: Yeah. I completely disagree with Mr. Wheeler. I think "alley" is a much better name for these, if for nothing else than for historical accuracy. If the interest here is in preserving and/or maintaining sort of a sense of history, at least through honoring people of historical importance in Columbia, then why tack a -- you know, sort of a modern-sounding -- and, frankly, "way" sounds kind of stupid to me. "Alley" sounds like -- that's what they are, they're alleys. And, you know, there's some people that might have negative connotations like rats and that kind of stuff, but -- well, that's -- you're laughing, but it's in this e-mail. But I don't feel that way. I walk through the alleys all the time, and I see them as a better alternative than the street for walking and for bike-riding or whatever. So, I don't have

any problem with the word "alley," and I think that it's more appropriate to name them "alleys," both for the City and for historical accuracy.

MR. CADY: So, then what's your recommendation; to call it, like, One South, Two South, Three South? I think that it's the preference of what I hear from the Commission, we want to put a name with this; right? You don't want to go to numbers, like it was -- that was a suggestion in an e-mail?

MR. RICE: I'm just doing "way" versus "alley" here.

MR. CADY: Okay. Okay. Okay. Ms. Curby?

MS. CURBY: And then I had the compromise of calling it an alleyway.

MR. CADY: Okay. Ms. Anthony?

MS. ANTHONY: I have to agree with Mr. Rice. I -- coming from Boston, I like alleys. I've spent a lot of time in them, and I don't have any negative connotation at all.

MR. CADY: You clarify that, that you spent a lot of time in alleys?

MS. ANTHONY: In alleys.

MR. CADY: I see. Okay.

MS. ANTHONY: That's right. I just -- I don't have the negative connotation. I think, to me, it designates it is different than a street, and I don't have the negative connotation. I actually have a more positive connotation in my mind, but it's a personal thing, so I would either be happy with "alley" or, if we had to compromise, "alleyway." But I have to agree; I think that the "way" is a little vanilla.

MR. RICE: Yeah, it's kind of fake. "Way" is fey.

MR. CADY: Okay. Ms. Peters?

MS. PETERS: I, too, have spent some time in alleys; however, not that much in Columbia. In some of the major cities that I've had a chance to live and work in, some of the very popular spots of downtown, night spots, are called alleys in New York or Georgetown, or San Francisco, for that matter, have many alleys named alleys that are very productive business districts.

MR. CADY: Let me ask a question of the Commission: Do we want to -- this may sound kind of stupid, but do we want to vote on what we're going to put at the end of this before we talk about the naming of the front of it?

MR. RICE: Why not?

MR. CADY: Do we want to vote on -- you know?

MR. RICE: Yeah.

MR. CADY: Okay. Do I hear a recommendation or a motion?

MS. CURBY: I move that we vote on the naming of the --

MR. CADY: The suffix? That's what it's called in the sub regs. They're called suffix, so --

MS. CURBY: -- before we vote on the names.

MR. CADY: Okay. Well, what's your motion, though? What do you want to call them?

MS. CURBY: That we -- oh. Oh. I just move that we do it now.

MR. CADY: Oh, no. No. I'm not -- I didn't want --

MS. CURBY: I thought that's what you asked.

MR. CADY: No. No. I think my question was: Do we want to vote on what we want to put on the end of these? We know we're going to put something on the end of them. Do we want to vote on that now, or just vote on each one of them as we do it? Mr. Rice?

MR. RICE: Well, I was going to make a motion that we use the suffix "alley."

MR. CADY: On all of them that we deal with?

MR. RICE: Yes.

MR. CADY: Do I hear a second to that?

MS. ANTHONY: Second.

MR. CADY: It's been moved and seconded that we use the suffix "alley" on everything that we vote on tonight. I don't know why this gets me going here. I don't know. Do we have any more discussion on this? Roll call.

MR. WHEELER: A motion has been made and seconded to use the suffix "alley" on the ending of each alley.

Roll Call Vote (Voting "yes" is to recommend approval.) Voting Yes: Mr. Cady, Ms. Curby, Ms. Peters, Mr. Rice, Mr. Wheeler, Ms. Anthony. Motion carries 6-0.

MR. CADY: Okay. So, the vote is 6-0. We're going to call these things "alleys"; okay?

MR. RICE: We're going to recommend.

MR. CADY: We're going to recommend. Excuse me. I don't have that kind of power. So, we're going to recommend that we call these "alleys"; okay. Now, let's have some general discussion on what we're going to put on the front of them. Mr. Wheeler?

MR. WHEELER: Well, you mean the names?

MR. CADY: The names. I'm talking about the proper names for them now.

MR. WHEELER: As tonight's secretary, I would request that we do these in order from north to south.

MR. CADY: Thank you.

MR. WHEELER: And, you know, we won't start with any name. Any name is good with me, but I just want to start north to south.

MR. CADY: Yes. I would prefer that way. That's easier to do, and we'll vote on each one separately, but we can have a general discussion on all of them in case we need to move things around; is that the consensus that I hear from everyone? Okay. Ms. Anthony?

MS. ANTHONY: I'm going to make a stab at it. I mean, should we just start our discussion?

MR. CADY: I'd say go for it. Yeah.

MS. ANTHONY: I think what I'm hearing right now is, really, it's the Sharp End Way street, name and location, that's kind of an issue for us right now -- Sharp End Alley, I should say. My concern is that I originally liked the Sharp End Alley and we did have a letter from -- is it Mr. Brent?

MR. CADY: Gardner.

MS. ANTHONY: -- Gardner -- who had done some research on this issue and said that it was -- you know, it was a name that did not have a negative connotation, and also had, you know, some African-American basis, and I liked that. I liked naming one the streets. However, I have to say that we've had quite a few people here that have had some very negative feelings about it, and I think that we probably should listen to them.

MR. CADY: Right. If we're going to talk about that one in particular on Sharp End, I was moved by everybody's comment on that. There was a suggestion to call it Barth, but I like the name of Nowell because of its significance with the grocery store up in that area, so that would just be my comment. Mr. Wheeler?

MR. WHEELER: Well, I just want to point out that although I'm not saying that should be the name, McQuitty is the northernmost.

MR. CADY: Oh, true.

MR. WHEELER: And so, if you were just going to talk about --

MR. CADY: No. I know. I was just -- because she brought up the second one, that's why I was -- you know, I know the one is up on north, but --

MS. CURBY: Well, in support of -- are you suggesting that we call the north one Sharp End?

MS. ANTHONY: No. No. My --

MS. CURBY: Oh. You're suggesting that we discuss Sharp End for any of them?

MS. ANTHONY: I'm going to try this one more time. My suggestion was that we discuss the names and then place them, only because we have -- I think we have some switching around going on, and that maybe McQuitty won't be the northernmost, but maybe in the middle. I mean, that's what I'm saying. I think we should vote on them ultimately from north to south --

MR. CADY: Okay. Correct.

MR. ANTHONY: Once we figure out what order we prefer to have them or would like to have them as a Commission, based on the input from the people who spoke this evening.

MR. CADY: Okay.

MS. ANTHONY: Does that make any sense?

MR. CADY: Yes. Yes. Ms. Peters?

MS. PETERS: Are there any names here that we can cross off and maybe do that first that -- such as Flat Branch, since there's already a Flat Branch Park?

MR. CADY: I would have to agree with Mr. Schuster's comment on that one earlier. I would agree that I don't have a preference for Flat Branch myself. That's just my preference, though. Ms. Curby?

MS. CURBY: I agree with that. I've already scratched Flat Branch off of my list.

MR. CADY: Mr. Wheeler?

MR. WHEELER: Yeah. Flat Branch, to me, there's lots of recognition of Flat Branch in town, as long as we're talking about that. Sharp End Way, when I first read some of the information that's been sent to us, it made sense. It would be nice if there was some way we could recognize their African-American heritage. Given the conflicting stories we're getting, I'm not sure Sharp End Way is the way we want to do it, you know. If it was really about getting dressed up sharp, I don't see the end, you know. I mean -- you know what I mean? So, I don't see how that came about. If it was Sharp End Way, you know, Sharp Way or something like that, that might make sense. So, there had to be something else going on there, at least in my mind. Flat Branch, I think it's been recognized enough, so I would agree with Ms. Anthony about -- I think --

MR. CADY: Ms. Anthony?

MS. ANTHONY: The other thing I would say is, if, for some reason, Sharp End, if we had some more research on it or if the historical commission comes back at some point and recommends it for another alley, that would be great. I just think that at this particular juncture, I think, given what's been said tonight, I don't think we should go forward with it tonight.

MS. CURBY: Well, if you look at the information we got that has the map of where Sharp End was located, it makes sense to have it either the north or the second -- you know, one of those two, if we're going -- the top -- the northernmost alleys. But if we're going to be talking about them all in general, I haven't heard a whole lot of support for Lancaster.

MR. RICE: There is precedent, though, because there is a Lancaster Drive already there.

MS. CURBY: Right. I understand that that's why it was done, but if we have some other names that we feel more strongly about, it seems like that could be one we could eliminate.

MS. CADY: Okay. Ms. Anthony?

MS. ANTHONY: If we put Nowell Alley instead of Sharp End Way on the map, and Sorin Alley where Nowell is -- I believe that's the appropriate location.

MR. CADY: I would concur with that.

MS. ANTHONY: The names that we have left -- and I'm not sure about Lancaster, but Flat Branch, if we took that out, I'm just wondering if -- I don't think Blind Boone is located appropriately for the Flat Branch Alley; is that correct?

MR. CADY: Correct. That was on Sharp End.

MS. ANTHONY: And Barth, does that have any location affiliation, or is it just an old family name in Columbia?

MS. CURBY: Did Mr. Smith leave?

MR. CADY: It was up near Sharp End, I think. Ms. Peters?

MS. PETERS: I think that --

MS. CURBY: The Barth Store was located on --

MS. PETERS: Broadway.

MS. CURBY: -- Ninth and Broadway.

MR. CADY: Correct.

MS. CURBY: But they had a lot more influence in the community other than just the store, so we might put them where Flat Branch was.

MR. CADY: That was going to be my preference. I was going to throw that out for just discussion, that I would put Barth down at Flat Branch, just so it gets on the table for discussion.

MS. CURBY: And then I feel it appropriate to put Sorin where Nowell Way is now.

MR. CADY: I would concur with that. Mr. Rice?

MR. RICE: Well, I don't think it's really going to be possible to put everything exactly where it was located. And if we talk about putting Barth down here by where Flat Branch Way is, can we not say that we're honoring the memory of a person and not a particular building or store or location? I mean, I feel like, you know, we're closing in on names a little bit, but I don't think we should be too stuck on the exact location. Now, in Sorin's case, yeah. Nowell's, you know, they were all over the place, it sounds like, although it was always north of Broadway. So, I don't know. I'm just saying that if -- are we honoring people or are we honoring locations?

MR. CADY: I think people more than anything, aren't we?

MR. RICE: I mean, we should locate these to the extent that we can, but, I mean, you know, I don't think that we should, like, strike anything out just because it's not located exactly where the original location was. Does that make sense? In other words, I don't feel that Barth in the place of Flat Branch is necessarily -- I mean, I think that's something I could live with.

MR. CADY: Okay. Yeah. I was going to say, I concur with -- so far, it's been talked about that Barth could replace Flat Branch, and I'm willing to hear more discussion on that one, but, you know.

MS. CURBY: Do you want us to move -- make motions --

MR. CADY: Well, no. We haven't done --

MS. CURBY: -- for each thing, or just have a discussion?

MR. CADY: Well, we're still discussing. We've got those three kind of nailed down, but now we're

talking about the northern and the southern one now.

MS. CURBY: Well, we have five to name. Yeah.

MR. RICE: I have a suggestion on that, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CADY: Mr. Rice?

MR. RICE: One of our e-mails suggested Wabash Alley for the northernmost, what's written as McQuitty.

MR. CADY: Which is McQuitty.

MR. RICE: Considering the renovation of the Wabash Station as an inner-modal-transportation hub and, you know, what with the new art and everything, and all the money that's being put into that, it actually seems sort of appropriate, as that alley goes right next to the Wabash Station. It's not honoring a person, but I don't know. Are there any McQuittys in the audience?

MR. CADY: No. We'll have to go dig them up. I knew that was going to happen, and I apologize.

MR. RICE: Well, I'm not trying to be disrespectful.

MR. CADY: No, I'm not, either.

MR. RICE: But of the five alley names that were given to us, that had, certainly, the least amount of historical information that anyone was able to determine, so --

MR. CADY: Right.

MR. RICE: And I actually concur with -- I don't remember which of the speakers this was, but that maybe we should be looking at more recent history, you know, and not -- I mean, McQuitty could have been -- well, I don't know when McQuitty lived, so -- or even who it was.

MR. CADY: Ms. Peters?

MS. PETERS: I think it's important to try to represent a broader spectrum of our citizens, and I would really like to see Blind Boone represented someplace, which might be more appropriate for McQuitty Way.

MR. CADY: Well, I think there was some discussion tonight by one of the speakers that the one street --

MS. PETERS: That Sharp End Way is going to be Blind Boone?

MR. CADY: -- or the north-south street be changed to Blind Boone.

MS. PETERS: The north-south?

MR. CADY: Street, in front of his home.

MS. PETERS: Oh, okay. That's in the works, or that's proposed?

MR. CADY: Well, I think -- no, it's not in the works, but I think that that would be more appropriate to have it, because his house was addressed off of that street that it's on rather than the alley.

MS. PETERS: Okay.

MR. CADY: I mean, and I'm not saying he needs to address it, but I think it's more appropriate, if you're going to honor him, to put it on his street that his house faces, so --

MS. PETERS: Okay. Good enough.

MR. CADY: And that was what one of the speakers talked about. And, no, that's not in the works or anything, but it could still happen, so --

MS. PETERS: I guess that would probably have to be a historical designation. It would still be -- what is it, Fourth Street; is that correct? It would be Fourth and historical Blind Boone?

MR. CADY: Yes. I would think. If we were talking about the northernmost street, there was a discussion about Wabash. What's people's preference on Wabash? I'm just trying to nail that one down before we go to the one on the far south. Ms. Anthony?

MS. ANTHONY: I'm hesitant only on maybe I need to hear again from the Historical Preservation Committee, because they came up with the names for a reason. We've already taken Sharp End out because it was objectionable to the people that we notified, and Flat Branch. I realize there are many other locations in the City that recognize the name Flat Branch, but I'm reluctant to start picking all of them apart. Wabash certainly must have been a consideration by the Commission, and I guess I'd like to hear from them on McQuitty or any of the other suggestions we've been making tonight.

MR. CLARK: Well, I'll just quickly comment. Part of the location of where all of these are is in the very earliest and oldest part of the City. Now, when you say you would only go with McQuitty because you want to honor more recent history, the area where it's at, typically, when we name historical areas, you go with a more original name or original person associated with the area because of its precedence through time, which means that if you go with a later person, then you might have -- you know, like, this could be the 1827 part of Columbia, and you might be naming it after somebody that didn't come to Columbia until 1850. Sharp End Way might be more specific. You would be making one specific part of the alley, I mean, like your discussion on where Blind Boone's home is, the end of the Sharp might be one block of the alley, and only one, whereas Nowell's Way, you know, the family may have had a store on a different street earlier than where the association with the current name is. Flat Branch, of course, is named after the creek, which, as Mr. Wheeler pointed out, there are many other references to Flat Branch. Lancaster Way, I think, is the most straightforward, logical conclusion of an existing street, which is also the name of a local citizen. I don't really envy your job right now, but, yeah. Does that kind of make things a little more succinct?

MS. ANTHONY: Yes.

MR. CLARK: Okay.

MS. ANTHONY: McQuitty versus Wabash. Was Wabash considered at all?

MR. CLARK: Like I say, this was the first time we got anything, and this was just the list we got

from commissioners who were not on the Commission because none of us were there in 2004.

MS. ANTHONY: Okay.

MR. CLARK: So, we got the list as you see it.

MS. ANTHONY: And I also have a question on Barth. Any feedback on Barth?

MR. CLARK: You know, not really. Like I say, with McQuitty, it probably -- that person -- that family name could predate the Wabash Station, so that, therefore, there might be precedence to call it McQuitty, although I kind of like Wabash. But then, again, my feeling is, you could probably chop up these alleys block by block and have a different name for each one, but I know that's probably not highly desired. But, you know, I even like -- I like the comments of the people from the audience because they have family connection. I mean, you know, my name is Clark; that's Lewis' partner, but, you know, that's -- you know what I mean? I really don't have anything else really concrete that I could say.

MS. ANTHONY: Okay. That's fine.

MR. CLARK: Yeah. Except that, you know, on Sharp End, we got something that showed it had been known -- whether positive or negative, it had been known for, you know, maybe 17 years or longer.

MS. ANTHONY: Okay.

MR. CLARK: Yeah. I think the main thing on it is that from an historical point of view, names and places should be associated with their earliest associated context, with their earliest associated incorporation of settling. That's the bull's-eye. That's the middle, the oldest part of Columbia, so that would be all I could say.

MR. CADY: Ms. Curby?

MS. CURBY: In response to that point, the information Mr. Smith gave us indicated that the Barth Brothers opened a store in Columbia around 1870, if that helps anybody to know that.

MR. CADY: Okay. Well, I'm going to stick my neck out here and make a motion, and we can defeat this or whatever, but I want to move this thing along. I'm going to start with the north one and I'm going to go south. I recommend that the north one be called Wabash Alley; the second from the north -- I'm going south now -- and I'm going to call that Nowell Alley; now, south of Broadway, I recommend we call that Sorin Alley; then we go to Barth Alley; and the last one, leave it as Lancaster Alley. That would be my motions on that, but it's out for discussion or a second if people feel comfortable with that. I'm, you know -- it can die for lack of second. Ms. Anthony?

MS. ANTHONY: I'd like to keep McQuitty and keep the rest of them just as you read them.

MR. CADY: Okay. I can live -- I mean, I did that so we could get off of dead center on this.

MR. RICE: Well, I'll second it.

MS. CURBY: How can we keep --

MR. RICE: No. I'm seconding Mr. Cady's motion with the idea of a discussion and possible

amendments.

MR. CADY: Okay. We can do that, too. So, it's been moved and seconded.

MR. RICE: Now, you can make an amendment.

MS. ANTHONY: I'd like to make an amendment.

MR. CADY: You would like to make a friendly amendment?

MS. ANTHONY: Friendly amendment to change Wabash to McQuitty.

MR. CADY: Okay. Any discussion on that amendment?

MR. RICE: Does it need a second?

MR. CADY: Does somebody want to second her --

MS. CURBY: I'll second that.

MR. CADY: Okay. For discussion. Okay. That's what I'm looking for. I'm sorry. I'm new at this job. I've been in sales, so I -- okay. Now, let's talk about the amendment that's on the table is to leave that as McQuitty Alley. Discussion?

MS. CURBY: I assume you said that because it came from the historical commission originally, and they must have had a good reason for it?

MS. ANTHONY: Uh-huh. I did. That's exactly my feeling.

MS. CURBY: And I can support that.

MR. CADY: Just a minute. Mr. Teddy?

MR. TEDDY: Well, I just wanted to interject one thing. I know very little about the McQuittys in Columbia, but there is a book by John Creighton, "A history of Columbia," that's in our library, and I believe the reference to McQuitty in that book is to an individual who served on the town committee that decided to build the first ever water plant, which would have been in the 1890s, and I believe it was a Mr. Nowell that served with him on that committee, as a matter of fact. So, that's the only references I've come across, but Mr. Bondra did call somebody at the Boone County Historical Society, and they explained that it's a name that goes back a long way with a lot of civic -- individuals with a lot of civic involvement.

MR. CADY: Okay. Thank you. Okay. So, the amendment that's on the table is to call it McQuitty Alley. Any further discussion? We'll vote on the amendment.

MR. WHEELER: An amendment has been made and seconded to recommend McQuitty Alley as the northern alley name.

Roll Call Vote (Voting "yes" is to recommend approval.) Voting Yes: Mr. Cady, Ms. Curby, Ms. Peters, Mr. Wheeler, Ms. Anthony. Voting No: Mr. Rice. Motion carries 5-1.

MR. CADY: Okay. The amendment passes. Now, let me go back to my original motion that the names are going to be now would be McQuitty Alley, Nowell Alley, Sorin Alley, Barth Alley, and Lancaster

Alley. Do I have a second on that?

MS. ANTHONY: Second.

MR. CADY: Okay. It's been moved and seconded. Any discussion? All right.

MR. RICE: I don't know. I just -- I feel a little bad about taking Sharp End out. I think that, you know, that neighborhood -- and it was a neighborhood and it was a business area -- is gone. It was destroyed, you know, by urban renewal -- so-called urban renewal back in, what, the 1950s and 1960s. And, you know, I mean, naming an alley after an area is really not any kind of restitution, but it's a gesture, and I don't know. I feel that somehow that Sharp End or something like it should be recognized. I don't know how to do it anymore. It really wouldn't make any sense down on the south, so I guess I just wanted to read that into the minutes and make my feelings on that known to Council.

MR. CADY: Okay. That way, Council can see it. Thank you. Ms. Curby?

MS. CURBY: And I share those concerns, as well.

MR. CADY: Okay. On the Sharp End?

MS. CURBY: Yes.

MR. CADY: Okay. Any further discussion? Roll call, please.

MR. WHEELER: A motion has been made and seconded to name the alleyways from north to south: McQuitty Alley, Nowell Alley, Sorin Alley, Barth Alley, and Lancaster Alley.

Roll Call Vote (Voting "yes" is to recommend approval.) Voting Yes: Mr. Cady, Ms. Curby, Ms. Peters, Mr. Rice, Mr. Wheeler, Ms. Anthony. Motion carries 6-0.