

CITY COUNCIL ACTION REQUEST

Department(s): PBCE	CEQA: Exempt, Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.	Coordination: City Attorney’s Office, Santa Clara County Communications, SJFD, SJPd, USPS, and City of San Jose Building Addressing Section.	Dept. Approval: /s/ Rosalynn Hughey
Council District(s): 2			CMO Approval:  5/1/2020

SUBJECT: FILE NO. ST20-001 STREET RENAMING TO CHANGE CHAMPIONS DRIVE TO WONDO WAY

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution adopting the renaming of Champions Drive to Wondo Way, a public street extending approximately 2,000 feet northwest of its intersection with Earthquakes Way to the City boundary of the City of Santa Clara with the condition that the name change will not take place until the City of Santa Clara renames its portion of Champions Way to Wondo Way.

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

On February 18, 2020, Luke De Vogelaere, on behalf of the property owner San Jose Earthquakes, LLC, submitted an application to rename a public street from Champions Drive to Wondo Way. The attached map identifies the location of the public street proposed to be renamed. The portion of Champions Drive to be renamed begins at the intersection of Earthquakes Drive in the southeast and extends approximately 2,000 feet to the northwest to the boundary of the City of Santa Clara. Only the portion of Champions Drive within the City of San Jose is to be renamed (See Exhibit A: Map). The street name change from Champions Drive to Wondo Way in the City of San Jose will not take effect until the effective date of a street renaming action from Champions Drive to Wondo Way for the remainder of the street within the City of Santa Clara. The applicant is currently in the process of renaming Champions Drive to Wondo Way in the City of Santa Clara.

The San Jose Earthquakes (Avaya Stadium) occupy the southern portion of the existing Champions Drive. The Coleman Highline project, currently under construction, occupies the site to the north of Champions Drive within the City of San Jose and the City of Santa Clara. Hunter Storm, LLC is the developer of the Coleman Highline Project and has provided a letter of support for the street renaming. The existing street runs parallel to Coleman Avenue and connects Earthquakes Way to Aviation Avenue. The renaming has been approved by Santa Clara County Communications, the United States Post Office, the City of San Jose Fire and Police Departments, and the City of San Jose Building Addressing Section.

Climate Smart San José: The recommendation in this memo has no effect on Climate Smart San José energy, water, or mobility goals.

City Council Policy 6-5 entitled “Street Naming and Renaming” establishes the process and criteria for public and private streets naming and renaming. Pursuant to the Council Policy, the Planning Director determined the proposed street renaming is a renaming of a “minor” private street, subject to a more streamlined process and criteria, because no more than twenty (20) occupied parcels are affected by the proposed renaming, and Champions Drive is not a major thoroughfare. Planning staff fully implemented the Council Policy on Public Outreach by requiring the applicant to post an on-site sign notifying the public of the proposal and identifying how to obtain additional information or submit comments. No additional public comments were received for this project. No community meeting was held, as the project is for a minor street naming, affecting only two

owners (the applicant and Hunter Storm, LCC) who were both supportive of the renaming. The property owners and occupants within a 300-foot radius were sent public hearing notices for the City Council hearing pursuant to the aforementioned policy.

Commission Recommendation/Input: No commission recommendation or input is associated with this action.

COST AND FUNDING SOURCE:

San Jose Earthquakes, LLC is responsible for all costs associated with the new street signs.

FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT: Robert Manford, Deputy Director of Planning, at (408) 535-7900.

Attachments: Exhibit A: Map

Street Renaming from Champions Drive to Wondo Way



Exhibit A: Street Renaming (File No. ST20-001)