

Spokane City Plan Commission
Findings of Fact, Conclusion, and Recommendation for the
2019 Proposed Street Name Changes under the Spokane Municipal Code chapter
17D.050 Roadway Naming.

A recommendation from the City Plan Commission to the City Council recommending approval of proposed roadway name changes.

Findings of Fact:

A. Chapter 17D.050A of the Spokane Municipal Code chapter 17D.050A establishes a uniform method for naming roadways and assigning addresses within the City of Spokane in order to facilitate expedient emergency response by medical, law enforcement, fire, rescue and any other emergency services, and requires roadway name changes to be consistent with established roadway naming standards.

B. The City of Spokane filed a proper and sufficient Roadway Name Change Application to rename the following existing public streets:

- a. Rename N. Calkins Drive to E. Calkins Drive between E. Cozza Dr. and N. Standard St.
- b. Rename W. Cliff Avenue to W. Cliff Drive between S. Monroe St. and S. Grand Ave.
- c. Rename N. Navaho Drive to a name selected by the residents, from N. Skyline Drive to N. Wieber Dr.
- d. Rename E. Parkwood Dr. to S. Parkwood Cir.
- e. Rename S. Rockwood Blvd., between 10th Ave and 11th Ave. to E. Rockwood Blvd.
- f. Rename E. 18th Ave. between E. Southeast Blvd. and S. Southeast Blvd. to E. and S. Southeast Blvd.
- g. Rename E. St Thomas Moore Way to E. St Thomas More Way.
- h. Rename a short segment of Shelby Ridge Street northwest of Summerwood Street in Talon Ridge.

C. The proposed roadway name changes were initiated and processed under the procedures set forth in SMC chapter 17D.050A. Prior to submitting the proposed roadway name changes, notice of the proposed changes was given to owners of property fronting on each of the roadways, the United States Postal Service, and emergency dispatching personnel, for the purpose of eliciting comments. In addition, notice was provided as required by SMC 17G.060.120.

D. The City Plan Commission conducted a public hearing on January 22, 2020, continued to February 12, 2020 and concluding on February 26, 2020, to receive public comments on the proposed street name changes.

E. Based on verbal and written testimony and comments by City staff including law enforcement and emergency service providers, the Plan Commission finds that the proposed roadway name changes are consistent with the roadway naming standards of SMC 17D.050A.060 and will further the public interest or public safety, specifically in the dispatching of emergency vehicles.

Conclusion:

Based on the application materials, the briefing paper submitted by staff, and the verbal and written testimony/comments received prior to and during the hearing, the Plan Commission concludes that the proposed roadway name changes are consistent with the roadway naming standards of SMC 17D.050A.060 and will further the public interest or public safety, specifically in the dispatching of emergency vehicles.

Recommendation:

By a vote of 6 to 0, the Plan Commission recommends to the City Council the approval of the proposed roadway name changes, subject to the following condition: Recognizing that a street name change made for the public good to improve emergency response and public safety, through no fault of their own, puts a burden upon affected residents, the Plan Commission recommends that the City delay implementation of these changes for a reasonable time until ways of assisting the affected residents who have limited resources and abilities can be explored.



**Todd Beyreuther, President
Spokane Plan Commission
February 26, 2020**