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Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 11:50 AM
To: MARGO HILL (margo_hill@msn.com)
Cc: Stratton, Karen
Subject: FW: Whist alks Way

Importance: Low

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To: Rodney Cawston (CBC)
Cc: Greg Abrahamson; Tiger Peone; Glenn Ford; Danny Kieffer
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Good Morning Carol,

Hope all is well just letting you know the Council concurs and supports the efforts of the name change.

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Chief Allan

From: Ernest Stensgar <elstensgar@cdatribe-nsn.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 10:32 AM
To: Chief Allan <chief@cdatribe-nsn.gov>
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Lets talk about this when you come in this morningErnie

From: Carol Evans <carole@SpokaneTribe.com>
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From: Stratton, Karen
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 3:22 PM
To: Palmquist, Tami; McClatchey, Brian
Cc: Wilkerson, Betsy; Carlos, Mark; Overbust, Kyle
Subject: FW: Changing the name of Ft. George Wright

From: MARGO HILL <margo_hill@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2020 12:39 PM
To: Beggs, Breean <bbeggs@spokanecity.org>; Stratton, Karen <kstratton@spokanecity.org>; Wilkerson, Betsy <bwilkerson@spokanecity.org>
Subject: Re: Changing the name of Ft. George Wright

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Breean:

Thank you for your question. Yes. At our local rally at the site, Tribal Chairwoman Carol Evans spoke at the gathering in favor of the change. We also had a Tribal Council representative from Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Caryldene Swan speak on behalf of Coeur d'Alene Tribe supporting the change. We also had the former Colville Tribal Chairman Dr. Mike Marchand speak in favor of changing the name. Lastly, we had direct descendants of Qualchan (Yakama/Colville) speak to the battles and changing the name.

I was being very cautious about inviting tribal elders to the rally because of Covid but Tribal Leaders did show up in support of changing the name.

Other former Spokane tribal council that spoke: Jim Sijohn, Dave BrownEagle.

There has been contact from Lois Stratton with our tribe and we are trying to set up a meeting.

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Margo

From: Beggs, Breean <bbeggs@spokanecity.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2020 6:00 PM
To: MARGO HILL <margo_hill@msn.com>
Subject: RE: Changing the name of Ft. George Wright

Thanks so much for this letter and the strong community support for this change, which I also support. Are you aware of whether the local tribes have expressed official support for the change?

Thanks,

Breean

From: MARGO HILL [margo_hill@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 9:56 PM
To: City Council Members and Staff; Plan Commission; Mayor
Subject: Changing the name of Ft. George Wright

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Spokane City Council:

Xest xl xalt. Greetings and Good day. I hope you are all doing well during these challenging times. As a Spokane Tribal citizen, it is my pleasure to share with you the attached letter signed by 42 signatory organizations urging you to ensure the Planning Commission expedites the re-naming of Ft. George Wright Drive. The time is now to change the name. This has been a grass roots effort by Spokane City community members and surrounding tribes and is strongly supported by the organizations that are named on this letter. We look forward to the progress of this endeavor as we unite for this important purpose.

Thank you for all your good work for our city.

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Margo Hill

Spokane Tribal Citizen

Palmquist, Tami

From: Timothy Connor <tjccamas@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 10:21 AM
To: Palmquist, Tami
Subject: Letter for hearing record on George Wright Way
Attachments: ltr. to COS plan comm, re GWW.pdf

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Ms. Palmquist,

Please accept the attached letter in connection with the hearing scheduled for tomorrow on the subject of re-naming Fort George Wright Way.

Thanks, Tim Connor

FROM THE DESK OF

Timothy Connor

October 27, 2020

City of Spokane
Planning Services Department
Attn: Tami Palmquist,
808 West Spokane Falls Boulevard
Spokane, WA 99201-3333

Dear Ms. Palmquist and members of the Plan Commission:

I am writing to lend my voice to those advocating the re-naming of Fort George Wright Way.

Simply put, the reign of terror that Col. George Wright orchestrated against inland Northwest native Americans in 1858 left a dark stain on our history. We owe it to ourselves and especially to our Native American brothers and sisters—our fellow Americans—to acknowledge the truth of the atrocities. We must take affirmative steps to ensure, at the very least, that we no longer appear to defend, validate or celebrate what was essentially a war crime.

Continuing to use Colonel Wright's name on infrastructure is essential a living validation of an egregious act that should have been prosecuted, rather than celebrated. While removing his name from the thoroughfare that bears it doesn't resolve this bitter legacy, it is a decent step we can take toward a good faith reconciliation. We should take that step.

Sincerely yours,

Timothy J. Connor

Palmquist, Tami

From: Mary Lou Johnson <johnson-ml@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020 3:16 PM
To: Palmquist, Tami
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT: Renaming of Ft. George Wright Drive Application/Permit Number: Z20-153STNC

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Dear Ms. Palmquist,

I wish to speak in favor of the City of Spokane, renaming Ft. George Wright Drive. I worked for a short time at a building on this street and I attended a church on this street for about 25 years. I admit that I was unaware of the atrocities committed by George Wright for a number of years. Once I had that information it offended me every time I had to give the address of my employer or my church or saw the name of the street as I turned onto it from Government Way. To me it is well beyond the time that the City should have taken this action.

Changing the name is certainly in the public interest. Moreover, as the application states, it is consistent with the policy for naming streets found in Chapter 17.D.050 of the Spokane Municipal Code. Having George Wright as a named street is insulting and harmful to the Native Americans whose ancestors suffered terribly due to this person.

I urge you to recommend a name change for Fort George Wright Drive to the Spokane City Council.

Thank you for your consideration

Mary Lou Johnson

Spokane City Resident

Palmquist, Tami

From: Susan Virnig <susan@newstories.org>
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020 11:05 AM
To: Palmquist, Tami; Bob Stilger
Subject: Renaming...

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Dear Tami Palmquist,

As concerned citizens who were 28-year-members of the UU Church located on Ft. Wright Drive, I STRONGLY urge the Plan Commission to change the name of this street.

The individual after whom it was named committed war crimes, even under the morals of his time. Surely we wouldn't have any of our streets named after Nazi war criminals. Neither should we continue to affix his name to this street.

I hope you continue to work with local tribes to find a more fitting name, and somewhere, at some time, to detail the atrocities committed by this individual.

Thank you,
Susan Virnig & Bob Stilger
Spokane residents since 1973

Palmquist, Tami

From: Edie Rice-Sauer <erice-sauer@help4women.org>
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 8:57 AM
To: Palmquist, Tami
Subject: Ft. George Wright

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Edie Rice-Sauer

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From: raspencer@cruzio.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 4:27 PM
To: Palmquist, Tami
Subject: renaming of fort george wright dr

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Hi Ms Palmquist,

I own property on Fort George Wright Dr. and received notification of a public hearing to change the name via a city council-sponsored proposal.

It refers me to a web site for more information, but that site just repeats the meeting information. No where on the site or in your letter does it say why this

Name change is being proposed. Most of us working do not have the opportunity to attend a web ex meeting during working hours.

Can you please tell me what this is all about?

Regards,
Rachael Spencer

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See note below from Carol Evans. Looks like they have support from the 3 additional tribes that the Urban Indians requested they reach out to.

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FYI, We have support of all three Tribes.

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Carol

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Carol Evans <carole@SpokaneTribe.com>
Date: October 27, 2020 at 12:21:14 PM PDT
To: Delano Saluskin <delano_saluskin@yakama.com>
Subject: Re: Whist alks Way

Thank you Delano and we appreciate your support.

Take care, stay healthy, be safe.

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Carol

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 27, 2020, at 10:26 AM, Delano Saluskin
<delano_saluskin@yakama.com> wrote:

Carol,

Yakama Nation would be honored to support the Spokane Tribe's effort of a potential name change to a street or streets honoring our woman warrior(s). I believe honoring our woman warrior(s) is on the same level as the MMIW recognition. Women spirits and voices are finally being heard thanks to female leaders such as yourself. Where in Spokane will be "Whist-alk Way"?

Delano

From: Carol Evans [<mailto:carole@SpokaneTribe.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 7:41 PM

To: Delano Saluskin <Delano_Saluskin@Yakama.com>

Subject: Fwd: Whist alks Way

Greetings Delano

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From: Churchill, Jackie
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 4:21 PM
To: Baker, Michael; Beyreuther, Todd; Winger, Clifford; Diana Painter; Dietzman, John; Francis, Greg; Wright, Jo Anne; Dietzman, John; Meuler, Louis; Mumm, Candace; Shook, Carole; St. Clair, Sylvia; St. Clair, Sylvia; Sanderson, Thomas; Winkes, Mary
Cc: Palmquist, Tami
Subject: Public Comment regarding Renaming Ft. George Wright Drive
Attachments: TNAAPA letter to plan commission.pdf

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Good Afternoon Plan Commission,

Please see below the 7 emails of public comment sent in regarding the Renaming Fort George Wright Drive hearing.

Thank you,

Jackie Churchill

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Dear City Council and Planning Department:

Xest xl Xalt. Greetings and good day. I just wanted to follow up after the Planning Commission meeting yesterday. Once again, I want to thank you for all of your work for our beautiful city. I too am a resident of the City of Spokane. I also serve as the Chair of the Board of Directors for the American Indian Community Center. As part of a grassroots effort, a group was formed that began the campaign to get the letters of support and to hold the rally. We worked with the Universal Unitarian Church and had many meetings to organize the rally and provide safety for any participants. We got participation from all the tribe's involved in the battles against Ft. George Wright. I personally reached out to Yakama tribal members, Coeur d'Alene and Colville Tribal members. Coeur d'Alene Tribal Councilwoman CarylDene Swan spoke with her Tribal Council before attending and speaking at the rally.

Leading up to the rally people like Angel Tomeo and Jenny Slagle began to complain about the letter that was circulating as being led by "White" people and not tribally led. I and other Spokane Tribal members were involved from day one. We contacted tribal and non-tribal historians and provided historical documents to draft the letter that was signed off by 42 organizations.

Leading up to the rally, we contacted a number of tribal leaders from the involved tribes: Colville, Yakama, Coeur d'Alene, and Spokane. We continued to do the heavy lifting to bring attention to this issue. We contacted drummers to give us the Hangman Creek Song, we contacted tribal people who brought their horses, folks made signs, we had to gather PA systems.

I personally asked Toni Lodge if she wanted to speak. She declined because she was watching grandchildren. I personally asked Jenny Slagle and she said she was going to a birthday party. I even invited Nez Perce tribal member JoAnn Kaufman to speak since she actually showed up at the rally. I did this even though the Nez

Perce tribe served as scouts for the U.S. Cavalry attack and led to the loss of lives of Spokane, Palouse, Coeur d'Alene. We contacted the press to have our side of the story told.

The rally was an amazing event with Spokane City residents from all walks of life, all religions and all races: We had NAACP, Muslims, Chinese professors from SFCC that came and brought PPE/masks. We had prayers in the tribal language from tribal elders. We had students from the Spokane Tribal language house and tribal members proudly dressed in traditional regalia. Tribal elders from all the tribe's recited oral history and told of the battles and the devastation to our tribal people. We had family members that were direct descendants of Qualchan that spoke and told the history of the Yakama warrior. This was a very inclusive process in which other tribes helped organize and participated in the march. We even had tribal members on Harley Davidson's that brought up the tail end of the march to keep our pedestrians safe.

On October 12, 2020 we then worked with Gonzaga University to provide a teach-in: "Getting Closer to the Truth: The real Story of Colonel George Wright," via Zoom. This discussion included myself, Warren Seyler, Spokane Tribal Historian and Donald Cutler, Historian and Author ("Hang them All": George Wright and the Plateau Indian War of 1858). This event was free and open to the public. We have been working on this education effort since last fall in October 2019. The sharing the History of George Wright and the Spokane Tribe of Indians last fall included Warren Seyler, tribal historian, authors Don Cutler, Mahlon Kriebel, Jack Nisbet and myself —October 14th, 2019. This event packed Cataldo Hall and had over 424 audience members show up and they stayed three hours. I would be happy to share the video link.

Our Chairwoman Carol Evans is extremely gracious and is well respected across Indian Country. As she stated, she followed the tribal protocol. We did our best to consult with our elders and work with our neighboring tribes to come up with a name that represents not only the atrocities that happened to our people in the battle but in a way that we can move forward on healing. We have tribal members that want it named to specifically acknowledge the tribal warriors that were hung by Col. Wright. We felt a name that honors the Warrior Women of Then and Now is inclusive and it appears that everyone likes it. If there is a complaint about the process, well you will have followed the legal planning process by having multiple public hearings with an opportunity to be heard and the opportunity to provide written comments. You even held private zoom meetings with Toni Lodge, Maureen Rosette, Jenny Slagle, Julianna Repp and Angel Tomeo. We appreciate your due diligence to provide everyone an opportunity to be heard. You have met all of the requirements and did more in this naming process than probably any other naming.

As our Chairwoman Carol Evans said, the Spokane Tribe is a sovereign nation and as such we followed our tribal protocols and worked with all the surrounding tribes that were involved in the battle against Col. George Wright. This was not a small endeavor... to get four tribal councils to agree on a name is a great accomplishment. You have listened to our beautiful native sisters from the urban community. Hopefully, we can all move forward in a positive way. However, as our Chairwoman has stated, if you choose to erase the history that these are the homelands of the Spokane Tribe then we do not want to take part in this renaming. We have made every effort to work with tribes, individual urban Indians and our non-native allies that helped get the signatures of 42 organizations here in the City of Spokane. We have worked to "Get closer to the Truth" and education our city residents. We have spoken from our hearts. Shee oo hoy. That is all. Lem lemsh xest kwulee. Thank you for your good work.

Margo Hill,
Spokane Tribal member, Educator, mom

From: Brenda Warrington <bkwarrington@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, November 3, 2020 4:56 PM

To: Plan Commission <eraplanc@spokanecity.org>

Subject: Whist-alks Way

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Planning Commission,

Thank you for considering the renaming of Fort George Wright Drive to honor a native woman warrior. Spokane is a better place than one that exalts terror and oppression. Renaming this road not only demonstrates that you have listened, but that you agree in the sanctity of remembering the past and honoring the good. In the future people will not mindlessly mention the name of Colonel Wright while traveling through Spokane, but will hear the name of Whist-alks and hopefully hear about her story and courage.

In full support of renaming the road,
Brenda Warrington

From: TNAAPA Spokane <tnaapaspokane@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 1, 2020 10:54 AM
To: Plan Commission <eraplanc@spokanecity.org>
Subject: TNAAPA re: Naming Process

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Plan Commission members,

Please find attached the letter that was read into the meeting minutes on behalf of The Native American Alliance for Policy & Action. We will continue to provide input to ensure that your American Indian / Alaska Native constituents that live in and around the City of Spokane, are included in the process.

Regards,

TNAAPA Members:

Toni Lodge
Maureen Rosette
Jenny Slagle
Juliana Repp
Angelique Tomeo Sam

From: behargrove@centurytel.net <behargrove@centurytel.net>
Sent: Saturday, October 31, 2020 11:56 AM
To: Plan Commission <eraplanc@spokanecity.org>
Subject: Renaming Fort George Wright Drive

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I fully support the proposal to rename Fort George Wright Drive after the Spokane Indian warrior, Whist-alks. She was a brave woman who stood up to Colonel Wright. She deserves to be honored and remembered.

Sincerely,

Ellen Hargrove

From: Nancy Hoist <nancyjhoist@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2020 9:04 AM
To: Plan Commission <eraplanc@spokanecity.org>
Subject: Support for Name Change of Fort George Wright Drive

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Good morning Spokane Plan Commission,

I am writing to you today to express my support of the proposal presented to your board to change the name of Fort George Wright Drive to Whist-alks Way. It is important for us to recognize the harmful effects that keeping this street name is to our native american community and their allies.

Removing a street name sends a powerful message that our community will not continue to glorify those who have participated in the genocide of our native population. The time is now to make this change and for us to listen and respect our native american community. You all have an opportunity to make this right; I am hopeful that you will make the honorable decision on November 11th.

Thank you for your time, and sincerely,

Nancy Delgado
Spokane Resident, 2315 West Mallon

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-----Original Message-----

From: Pat Hughes <patsquared@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2020 7:50 AM
To: Plan Commission <eraplanc@spokanecity.org>
Subject: Street name change

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I am in favor of changing the name of the street in front of SFCC to honor the woman warrior Whist alks. This is the right thing to do and now is the right time to do it.

Thank you,
Pat Hughes

Spokane resident and former SFCC student

Sent from my iPad

From: Janine Warrington <janinewarrington@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, October 30, 2020 7:34 AM

To: Plan Commission <eraplanc@spokanecity.org>

Subject: Renaming Fort George Wright Drive

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the proposal to have Fort George Wright Drive renamed to Whist-alks Way. Whist-alks, a female Spokane Indian warrior, represents peace between tribes, love for her family, and bravery. To have her memorialized would help us all to remember her story and give young girls and Native American children an inspiring hero to look up to.

Please approve this proposal and work toward making Spokane a better place.

Sincerely,
Born-and-raised Spokaneite,
Janine Warrington

October 27, 2020

Spokane Plan Commission
808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd.
Spokane, WA 99201

Dear Spokane Plan Commission Members:

This letter is being written in response to the Plan Commission minutes dated October 14, 2020. It is our belief and assertion that the minutes of October 14, 2020 do not adequately reflect the discussion and notably our comments, surrounding the renaming of Fort George Wright Drive, here in Spokane.

Four community members: Jenny Slagle (Yakama), Juliana Repp (Nez Perce), Angelique Tomeo Sam (Colville Confederated Tribes) and Maureen Rosette (Chippewa Cree) were telephonically present on October 14th to express our concerns regarding the fact that the Spokane City Council had appointed the Spokane Tribe to lead the charge in renaming Fort George Wright Drive. We reiterated that we want the process to be more inclusive of all the Tribes affected by George Wright's unconscionable acts and especially requested the following tribes' be consulted and be given a chance for input: Coeur d' Alene, Spokane, Yakama and the Palouse in addition to the Spokane urban Native community who are reminded of George Wright's atrocities on a daily basis.

When Carol Evans (Spokane Tribe Chairwoman) spoke, she indicated that the Spokane Tribe was selected to take the lead on the name change because Fort George Wright Drive is on Spokane Tribe adjudicated land. First, we respectfully take issue with the term "adjudicated" land ownership since land ownership in and of itself, is a colonial concept not generally applicable to traditional tribal lands. Second, as discussed at the Plan Meeting, Spokane was a place where many tribes camped and traded, in particular, the Coeur d' Alene tribe camped on the property now "owned" by Gonzaga University.

Again, while we all wholeheartedly support the name change, we want the process to be inclusive. In the meeting, Ms. Evans herself stated that she wanted this process to be inclusive and said she had contacted her sister tribes. But, she did not identify if those tribes were the ones directly affected by George Wright. Furthermore, Ms. Evans stated that if there was a name change that was being considered on the Yakama reservation but Spokane tribal members were involved, she would not ask to take the lead in the name change but "would" want to be part of the conversation. This proposed name change is not one proposed within a tribal reservation specific to one tribe or bands, it is a name change with the City of Spokane. This name change should involve all the tribes directly affected and should also involve the urban Native community. No respect or deference has been given to the urban Native community in this process.

At the time of the Plan Commission meeting, it was our belief that the name change might be briefly delayed so that all parties could have a voice. Now, after receiving a copy of the upcoming agenda, it appears as if the name change may be voted on at the meeting on October 28, 2020 -- without all affected voices being heard. This process, has also notably excluded those tribal members whose descend from those who were killed by George Wright. To our knowledge, they were not consulted nor given to opportunity to participate, just as the urban Native community members were not consulted or given the opportunity to participate in this process which has yet to be defined. It is customary in most tribal naming ceremonies to ask permission from the family that the name belongs to -- whether the name can be used. We do not believe that was done here.

Just know that this can be a powerful truth and reconciliation activity for former, current and future generations of tribal and non-tribal people in Spokane. Please hear what is really being expressed here: the name MUST be changed. However, we refuse to allow our elected City Council members disengage with their own constituents (urban Indian people in Spokane). We refuse to engage in horizontal oppression and fight each other when that is not the real issue...TRUTH is the end game and we have many other institutional racist policies, practices and places to change in this City. This is just the beginning of the work we need to do together. Let's get this done in a good way so our children and grandchildren can live outside the shadows of hate, discord and deep, deep historical trauma and racism that continues to hurt us all.

Therefore, we respectfully request that the vote on the name change be postponed for at least two weeks so that all voices that have a stake in this matter, can be heard.

Sincerely,

The Native American Alliance for Policy and Action (TNAAPA)