



Agenda Sheet for City Council Meeting of:
07/24/2023

Date Rec'd	6/29/2023
Clerk's File #	ORD C36416
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Submitting Dept	PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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Agenda Item Type	First Reading Ordinance
Agenda Item Name	RENAMING A PORTION OF WEST DEAN AVENUE TO JOE ALBI WAY

Agenda Wording
Proposed name change of W. Dean Avenue to Joe Albi Way

Summary (Background)
Spokane School District has applied for a Street Name Change; renaming of a section of W. Dean Avenue, between Howard Street and Washington Street, to "Joe Albi Way." This section of West Dean Avenue is located adjacent to the Podium and the new downtown stadium currently being constructed.

Lease? NO	Grant related? NO	Public Works? NO
Fiscal Impact		Budget Account
Neutral \$		#
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Approvals		Council Notifications	
Dept Head	GARDNER, SPENCER	Study Session\Other	PIES 6/2623
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FIRST READING OF THE ABOVE
ORDINANCE HELD ON
7/24/2023
AND FURTHER ACTION WAS DEFERRED
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CITY CLERK

PASSED BY
SPOKANE CITY COUNCIL:
7/31/2023
[Signature]
CITY CLERK

-Committee Agenda Sheet

PIES

Submitting Department	Planning and Economic Development
Contact Name	Taylor Berberich, Urban Designer
Contact Email & Phone	tberberich@spokanecity.org
Council Sponsor(s)	Jonathan Bingle, Zack Zappone
Select Agenda Item Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Time Requested:
Agenda Item Name	Street Name Change: W Dean Ave to Joe Albi Way
Summary (Background) *use the Fiscal Impact box below for relevant financial information	To recognize the legacy of the former stadium's namesake Joe Albi, the School District has included in the design of the new Stadium an area near the front entry to be named "Joe Albi Plaza," which will include a display plaque and the statue of Joe Albi (Joe Fan), once located in the former stadium. To further recognize the many contributions Joe Albi made to sports in Spokane, the District has submitted a Street Name Change Application to the City of Spokane, requesting to rename the section of West Dean Avenue between Washington Street and Howard Street to 'Joe Albi Way.' This section of West Dean Avenue is located adjacent to the Podium and the new downtown stadium currently being constructed.
Proposed Council Action	Approve
Fiscal Impact	
Total Cost: Click or tap here to enter text.	
Approved in current year budget? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
Funding Source <input type="checkbox"/> One-time <input type="checkbox"/> Recurring	
Specify funding source: Click or tap here to enter text.	
Expense Occurrence <input type="checkbox"/> One-time <input type="checkbox"/> Recurring	
Other budget impacts: (revenue generating, match requirements, etc.)	
Operations Impacts (If N/A, please give a brief description as to why)	
What impacts would the proposal have on historically excluded communities? N/A	
How will data be collected, analyzed, and reported concerning the effect of the program/policy by racial, ethnic, gender identity, national origin, income level, disability, sexual orientation, or other existing disparities? N/A	
How will data be collected regarding the effectiveness of this program, policy or product to ensure it is the right solution? N/A	
Describe how this proposal aligns with current City Policies, including the Comprehensive Plan, Sustainability Action Plan, Capital Improvement Program, Neighborhood Master Plans, Council Resolutions, and others? Staff has reviewed the application and finds that the proposed street name meets all the relevant criteria outlined in 17D.050A – Roadway Naming and Addressing. In addition, Spokane School District No. 81 has, by resolution No 2023-05, voiced its support for this proposal.	

ORDINANCE NO. C36416

An ordinance renaming A portion of West Dean Avenue from Howard Street to Washington Street to "Joe Albi Way."

WHEREAS, a roadway name shall be established or changed by Ordinance upon recommendation of the City Plan Commission, pursuant to the Spokane Municipal Code - Chapter 17D.050A; and

WHEREAS, Spokane School District proposes this change in honor of Joe Albi and his many years of dedicated advocacy for youth sports in Spokane, and

WHEREAS, the Spokane School District Board of Directors has put forward Resolution No. 2023-05 in favor of the change, and

WHEREAS, the Spokane Public Facilities District has shared a letter in support of the change, and

WHEREAS, the City Plan Commission held a workshop on June 14, 2023, a public hearing on June 28, 2023 to obtain public comments on the proposed street re-naming, after which the Plan Commission closed public testimony, and voted 8 to 0* to recommend approval of the name change to the Spokane City Council. 4/8/8/2023

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Spokane does ordain:

That W. Dean Avenue, extending from Howard Street to the west and Washington Street to the east, shall be re-named "Joe Albi Way."

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON July 31, 2023.

Lou Lerner
Council President

Attest:

Approved as to form:

Leri Hjorts
City Clerk

Michael P. Puccio
Assistant City Attorney

Yvonne Anderson
Mayor

8/9/23
Date

September 7, 2023
Effective Date



* With 1 abstention 4/8/8/2023

Spokane City Plan Commission
Findings of Fact, Conclusion, and Recommendation for the
2023 Proposed Street Name Change for a Portion of W. Dean Avenue to Joe Albi Way
under the Spokane Municipal Code chapter 17D.050 Roadway Naming.

A recommendation from the City Plan Commission to the City Council certifying that the Joe Albi Way Street Name Change is in conformance with the Spokane Municipal Code.

Findings of Fact:

- A.** The City of Spokane, under the Spokane Municipal Code chapter 17D.050A, is authorized to establish or change a roadway name by ordinance upon recommendation of the City Plan Commission.
- B.** Spokane Public Schools filed a complete application on May 19, 2023, to rename West Dean Avenue to Joe Albi Way between Howard Street and Washington Street.
- C.** The proposed street name changes were initiated and processed under the procedures set forth in SMC chapter 17D.050A.
- D.** The proposed street name changes were found to be in accordance with the goals of SMC section 17D.050A.010.
- E.** This proposed street name is in accordance with SMC section 17D.050A.060, roadway naming Standards and does not duplicate any current street or roadway names within the City.
- F.** The City Plan Commission conducted a public hearing on June 28, 2023, to receive public comments on the proposed street name change.

Conclusion:

The proposed street name change has been reviewed by the City Plan Commission and is found to be in conformance with the procedures, policy, and decision criteria for a street name change in Spokane Municipal Code chapter 17D.050A.

Recommendation:

By a vote of 8 to 0, and 1 abstention, the Plan Commission recommends to the City Council the approval of the proposed street name changes.

Greg Francis
Greg Francis (Jun 29, 2023 10:20 PDT)

Greg Francis, President
Spokane Plan Commission
July 28, 2023

PC Findings Conclusions- Dean to Joe Albi Street Name Change

Final Audit Report

2023-06-29

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Mayor Nadine Woodward

June 22, 2023

Plan Commission Members,

I am pleased to express my support for the proposal by Spokane Public Schools in renaming a portion of Dean Avenue as "Joe Albi Way." This proposal offers an opportunity to highlight the rich history of Spokane and a community icon who tirelessly worked to improve the City through athletics and memorable events.

Joseph Aloysius Albi's roots as a civic leader extended to his work as an attorney, businessman, and diplomat. He had a passion for encouraging youth athletics and sports, founding the Athletic Round Table and advocating for sports facilities in the Spokane area. He played a key role in successfully funding the Memorial Stadium in 1950, which was later renamed Joe Albi Stadium in his honor shortly before his death in 1962. From that time, Joe Albi Stadium continued to be a vital community resource, providing the region with opportunities to participate and watch sports and musical performances

The City of Spokane historically owned and managed Joe Albi Stadium until 2013 when ownership was transferred to Spokane Public Schools. The aging Joe Albi Stadium was part of Spokane Public Schools 2018 Bond and Levy plan that included it be replaced with a more efficient and appropriately sized venue. The replacement stadium will be located downtown Spokane adjacent to the Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena and The Podium. While planning for the replacement stadium, Spokane Public Schools has made efforts to preserve recognition of Joe Albi's legacy through the design of "Joe Albi Plaza," which will be located near the front entrance of the stadium. This plaza will include a display plaque and also the statue of Joe Albi whose home has been within Joe Albi Stadium since 1997. This street name change is an appropriate action to continue the commemoration of Joe Albi's civic efforts in the Spokane community.

Consultation with the City's Historical Preservation Department indicates the historic significance of Dean Avenue will be preserved. Dean Avenue was originally named and platted further to the west between Elm Street and Cedar Street, named after Chester Dean Ide. Dean Avenue will continue to be preserved within the City of Spokane, located in the heart of the West Central Neighborhood.

Spokane Public Schools and Spokane Public Facilities District, an adjacent tenant, support the street name change. I invite you to support this request as an effort to continue a legacy while our community looks forward at the same time. The renaming of this section of Dean Avenue as "Joe Albi Way" will serve as a daily reminder of Joe's contributions and serve as an enduring testament to the impact that one individual can have when dedicating themselves to making positive changes in the lives of others.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Nadine Woodward".

Nadine Woodward
Mayor

The City of Choice

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SPOKANE
PUBLIC FACILITIES
DISTRICT

June 15, 2023

Taylor Berberich
Urban Designer
City of Spokane
808 West Spokane Falls Blvd
Spokane, WA 99201

Dear Taylor,

I am writing this letter as the major property owner on Dean Avenue in support of changing the name of Dean Avenue to Joe Albi Way.

Joe Albi was a prominent attorney and businessman, a philanthropist and civic benefactor, and a successful fund-raiser as well as a vital sports supporter for Spokane. By implementing his ideas for the promotion of sports in Spokane, Albi helped found the Spokane Athletic Round Table and served as its president for 42 years.

Joe Albi Stadium replaced the name of "Spokane Memorial Stadium" in 1962 after Joe Albi's passing. He led the efforts to fund and construct the stadium, Joe Albi Stadium has a rich history, and has been an important part of life to many Spokane residents.

Changing Dean Avenue to Joe Albi Way is an excellent way to honor contributions by Joe Albi as well as express appreciation for our community that holds countless fond memories of experiences at Joe Albi Stadium.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Curran, CEO
Spokane Public Facilities District



SPOKANE CITY/COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

*Providing historic property protection and development
services to the City of Spokane and Spokane County.*



June 2, 2023

Dear Shawn Jordan and Spokane Public Schools,

This letter is in response to a request from Spokane School District 81 to prepare a short sketch of the history of Dean Avenue and its namesake Chester Dean Ide. The request was prompted by the school district's proposed renaming of a section of Dean Avenue between Howard Street and Washington Street near the downtown stadium and Podium.

Based on the records examined by the Spokane Historic Preservation Office, Dean Avenue (originally Dean Street) was first named as such when Ide's Addition to Spokane was platted in 1883. Ide's Addition was platted by Chester Dean Ide, who shamelessly named the addition after himself. He also used his middle name (Dean, which was probably a family name) and his surname (Ide) for two of the street names.

Chester Dean Ide, and his wife (Lucy nee Loomis) and son (Clarence W. Ide), were significant in late 19th and early 20th century Spokane. Chester was born in Vermont in 1830. In his thirties, he fought in the Civil War with the Union Army as a member of the Wisconsin 25th Infantry Regiment. In 1878, just over a decade after the war ended, the Ides along with a group of thirty-five family members from Wisconsin moved to Spokan Falls via wagon train. Lucy Ide kept a daily journal during their move which can be viewed at the Ferris Archives at Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture.

The Ide family were among the earliest white individuals to arrive at the Spokan Falls townsite, three years before the city incorporated and over a decade before Washington statehood. Chester was a serial homesteader who received title for hundreds of acres of land from the federal government, land that was the ancestral territory of regional tribes including the Spokane Tribe of Indians. In 1880, Chester was appointed as the postmaster of the Mondovi Post Office in Spokane County, a position he held for three years. In 1881, Chester purchased 160 acres in the heart of Spokane from the Northern Pacific Railroad Company. As the city grew, Chester developed the land, which included most of the modern West Central Neighborhood, into a residential district. Chester lived in Spokane until his wife died in 1903 at which time he relocated to Seattle with his son, Clarence. Chester died in 1917 at 86 years old and he is interred at Greenwood Cemetery in Spokane.

Chester's son, Clarence, was 18 years old when the family moved to Spokan Falls. In the 1890s, he served as a Washington State Senator representing Spokane County during the first decade of statehood. He later relocated to western Washington where he became a US Marshall and customs officer. Clarence died in 1917 at just 56 years old in Seattle, just six months after the death of his father. Despite Clarence's untimely death, the family helped to initiate a long political legacy in Washington State. Clarence's daughter Irma Evans (nee Ide), who was active in politics herself, was the mother of Washington's legendary three term governor and United States

Senator, Daniel J. Evans, which makes Clarence the grandfather and Chester the great-grandfather of Governor Evans.

The Ides previously had a more prominent Spokane street in West Central along the north river bluff adorned with their family name, Ide Avenue, which has been reconfigured multiple times and renamed to Summit Parkway. Considering the loss of Ide Avenue, preserving Dean Avenue as a street name is of greater priority since the other street name memorializing the family has been changed. But, the original section of Dean Avenue, as platted by the Ides, was further west than the section proposed for renaming near the downtown stadium/Podium. The original section was between Elm Street and Cedar Street. When the area around the stadium/Podium was first platted as Keystone Addition in 1890, the name Dean Avenue was adopted for the section of section of road between Howard Street and Washington Street likely based on a city policy to use uniform street names for all streets that have alignment east to west and north to south.

Furthermore, the section of Dean Avenue near the downtown stadium/Podium is (and always has been) disconnected from the main contiguous portion of Dean which has an eastern terminus at Adams Street, half a dozen blocks to the west. The small section of Dean Avenue near the stadium/podium also does not proceed further to the east from Washington Street. It is a standalone section of Dean Avenue between Howard Street and Washington Street that is potentially ripe for renaming.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Logan Camporeale', with a large, stylized initial 'L' and 'C'.

Logan Camporeale

Berberich, Taylor

From: Halbig, Bobby
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2023 7:41 AM
To: Berberich, Taylor
Subject: Renaming of Dean Avenue to Joe Albi Way

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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The proponent will need to provide the City (Signs and Markers) with replacement street name plates.

Best regards,



Bobby Halbig | City of Spokane | Traffic Engineering Specialist I, Traffic Operations
509.232-8846 | fax 509.232.8830 | bhalbig@spokanecity.org | spokanecity.org



SPOKANE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 81
SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-05

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of Spokane School District No. 81, Spokane County, Washington, expressing its support to rename a portion of West Dean Avenue adjacent to the new downtown Stadium site as “Joe Albi Way”; and providing for related matters.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SPOKANE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 81, SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. Findings and Determinations. The Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Spokane School District No. 81, Spokane County, Washington (the “District”), takes note of the following facts and makes the following findings and determinations:

(a) On November 6, 2018, the District’s voters approved a ballot proposition, submitted pursuant to District Resolution No. 2018-10 (the “2018 Election Resolution”), authorizing the District to undertake and finance certain capital projects, including to “... replace or renovate ... Albi Stadium ...” (the “Stadium Project”). Section 2(h) of the 2018 Election Resolution, which was incorporated by reference in the ballot proposition, further defined the Stadium Project to include: “Construct a new stadium to replace Albi Stadium on a site to be determined by the Board that will include, but not be limited to, a stadium facility, parking, locker rooms, restrooms, concessions and other capital facilities and improvements.”

(b) On March 10, 2021, downtown Spokane business community members presented a proposal requesting the Board consider constructing the Stadium Project in downtown Spokane, adjacent to the Spokane Arena and the Podium indoor sports facility.

(c) The District subsequently engaged the community to evaluate the downtown proposal for the Stadium Project, including: (1) conducting two public forums (the first on March 16, 2021 and the second on March 17, 2021) with the majority of those providing public comment in favor of the downtown location; (2) conducting a Thought Exchange from March 12 to March 31, 2021 that engaged 7,704 participants, received 11,223 “thoughts” from students, District staff, parents/guardians and community members and concluded “there is overwhelming support for a downtown stadium” with the highest rated themes being consideration of the Spokane Civic Theatre, student centric approach for access and scheduling and a strong relationship with the Spokane Public Facilities District (the “PFD”); and (3) receiving correspondence from District principals and athletic directors, Spokane Civic Theatre, Eastern Washington University, Washington State University and numerous elected officials and other community members.

(d) Upon hearing and consideration of the community feedback, the Board on April 21, 2021, adopted a motion to allow District staff to engage in negotiations to create a partnership with the PFD regarding the development and operation of the Stadium Project in downtown Spokane.

(e) Based on general terms of understanding negotiated by District and PFD staff, and after due consideration, and being fully informed and advised, the Board adopted Resolution No.

2021-13 to, among other actions, "... select and designate the Stadium Project to be constructed in downtown Spokane on an approximately five to seven acre site, which is bordered by Boone avenue to the north, Howard street to the west, Dean avenue to the south, and Washington street to the east, together with other sites necessary for parking and related facilities and improvements." Resolution No. 2021-13, § 2.

(f) Under the resulting partnership with the PFD, the District is constructing the Stadium Project at the downtown Spokane location. The PFD will maintain and operate the stadium, saving the District significant costs. In addition, the PFD will use the stadium for professional sports, concerts and other entertainment events when not in use by the District, resulting in significant community and economic benefit to the greater Spokane area.

(g) To recognize the legacy of the former stadium's namesake Joe Albi, the District has included in the design of the Stadium Project an area near the front entry to be named "Joe Albi Plaza," which will include a display plaque and the statue of Joe Albi (Joe Fan), once located in the former stadium. The current draft of the display plaque recognizes Joe Albi's accomplishments and history, as follows:

"The son of Italian immigrants and a lifelong Spokane resident, Joseph Aloysius Albi was more than a local businessman – he was a trial attorney, philanthropist, civic booster, diplomat, and sports supporter. The Spokane Daily Chronicle called him 'a man with a million ideas, every one of which was designed to help some deserving youngsters and to promote...his favorite city.' Albi founded the Athletic Round Table in 1920 and served as its president until his death 42 years later. During that time, he raised and distributed more than two million dollars for the Spokane sports community. His legacy includes Esmeralda Golf Course; Spokane Coliseum; the inaugural U.S. Women's Open golf tournament; numerous PGA Tour events, including the 1944 PGA Championship; and Spokane Memorial Stadium, which hosted everyone from the Green Bay Packers to Elvis Presley to Billy Graham. Renamed in honor of Albi just weeks before his death, the original stadium was demolished in 2022. Today's stadium is a modern testament to the visionary who transformed Spokane sports for good."

(h) To further recognize the many contributions Joe Albi made to sports in Spokane, the District has submitted a Street Name Change Application to the City of Spokane, requesting to rename a section of West Dean Avenue, located adjacent to the Stadium Project site between Washington and Howard Streets, to "Joe Albi Way" (the "Joe Albi Way Application").


(i) The Board now desires to express its support of the Joe Albi Way Application.

Section 2. Declaration of Support. After due consideration, and being fully informed and advised, the Board hereby expresses its support for the Joe Albi Way Application.

Section 5. Effective Date. This resolution takes effective from and after its adoption.

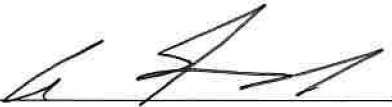
ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Spokane School District No. 81, Spokane County, Washington, at a regular open public meeting held this 24th day of May 2023.

SPOKANE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 81,
SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON



President and Director

ATTEST:



DR. ADAM M. SWINYARD
Secretary to the Board of Directors

**STAFF REPORT ON
STREET NAME CHANGE APPLICATION
FILE NO. Z23-215STNC**

I. SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION:

Description: An application was submitted by the Spokane School District for a Street Name Change for the renaming of a section of W. Dean Avenue, between Howard Street and Washington Street, to be renamed “Joe Albi Way.”

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval to street name change.

II. GENERAL INFORMATION:

- A. Applicant: Spokane School District
200 N Bernard
Spokane, WA 99201
- B. Location of Proposal: The subject property is the public right-of-way of W. Dean Avenue from Howard Street east to Washington Street.
- E. SEPA Status: Categorically Exempt pursuant to WAC 197-11-800(19)
- F. Enabling Zoning: SMC Chapter 17D.050A Roadway Naming and Addressing.
- G. Hearing Date: June 28, 2023, 4:00 p.m.
- H. Staff Contact: Taylor Berberich, 625-6500

III. FINDINGS OF FACT:

- A. Site Description: The single segment of W. Dean Avenue runs from its east end at Washington Street to the west where it intersects Howard Street.
- B. Project Description: Authorized by Spokane Municipal Code Chapter 17D.050A – Roadway Naming, the Spokane School District applied for a Street Name Change to rename a section of W. Dean Avenue, between Howard Street and Washington Street.
- C. Surrounding Zoning: All parcels in the project extents are zoned Downtown General (DTG).
- D. Zoning History: The roadway was named when the area was originally platted in

1883. Chester Dean Ide named it Dean Street, and it was later changed to Dean Avenue. Portions of the original roadway still exist in Spokane's West Central neighborhood.

- E. Adjacent Land Use: The adjacent parcels contain Spokane Civic Theatre, Canopy Credit Union (Formerly Spokane Federal Credit Union), The Podium, Inland Northwest, Council Endowment Properties, LLC, and Shrag Vets Real Estate LLC.
- F. Applicable Zoning/Code Regulations: SMC Chapter 17D.050A – Roadway Naming and Addressing.
- G. Procedural Requirements:
 - Application was accepted on Friday May 19, 2023; and
 - Notice of the Public Hearing was posted on the roadway on June 12, 2023, published in the Spokesman on June 14 and 21, 2023, and mailed to recipients adjacent to the subject property, emergency dispatching personnel, and the United States Postal Service on June 8, 2023.

IV. CONCLUSIONS:

Procedure. The procedure for naming of roadways is detailed in SMC 17D.050A.055 and outlined below:

[17D.050A.055](#) *Naming of Roadways*

- A. *Any project permit action that results in a name being created to identify a new roadway, whether public or private, shall comply with the requirements of this chapter. The applicant will designate proposed roadway names. The Development Services Center shall review the proposed roadway names for consistency with this chapter.*
- B. *Other than as provided in subsection (A) of this section, a roadway name shall be established or changed by ordinance upon recommendation of the plan commission. Any proposed roadway name change shall be consistent with the roadway naming standards of [SMC 17D.050A.060](#).*
- C. *Before submitting a proposed roadway name change to the plan commission, the Development Services Center shall cause the applicant to give notice to the owners of property fronting on the roadway, the United States Postal Service and emergency dispatching personnel, for the purpose of eliciting comments. The Development Services Center shall also cause the applicant to post notice pursuant to [SMC 17G.060.120](#).*

Policy. The policy for naming of roadways is detailed in 17D.050A.050 and outlined below:

[17D.050A.050](#) *Roadways to Which Naming Requirements Apply*

- A. *New or unnamed existing roadways providing access to four (4) or more addressable parcels, structures, or units shall be named.*

- B. Existing roadways for which renaming has been authorized by the City to promote the purpose of this chapter shall be renamed as provided for in the City Charter and the Spokane Municipal Code.
- C. Preapproved road names shall be identified on plat documents at the time of Final Plat submittal.
- D. Only traveled ways that qualify as roadways may be named; except that alleys in the downtown zones may be named.
- E. All roadways shall be named regardless of whether the ownership is public or private. Without limitation, this includes all roadways that are created within plats, short plats, binding site plans, PUDs and manufactured/mobile home parks.
- F. Driveways, access to parking areas and other traveled surfaces that are not considered roadways may not be named, but may have directions identified with the following method:
 - 1. Arrow signs indicating building or address ranges within an apartment complex or campus may be placed at the entrances and along the non-roadway traveled ways to locate the buildings.

Decision Criteria. The decision criteria for roadway name change is detailed in 17D.050A.110 and outlined below:

[17D.050A.110](#) *Change in Roadway or Address Status*

- A. If a public or private roadway right-of-way is altered, the City shall review the alteration and may assign a corrected roadway name and/or address/addresses consistent with the provisions of this Code. If the access to an individual address is altered, the City shall assign a corrected address consistent with the provisions of this Code (e.g., the owners of 200 W. Cherry Ln. change the location of their driveway from Cherry Ln. to Spruce Ln. necessitating an address on Spruce Ln.).
- B. Roadway name changes should be approved only when they further the public interest or public safety, specifically in the dispatching of emergency vehicles. A change in the name of an existing roadway is subject to approval by the city council. The city council, subsequent to the recommendation of the plan commission, may grant a roadway name change if the proposed change is consistent with the policy for naming roadways found in [SMC 17D.050A.060](#).

Relevant Facts

Staff has reviewed the application and finds that the proposed street name meets all the relevant criteria outlined in 17D.050A – Roadway Naming and Addressing.

The street segment is an isolated street that does not continue in either direction past the intersections with Howard Street or Washington Street. The desired roadway name is specifically consistent with the criteria identified below:

17D.050A.060(M): Roadway name integrity should be maintained for the entire length of the roadway whenever possible. Roadway names shall only change when

there is a substantial intersection or significant “visual geometric cue.” Generally continuous roadways shall not be subdivided into segments with different names.

Comments

One comment has been received regarding the street name change. The City of Spokane traffic operations noted on June 15th, 2023, that “The proponent will need to provide the City (Signs and Markers) with replacement street name plates.” No public comment was received as of June 22, 2023.

VI. RECOMMENDATION

STAFF CONCLUSION: Based on the above findings, staff supports renaming the roadway “Joe Albi Way”.