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for consideration by the Apex Town Council

Item Type: PUBLIC HEARING

Meeting Date: June 14, 2022

Item Details

Presenter(s): Shannon Cox, Long Range Planning Manager

Department(s): Planning and Community Development

Requested Motion

Public hearing and possible motion to approve a resolution regarding the Town-initiated renaming of "Squaw Walden Lane" within the Town of Apex.

Approval Recommended?

Planning staff recommends approval of the proposed street renaming.

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The purpose of this public hearing is to consider renaming "Squaw Walden Lane" to "Squall Walden Lane" within the Town of Apex. On November 19, 2021, the U.S. Secretary of the Interior declared "squaw" a derogatory term as part of Secretary's Order 3404. Under the Order, the Department of the Interior established a task force to find replacement names for more than 660 geographic features containing the name "squaw." Some residents of Squaw Walden Lane in Apex expressed concern to Town staff regarding the street name in 2021 as well as following the Interior Department's Derogatory Geographic Names Task Force announcement of replacement names on February 22, 2022. Town staff requested the concerned residents compile possible replacement names from Squaw Walden Lane residents for the Town to review and consider. As a result, concerned residents presented "Squall Walden Lane" as a possible replacement name. Town staff also requested additional input from all property owners and tenants affected by the name change in order to compile additional name suggestions, understand concerns for and against the proposed name change, and detail the process for changing addresses. This process and the preferences that emerged will be presented by staff along with a recommendation for Town Council's consideration to rename "Squaw Walden Lane" to "Squall Walden Lane".

Attachments

- Staff report
- Address change checklist
- Resolution of proposed street name change

