

Department of Community Planning and Economic Development - Planning Division
Department of Public Works
Petition to Name or Rename a Street

Date: July 27, 2009

Applicant: R. T. Rybak, Mayor

Location of Street (including cross-streets): 13th St. So. between Nicollet Mall and Marquette Ave.

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Ward: 7 **Neighborhood Organization:** Citizens for a Loring Park Community

Zoning Plate Number: 19

Existing Street Name: 13th Street South

Proposed Street Name: Alice Rainville Place

Public/Private Street: Public

Concurrent Review: Petition to name/rename street. No other applications are necessary at this point.

Background: Alice Rainville, who passed away in March, 2009, at the age of 80, was the first woman to serve as City Council President. She served on the City Council for 22 years. During her tenure on the City Council, she was a leader of several Downtown and northside initiatives, including the Minneapolis campus of St. Thomas University, the Humboldt Greenway and the construction of the Minneapolis Convention Center. She served on the Council from 1975 to 1997, and was Council President from 1980 to 1989.

The Minneapolis Department of Public Works is currently engaged in a project to redesign 13th St. So., between Nicollet Mall and Marquette Ave., adding new pedestrian amenities, connecting the Mall to the Convention Center area.

Findings:

Streets shall be named in consideration of the following criteria:

- **Numeric street names shall be written using numerical rather than alphabetical spelling. For example, 1 rather than One.**
- **Numeric street names shall include the alphabetic suffix to the numerical prefix. For example, 12TH rather than 12.**

The Street name is not numeric.

- **Street names shall not be longer than can be produced by the standard sign manufacturing capability of the City Engineer or 30 characters, whichever is less.**

The street name is 19 characters long.

- **Continuous streets should have the same name throughout the metropolitan area.**

This is an independent street segment.

- **A street name should be changed only if there will be a public benefit that clearly outweighs the public confusion and cost that would be created by the name change.**

The street name will posthumously honor a citizen of Minneapolis on a short street segment that no buildings address off of, so it should cause little confusion.

- **A proposed street name should not be similar to an existing street name so that it creates confusion or hinders the provision of standard or emergency services.**
- **A proposed street name should not duplicate any other street name unless it is a continuation of an interrupted street.**

47th Ave. No. between Russell Ave. No. and Osseo Road has a dual honorary name of Alice Rainville Ave. Staff requests that the Minneapolis City Council revoke this honorary street name to avoid any confusion.

- **Street names should be in alphabetic or numerical sequence whenever practical.**

The street is not in alphabetical or numeric sequence; however, this is an independent segment that makes this standard less necessary.

- **A street name should not uniquely identify a particular product, service, tenant, business or living person.**
- **Streets should generally be named after people, places, events and things related to the City and citizens of Minneapolis. Proposed names should meet one of the following criteria:**
 - **1) to posthumously honor and commemorate noteworthy persons associated with the City of Minneapolis;**

- 2) to commemorate local history, places, events or culture;
- 3) to strengthen neighborhood identity; or,
- 4) to recognize native wildlife, flora, fauna or natural features related to the community and the City of Minneapolis.

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- **No street shall be designated with the name "Parkway" except under the jurisdiction of the Park and Recreation Board.**

The street does not include the name "Parkway."

- **Elements of an alphabetical street name should not be abbreviated unless it is common practice to do so. For example, DR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR is acceptable and preferable to DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING JUNIOR.**

There are no abbreviations in the name of the proposed street.

CPED and Public Works staff finds that the proposed street name meets the above noted standards.

Recommendation of the Department of Public Works/CPED Planning Division:

The Department of Public Works/CPED Planning Division recommends that the City Planning Commission and the City Council adopt the above findings and **approve** the petition to name/rename a street as Alice Rainville Place.