

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

Date: April 23, 2007

Applicant: East River Mews Association

Location of Street (including cross-streets): From Thornton Ave SE to Franklin Ave SE, within the East River Mews Condominium Development

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Ward: 2 Neighborhood Organization: Prospect Park East River Road

Zoning Plate Number: 22

Existing Street Name: None

Proposed Street Name: River Mews Court

Public/Private Street: Private

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

Background: At the time of the development review for this condominium/townhouse development, City Development Review staff identified and approved the use of a private street name for the project. This approval was based upon the unique interior building layout and the limited street address capability from the abutting streets.

Findings: The proposed private street name conforms to the Minneapolis Street Naming and Address Standard adopted by the City Council in 2004.

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.**
- **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.**
- **Continuous streets should have the same name throughout the metropolitan area.**
- **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.**
- **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.
- Street names should be in alphabetic or numerical sequence whenever practical.
- 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.
- No street shall be designated with the name "Parkway" except under the jurisdiction of the Park and Recreation Board.
- 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.

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

The Department of Public Works/CPED Planning Division recommend that the City Planning Commission and the City Council adopt the above findings and **approve** the petition to name/rename a street as River Mews Court.