CITY OF GIG HARBOR
RESOLUTION NO. 653

A RESOLUTION PRIORITIZING THE LIST OF HISTORICAL STREET NAMES

WHEREAS, the City of Gig Harbor has an approved list of street names to be applied within the "historical name area"; and

WHEREAS, the Gig Harbor Municipal Code provides for the addition of names to the list of street names for the "historical name area" by City Council (GHMC Section 12.12.030 K.); and

WHEREAS, the City Council is desirous of listing the names according to sections: Priority, Recommended, and Additional as these sub-sections will help the city select the appropriate name when needed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gig Harbor City Council hereby adopts the List of Historical Names for New Streets as recommended by the Gig Harbor Peninsula Historical Society as identified in Exhibit A.

PASSED by the City Council this 26th day of September 2005.

APPROVED:

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MAYOR, GRETCHEN WILBERT

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

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MOLLY M. TOWSLEE, CITY CLERK

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: 9/21/05
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: 9/26/05
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EXHIBIT A
HISTORICAL STREET NAMES PRIORITY LIST

To: Mark Hoppen, City Administrator, City of Gig Harbor
From: Vicki Blackwell, Curator, Gig Harbor Peninsula Historical Society
Re: List of Historical Names for New Streets
Date: July 28, 2005

We commend the City of Gig Harbor for its continuing efforts in recognizing the contributions of early harbor pioneers and residents through the Historic Street Name program. We also appreciate the city's trust in the Gig Harbor Peninsula Historical Society to partner with the city to create, monitor, and add to this list.

With additions to and deletions from the list, we are asking the city to consider listing the names according to sections: Priority, Recommended, and Additional. These sub-sections will help city personnel select the appropriate name when needed.

"Priority" list: names that have been on the list the longest and retain their importance to the heritage of the harbor. There is documentation by the historical society on the significance of these names. "Priority" names should be selected for the very next available street within the specified area.

"Recommended" list: names that have some documentation in the records of the historical society.

"Additional" list: names that appear on the list but have no documentation at this time in the society's records or were included on the list by a group or individual other than the historical society and the historic significance was not provided to the society.

We recognize that naming streets is at the discretion of the city. We offer the following as our recommendations for the Priority, Recommended, and Additional lists on the current List of Historical Names:

PRIORITY *(in order of priority)*

1) Shaw (north end of the harbor)
(See past lists for historical information)

The city has received numerous requests for the naming of a street after the Shaw family. Shaw was on the original list submitted in 1978 (although it was listed as "Rooster" for Shaw's famous rooster races). The family asked that the name on the list be changed to Shaw. In addition to the society placing Shaw on the early lists, individual requests were submitted to the city in April 1992, December 1992, May 1993, and August 1996.

The Shaw family contributed enormously to preserve and share the heritage of Gig Harbor. Not only have they donated early Shaw documents, photographs, and artifacts to the society's collections, the Shaw family also saved and donated a wealth of artifacts and documents from the Burnham family – one of the first pioneer families in the harbor.

Jane Shaw Karlson is the last of the C.E. Shaw's children. Jane turned 90 years old this past February.

2) Makovich (west side of bay)
(See past lists for historical information)

Added to list Oct. 3, 1991. A prominent businessman and philanthropic leader of the community. (Letter in file and copy of presentation by Makovich family member appears to show that a street was assigned the Makovich name but that the family asked that the council reconsider the location).

3) Sweeney (north end of harbor)
(See past lists for historical information)

We are unable to determine when Sweeney was added to the list (although we feel it was an oversight that it was not on the 1978 list). Teresa Sweeney was a successful businesswoman, postmistress, and justice of the peace.

4) Hall (north end of harbor, or Millville)*

Hall was on the 1978 list but is not on the current list. Hall came to Gig Harbor in the 1880s. In 1886 he was a partner in the Gig Harbor Mill Co. with A.M. Burnham. The mill was located at today's Pleasurecraft Marina and included a shipyard and shingle mill. Hall also operated a grocery store close to the mill. Hall was instrumental in opening up the two military reservations for settlement.

* There is a Hall Road on Key Peninsula – possibly why Hall was removed from the Gig Harbor list.

5) Young (north end of harbor)
(See past lists for historical information)

Young was also on the 1978 list. Young's Landing was the site of today's county boat ramp on the east side of the harbor. The first post office for the area surrounding the bay was in the Young home, which was also a hotel and boarding house.

RECOMMENDED *(alpha order)*

Ancich (west side)
Carlson (east side)

Cruver (west side)
Farrague/Farragut (west side): on 1978 list
Goldsmith (west side): on 1978 list
Hammerland (west side)
Monzingo (west side)
Patrick (head of bay)
Peyran (west side)
Sandin (west side)
Scott (north end of harbor): on 1978 list
Sund (east side)
Tollfeson (north end)

ADDITIONAL *(alpha order)*

Atkinson (west side)
Cundiff
Hopkins (top of Stinson)
Howe (peninsula)
Magoon (head of bay)
McDaniel (head of bay)
McKee (head of bay)
Proctor
Simerson (Kimball Drive)
Simpson (east side)
Skarponi
Vinkenes (head of bay)
Watson (top of Stinson)
Weeks (west side of bay)
Wroten (east side of bay, Crescent Valley)

We also ask that any individuals or groups requesting the addition of a name to the list provide the Gig Harbor Peninsula Historical Society with any historical information relevant to that name and/or family. The society will add the information to its research files.

Thank you.