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Subject: RE: ID 90545 - Ruskin Street name change - 11/3 Plan Commission
Date: Monday, November 3, 2025 1:45:03 PM

Hi Tim,

Looping in Jim Wolfe for his information. I figured this would be the case, particularly with the development of the site over the past 3 years.

Send me the link for attendance. I thought I asked for a link on Friday as I assumed there would be some comments.

Background

Originally this small section of Ruskin was oriented towards Ruskin Street to the north at the intersection with Roth Street. In June of 2022, the City of Madison amended the Official Map to establish mapped reservations for future Streets in accordance with recommendations in the adopted Oscar Mayer Special Area Plan. As part of the reservation, Huxley Street was extended southerly to connect to this short portion of Ruskin Street. This alignment was a logical connection particularly considering that any proposed connection between this stub and the portion of Ruskin to the north is not possible with the existence of wetlands.

The Lincoln Capital project was approved and the road was dedicated by the City approved land division.

Street naming policy of where a street maintains the same general direction, the same street name shall continue for the entire length of the street. Short curvilinear changes in directions are anticipated and permitted when determining that a street proceeds in a same general direction. This street (Huxley St) as aligned, generally proceeds in a same north – south direction.

In the determination of the name of this alignment, the portion of Ruskin to be renamed Huxley Street cannot connect to the portion of Ruskin that exists to the north. This due to existing intervening wetlands that encumber that proposed alignment. So, with the final alignment of this street as it currently exists and was approved, Huxley St was the logical name for the street alignment. Extending an existing street name from the north and renaming this short portion of Ruskin Street to Huxley Street for one continuous name.

Ultimately, in the long run, this change in name is better for wayfinding for the public and also for emergency response with a single street name for the entire length of the north-south alignment.

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Importance: High

Jeff,

Just a heads-up that (so far) we have received a written comment against the above item and about a half-dozen folks registered against it but not wishing to speak for tonight's Plan Commission meeting. I will not know until later this afternoon whether this will still be on the consent agenda tonight as currently recommended or not. Usually, Planning can cover things that come up on BPW referrals, but street naming and addressing might be a little outside of our comfort zone. One thing that came up from our review of the written comment is how street names are chosen and how Huxley was chosen in this case. The written comment is here: <https://madison.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=14908209&GUID=6A2E0B6F-61A6-47ED-A6F0-0BF60BA77DB0>. Any information that you can share in response to the comments and/or your attendance at the meeting tonight would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks!
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