

City of Cotati
City Council Policy No. 1999-02

Street Naming Policy

The process of selecting historic names greater than 70 years old for street names has been in practice for many years prior to 1999: As a subdivision wends its way to City Council staff will contact Prue Draper, local historian, who reviews maps and makes a recommendation which staff then recommends to the Council. The map consistently used for street naming is a 1926 parcelized map of the "Cotati District". Prior to Prue, Councilmembers Arch Stewart and Katherine Roberts developed a list that Prue still consults. Staff notifies property owners in writing early in the process of the City of Cotati's street naming policy.

The practice was reviewed by a sub-committee consisting of Mayor Berkemeier, Vice-Mayor Jensen, Design Review Committee member Prue Draper and property owner Mr. Bob Gilman which met in May, 1999. The sub-committee concurred that this process works well but there should still be some flexibility for recognizing other kinds of pioneers besides property owners.