

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POCATELLO, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF IDAHO, DESIGNATING A PORTION OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY OF THE HONORARY STRETCH OF SOUTH EIGHTH AVENUE AS 'GUTIERREZ AVENUE'; PROVIDING THAT THE STREET DEPARTMENT SHALL ERECT NEW SIGNS TO INDICATE THE NEW HONORARY NAME; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, at the Work Session on August 13, 2026, the City Council was presented with a request to honor Idaho Judge Sergio Gutierrez and his efforts to advance statewide standards for certified court interpreters, among other prestigious accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that an honorary designation of a portion of 8th Avenue as Gutierrez Avenue would be fitting and in the best interest of the citizens of Pocatello.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Pocatello as follows:

1. That the stretch of 8th Avenue which lies between the intersections of Humboldt Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Way be honorarily designated as Gutierrez Avenue.
2. That the Street Department remove any signs designating the right-of-way as Cesar Chavez Avenue and erect signs honorarily designating the street to be Gutierrez Avenue.
3. That this Resolution supersedes Resolution No. 2002-09 and any other resolutions related hereto.
4. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval.

RESOLVED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

MARK DAHLQUIST, Mayor

KONNI R. KENDELL, City Clerk

Street Renaming Ad Hoc Committee
July 6, 2026 Minutes

Sarah Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Anne Nichols announced that Chair Person Hayden Paulsen was ill, and Sarah had been asked to Chair the meeting.

Roll Call

Those in attendance were Sarah Jackson, Andy Guerra, Dave Archuleta, Adam Velasquez, and Carmelita Benitez. Nate Roberts arrived at 6:43 p.m. Ryan Sargent and Hayden Paulsen were excused.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Andy, seconded by Adam, to approve the June 29, 2026 minutes. Motion carried.

Discussion of Community Promotion

Andy stated he saw the promotion on Facebook and heard a report on the radio.

Dave thought the public promotion was important to allow citizens to comment.

A small discussion was held regarding the relative lack of negative comments on the two suggestions.

Anne reported the Office of the Mayor & City Council did not receive any email or telephone comments.

Sarah commented that individuals were more familiar with one name over the other. Adam noted that this disparity would have been reversed if the suggestions were made in the Nampa, Idaho area.

Vote on Recommendation to Mayor and City Council

Adam asked for clarification on what businesses Art Paz owned, and Andy listed Sandbaggers, Paz for Hair, rental properties and the Office Bar.

Adam noted he stood by his recommendation to rename Cesar Chavez Avenue in honor of Judge Sergio Gutierrez, because of the Judge's legacy and his inspiration to youth regarding higher education. He suggested the committee, as citizens, write letters to the Mayor and City Council recommending another street be named for Art Paz, possibly near one of the businesses he owned. This would honor both individuals.

Carmelita reminded members that Art Paz grew up as a farm worker and noted that he broke several diversity barriers. She stated that Cesar Chavez was a union organizer and Pocatello was a strong union community. Art valued the unions and reflected that part of Pocatello

Dave informed the members that he covered a trial where Art was sued as the result of an accident. He remembered the negative reaction to Art and reminded members that Art was part of the civil rights movement locally. He felt he was a pioneer in Pocatello.

Sarah stated she and the University Neighborhood supported the recommendation for Judge Gutierrez. She noted the lasting and overall impact of his contributions to the state. She also expressed concern, though noted she was not being judgmental, about Art owning several bars and the association of that on recommending his name.

Sarah asked if the committee could recommend two individuals. Anne stated the committee could, but the City Council may not accept two recommendations. Discussion followed about the purpose of the committee being formed to recommend only a new name for Cesar Chavez Avenue and whether making additional recommendations was appropriate.

Sarah asked for a motion to be made for consideration.

A motion was made by Andy, seconded by Carmelita, to recommend both Art Paz and Judge Sergio Gutierrez be honored with street renamings.

A motion was made by Adam to wait for the full committee to be present before voting. The motion died for lack of a second.

Dave reminded members that at an earlier meeting they agreed to support renaming South Garfield Avenue in front of the Marshall Public Library for Dr. Minnie Howard. He felt both Art Paz and Judge Gutierrez could be recognized. The City Council could disagree, but the committee could make the recommendation.

Adam felt the committee's purview was to make only one recommendation for renaming Cesar Chavez Avenue. He also felt geography should not limit the legacy of the individual, and the committee should consider a bigger picture of impact. He stated the location of the renamed streets should correspond to the contributions, so having Judge Gutierrez honored on Idaho State University campus acknowledged his contribution to higher education. Renaming a street near a business owned by Art Paz would appropriately honor him.

Nate arrived at 6:43 p.m.

Nate agreed that the committee was created to rename Cesar Chavez Avenue. He felt the City could form another committee to consider additional honorary street renamings.

A brief discussion was held about how Salt Lake City has done honorary street renamings.

Dave called for the question, and a vote was held on Andy's motion to recommend both Art Paz and Judge Sergio Gutierrez be honored with street renamings. The person voting in favor was Andy. Those opposed were Sarah, Adam, Nate, Carmelita and Dave. The motion failed.

A motion was made by Dave, seconded by Andy, to recommend Cesar Chavez Avenue be renamed Art Paz Way. Those voting in favor were Andy and Dave. Those opposed were Adam, Nate and Sarah. Carmelita abstained. The motion failed.

A motion was made by Adam, seconded by Nate, to recommend Cesar Chavez Avenue be renamed in honor of Judge Sergio Gutierrez. Those voting in favor were Adam, Nate and Sarah. No one voted in opposition, and Dave, Carmelita and Andy abstained. The motion passed.

Further discussion was held about how to recommend to the Mayor and City Council that both Art Paz and Dr. Minnie Howard be recognized with honorary street renamings downtown.

Dave asked that the individual votes be reflected in the minutes.

Next Meeting Date

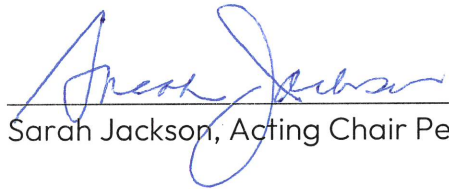
Committee members agreed future meetings were not necessary.

Anne reminded members that their recommendation would be presented by Chair Person Paulsen to the City Council at the August 13 Work Session. Members would be welcome to attend the meeting, but if a quorum was planning to be present, Anne would need to issue a notice and agenda, plus take minutes. No commitments were made. She also reminded the committee that if the Council did not accept their recommendation, they had two weeks in August to meet to make another recommendation. Their terms did not expire until the end of August 2026.

Sarah adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Submitted by
Anne Nichols, Chief of Staff

Approved as to content



Sarah Jackson, Acting Chair Person