



City Manager's Office

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 08/19/2022

TO: Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Doug Thornley, City Manager Approved Electronically

FROM: Kerrie Koski, P.E., Director of Public Works/City Engineer
Kurt Dietrich, P.E., Traffic Engineer

SUBJECT: Requested Information on the Historical Significance of Litch Court

This memorandum provides historical background information related to Item D.2 on the August 24, 2022 Reno City Council meeting agenda.

On December 2, 2021, an application was submitted to the Regional Street Naming Committee (RSNC) to rename Litch Court to Fasani Avenue between Mary Street to the north and an unnamed alleyway to the south. The applicant requested to rename Litch Court to recognize Arthur Fasani and Fasani Painting. The applicant stated Fasani Painting is the oldest painting contractor in the area and has been family owned and operated since 1912. Arthur Fasani moved to 220 Mary Street in 1906 where the property is still family owned. Seven parcels, with an estimated seventeen addresses, would be affected by the request to rename the street. This request was discussed at the January 20, 2022 meeting of the RSNC.

In 1882, Andrew Litch purchased 90 acres of land 1.5 miles south of Reno and deemed it the Litch Ranch. On July 10, 1903, the City of Reno annexed this land, which was known as the "Litch Addition." The Litch Addition makes up much of what is known as the Midtown residential area today. On November 23, 1925, the Reno City Council adopted Litch Court as the name for the north-south street that lies between Mary Street to the north and an unnamed alleyway to the south.

*Supporting historic documentation of this area of land are attached.

**Historic documentation is available upon request.*