Department Source: Community Development - Planning

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: June 19, 2017

Re: Quonset on Tenth – Right of Way Vacation & Dedication (Case # 17-125)

Executive Summary

Approval of this request would result in the vacation of approximately 123 square feet of Park Avenue right of way and acceptance of approximately 97 square feet of private property currently improved with a public sidewalk.

Discussion

Engineering Surveys and Services (agent) on behalf of John Ott (owner) are requesting that the City vacate approximately 123 square feet of Park Street approximately 50 east of the intersection of Park Avenue and Tenth Street. In exchange for the public right of way the owner is proposing to dedicate a 97 square foot parcel of land at the intersection of Park Avenue and Tenth Street currently improved with a public sidewalk to the City. The attached boundary survey (Exhibit A) graphically depicts the location of the dedication (Tract 1) and vacation (Tract 2) parcels.

The requested vacation is the result of the owner acquiring the former Koonse Glass Building and subsequently renovating for the purposes of repurposing the building for a mixed-used retail/restaurant. The vacated public right of way would be used for outdoor seating and currently is behind the location of where the existing public sidewalk to the east and west, if extended, would be located. The area forward of the proposed vacation parcel is currently a drive approach to the former business.

The area proposed to be dedicated is improved with a public sidewalk that is located on private land. There is no recorded sidewalk easement over this improvement. Dedication of the parcel would ensure that the sidewalk is within what is considered to be the right of way for Park Avenue.

Staff has reviewed the proposed vacation request and finds that vacation of the requested 123 square feet will not impact the functionality or usability of Park Avenue in the future. Furthermore, staff is supportive of obtaining the 97 square feet from the owner to ensure that the existing public sidewalk is contained within parcel owned by the City.

Locator map and Exhibit A, the boundary survey graphically showing Tracts 1 and 2, is attached for review.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None. No new public infrastructure is being created.

Long-Term Impact: None. The existing public sidewalk is currently required to be maintained by the property owner per municipal code.

Vision & Strategic Plan Impact

[Vision Impacts:](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/CMS/vision/reports/visiongoals.php)

Primary Impact: Development, Secondary Impact: Community Facilities & Services, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/city-manager/)

Primary Impact: Economy, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/community_development/comprehensive_plan/documents/ColumbiaImagined-FINAL.pdf)

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

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| N/A | N/A |

Suggested Council Action

Approve the requested vacation and accept the proposed dedication.