

City of Grand Island

Tuesday, June 13, 2017 Council Session

Item F-1

#9633 - Consideration of Vacation of Sidewalk Easement in Westwood Park Twelfth and Thirteenth Subdivisions; 620 Redwood Road (Schulte) & 626 Redwood Road (Ratliff)

Staff Contact: John Collins, P.E. - Public Works Director

Council Agenda Memo

From: Keith Kurz PE, Assistant Public Works Director

Meeting: June 13, 2017

Subject: Consideration of Vacation of Sidewalk Easement in

Westwood Park Twelfth and Thirteenth Subdivisions; 620 Redwood Road (Schulte) & 626 Redwood Road

(Ratliff)

Presenter(s): John Collins PE, Public Works Director

Background

A sidewalk easement was dedicated with each plat of Westwood Park Twelfth and Thirteenth Subdivision and filed with Hall County Register of Deeds on July 17, 2012 as Document No. 201205826 and on December 4, 2014 as Document No. 201407641, respectively.

Discussion

The current property owners of 620 Redwood Road and 626 Redwood Road are requesting to vacate such dedicated easement that now lies between their properties. There is no sidewalk currently or proposed within this easement that will be affected by the vacation. The attached sketch details the referenced easement to be vacated.

The Shoemaker hike/bike trail is located on the west side of each lot and has access from both the northern end of this area, off of Faidley Avenue, and the southern end at Shoemaker School. All Redwood Road lots north of Shoemaker School/Shoemaker Park proceeding north to Faidley Avenue along Redwood Road are bordered on the west by vinyl or chain link fences. There are not any streets or sidewalks running east and west that feed into the subject sidewalk easement.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

- 1. Move to approve
- 2. Refer the issue to a Committee
- 3. Postpone the issue to future date
- 4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council pass an ordinance vacating the sidewalk easement in Westwood Park Twelfth and Thirteenth Subdivision; 620 Redwood Road (Schulte) and 626 Redwood Road (Ratliff).

Sample Motion

Move to pass an ordinance vacating the easement.

ORDINANCE NO. 9633

An ordinance to vacate an existing sidewalk easement and to provide for filing this ordinance in the office of the Register of Deeds of Hall County, Nebraska; to repeal any ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, and to provide for publication and the effective date of this ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1. That existing sidewalk easement located in Westwood Park Twelfth and Thirteenth Subdivisions, in the City of Grand Island, Hall County, Nebraska and more particularly described as follows:

The south 5 feet of Lot 16, Westwood Park Twelfth Subdivision, City of Grand Island, Hall County, Nebraska

and

The north 5 feet of Lot 9, Westwood Park Thirteenth Subdivision, City of Grand Island, Hall County, Nebraska

is hereby vacated. Such easement to be vacated is shown and more particularly described on Easement Vacation Exhibit 1 attached hereto.

SECTION 2. The title to the property vacated by Section 1 of this ordinance shall revert to the owner or owners of the real estate upon which the easement is located.

Approved as to Form

Zune 9, 2017

City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. 9633 (Cont.)

SECTION 3. This ordinance is directed to be filed, with the drawing, in the office

of the Register of Deeds of Hall County, Nebraska.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in force and take effect from and after its

passage and publication, within fifteen days in one issue of the Grand Island Independent as

provided by law.

