



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: April 24, 2012

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Department Head: Steven M. Manilla, P.E., County Executive-TNR

Sponsoring Court Member: Commissioner Huber, Precinct Three

AGENDA LANGUAGE: Receive comments regarding a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a ten foot wide section of a 25' wide drainage easement located along the east lot line of Lot 5, Block H, of Long Canyon II-A – a subdivision in Travis County in Precinct Three.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

On December 18, 2007 Travis County Commissioners Court had a hearing for a request to vacate a ten foot wide section of a 25' wide drainage easement located along the east lot line of Lot 5, Block H, of Long Canyon II-A. During this hearing representatives of the neighborhood's homeowner's association (HOA) brought up questions and concerns/issues they had.

After hearing comments from both sides, the Court postponed the action to January 8, 2008 and asked that the owner and the HOA meet outside of Court to discuss the HOA's concerns/issues. However, staff was later asked by the constituent to postpone the item again until further notice.

After 4-plus years staff has been notified that the concerns/issues have been addressed and resolved. The HOA has stated in writing they are no longer opposed to this vacation request. However, with it being 4-plus years since the original hearing staff feels a new hearing should be set with a public notice period. The original agenda packet and addendum are included in the backup material.

After further review of the original submitted request, along with the newly submitted documents, Travis County staff has no objections with moving forward with this vacation request. Staff foresees no opposition to this request.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

As of this memo staff has not received any inquiries in regards to this vacation request. The request has been reviewed by TNR staff and staff finds the vacation requests meets all Travis County standards. As such, TNR staff recommends the vacation.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

With the installation of the new 18” storm sewer pipe to convey the runoff from Alasan Cove across Lot 5, Travis County now has no need for the 10’ portion of the 25’ wide easement being vacated. Travis County has relied on Martha Mangum’s professional opinion as a Professional Engineer in regards to this vacation. Travis County has also relied on her opinion that the newly installed 18” storm sewer pipe will adequately convey the runoff from Alasan Cove, without having any adverse impacts to surrounding properties.

In the request letter, it is stated, “The existing 25’ drainage easement extends more than half of the frontage of this lot, leaving a very small length of lot frontage to construct a driveway entrance. The property is also very steep with limited area to construct a building foundation.” This vacation will allow more room for construction of the proposed home.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A.

ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS:

- Order of Vacation
- Field Notes and Sketch
- Request/Engineer's Letter
- HOA Letter
- Original 2007 Backup Memo
- Addendum to 2007 Backup Memo
- Sign Affidavit and Pics
- Maps

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

Cynthia McDonald	Financial Manager	TNR	854-4239
Steve Manilla	County Executive	TNR	854-9429
Anna Bowlin	Division Director	Development Services	854-7561
Don Grigsby	Engineer	Development Services	854-7560

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