



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: May 22, 2012

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Division Director/Manager: Anna Bowlin, Division Director of Development Services

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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 7,885 square foot area of a drainage easement located over and across a portion of Tract 95 of the Travis Hollow Section Three subdivision – Precinct Three.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

TNR staff has received a request to vacate a 7,885 square foot area of a drainage easement located over and across a portion of Tract 95 of the Travis Hollow Section Three subdivision. The easement is dedicated per plat and is schematically shown on the face of the plat. The subject lot fronts on a section of Alfalfa Drive, which is not maintained by Travis County.

Professional engineer Fred C. Lockwood has stated that:

"This drainage easement vacation/dedication is necessary because the existing channel that crosses this tract is not located in its original location. This was caused by buildings being constructed on the up-gradient tract within the existing channel (and within an existing drainage easement) and re-routing the channel around the southern side of those buildings. This re-routing resulted in the channel entering the subject tract approximately 80 feet south of its original location, leading to a portion of the channel across the subject tract being south of and outside of the existing drainage easement on the tract."

After review of the submitted request and recommendation, Travis County engineer Don Grigsby has stated he has no objections to 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:

According to the request letter the existing channel is not located in its original location, which was caused by buildings being constructed on the up-gradient tract. The buildings' location caused the channel to be re-routed approximately 80 feet south, which lead to a portion of the channel being outside of the existing drainage easement on the subject tract. Vacating the subject portion of the current drainage easement and re-dedicating it in a new configuration will allow for the existing channel to be within a dedicated easement.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A.

ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS:

- Order of Vacation
- Field Notes and Sketch
- Request/Engineer's Letter
- Easement Dedication and Survey
- 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 <i>DG</i>	Engineer	Development Services	854-7560

CC:

Stacey Scheffel	Program Manager	TNR Permits	854-7565

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