



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: January 28, 2014

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

Sponsoring Court Member: Commissioner Daugherty, Precinct Three

AGENDA LANGUAGE: Receive comments regarding a request to authorize the filing of an order to convert the public right-of-way known as Cueva de Oro Cove within The Preserve at Lost Gold Cave, Phase I to a private street - Precinct Three.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

On November 29, 2005 Travis County Commissioners Court passed an order authorizing the filing for record of the plat of The Preserve at Lost Gold Cave, Phase I. In that order the developer signed a statement which dedicated the street shown on the plat to the public. The subject street known as Cueva de Oro Cove was later accepted for maintenance by Travis County Commissioners Court on May 21, 2013.

In a letter from Robert C. Thompson, P.E., dated August 15, 2013, Mr. Thompson requests that Cueva de Oro Cove be converted to a private street, which takes an action of the Travis County Commissioners Court. The letter further states the reasons for converting the street to private to be as follows:

- Limit the amount of traffic and provide a safe environment for pedestrians;
- Provide the subdivision with security;
- Allow the installation of community landscaping, irrigation, and monumentation without a License Agreement; and
- Limit the amount of traffic into the subdivision which would help reduce the pollutant load to the creek (all of the drainage from the subdivision goes to Eanes Creek, a Water Supply Suburban watershed).

Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (DCCRs) for the subdivision have been recorded. These DCCRs show that there is a body in place to collect fees and maintain "Common Properties" including private roads. The property owners have signed requests to abandon and discontinue the public right-of-way known as Cueva de Oro Cove.

Eanes ISD, Emergency Services Department #9 Westlake (ESD #9), City of Austin's Development Services Process Coordinator, and utility companies known to be operating in the area have stated they have no objection to privatizing the subject street. Access for utilities and emergency services will remain.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The request has been reviewed by TNR and staff finds the request meets Section 82.206(c) of the Travis County Standards for Construction of Streets and Drainage in Subdivisions. As of this memo, staff has not received any inquiries in regards to this request. As such, TNR staff recommends the request.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Lot owners within the subdivision have signed letters requesting Cueva de Oro Cove be abandoned and discontinued. It is understood that if there are future plans to gate the development that construction plans will be needed along with a permit application.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

None.

ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS:

Request Letter

Order

Plat Map

Lot Owners Letters and Statements of Utility Companies,

City of Austin, Emergency Services, Eanes ISD

Sign Affidavit, Pictures, and Maps

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

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