

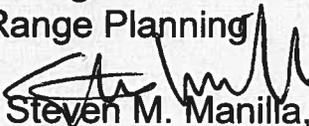


Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: June 24, 2014

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Division Director/Manager: Anna Bowlin, Division Director of Development Services and Long Range Planning

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 instrument to vacate the five foot wide public utility and drainage easements located along the common lot line of Lots 11 and 12, Block 51 of Austin Lake Hills, Section One and along the common lot line of Lot 11, Block 51 of Austin Lake Hills, Section One and Lot 14, Block 51 of Austin Lake Hills, Section Two – Precinct Three.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

TNR staff has received a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate the five foot wide public utility and drainage easements (PUE/DE) located along the common lot line of Lots 11 and 12, Block 51 of Austin Lake Hills, Section One and along the common lot line of Lot 11, Block 51 of Austin Lake Hills, Section One and Lot 14, Block 51 of Austin Lake Hills, Section Two. The easements are dedicated by plat note. Lots 11 and 12 front on Cuernavaca Drive with Lot 14 fronting on Medio Calle. Cuernavaca Drive is maintained by Travis County while Medio Calle is not.

Professional engineer Jeff Shindler has stated that:

"I have visited the site and made observations of the existing drainage patterns. Based on that observation and analysis, it is my professional engineering opinion that the portions of the existing drainage and public utility easements proposed to be vacated are not currently in use as a drainage easement for any concentrated flows (storm sewer or surface drainage swales or ditches), and that vacating the portions of easement requested will not adversely impact the existing drainage of the area."

The utility companies operating in the area have stated they have no objection to vacating the subject easements. Staff foresees no opposition to this request.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The request has been reviewed by TNR staff and staff finds the vacation request meets all Travis County standards. 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:

According to the request letter, the owner is requesting this vacation to remedy an encroachment issue to the existing septic system on the property. The septic tank currently encroaches in the PUE/DE on the north side of Lot 11. The drain lines from the septic tank then crosses the PUE/DEs located along the common of Lot 11 and Lot 14 to the drain field on Lot 14.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

None.

ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS:

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

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Steven M. Manilla	County Executive	TNR	(512) 854-9429
Anna Bowlin	Division Director of Development Services and Long Range Planning	TNR	(512) 854-7561

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