



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: August 26, 2014

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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 two five foot wide public utility and drainage easements located along the common lot line of Lots 16 and 17 of Travis Oaks, Section Two – Precinct Three.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

TNR staff has received a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate two five foot wide public utility and drainage easements (PUE/DE) located along the common lot line of Lots 16 and 17, of Travis Oaks, Section Two. The easements are dedicated by plat note. Lots 16 and 17 front on Travis Oaks Drive, a street not maintained by Travis County.

Professional engineer Bradley Shaw has stated that:

"...a drainage study was performed this date (5-29-14) at subject location and that the release of the drainage easement along the property line is acceptable and there is no drainage condition that will change substantially because of the release of the drainage easement."

The utility companies operating in the area have stated they have no objection to vacating the subject easements. Staff has been contacted by a neighboring property owner in 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 received one inquiry in regards to this request. TNR staff does recommend the request.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

According to the request letter the owner is requesting to vacate the subject easements in order to construct a new house. There is currently an existing cabin on Lot 17. The owner plans on taking down the existing cabin and building a new house. The proposed new house, along with its septic system, would cross the common lot line of Lots 16 and 17 and would encroach in the subject easements. Vacating the easements should resolve any potential encroachment issues.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

None.

ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS:

- Order of Vacation
- Field Notes
- Request Letter
- Engineer's Letter
- Siteplan with Topography
- Utility Statements
- Sign Affidavit and Pictures
- Maps

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

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