

CB 2020-272

Case 033-20: Alley Vacation- A request to vacate alley right-of-way lying North of W 8th Street and South of W. 7th Street located on property at the Southwest corner of S Joplin Ave. and W. 7th St. – City of Joplin.

Keegan Stanton, 602 S. Main Street, Joplin, MO. The City is requesting to vacate this alley right-of-way, generally known as the Memorial Hall Parking Lot. Currently, the right-of-way is not accessible to vehicular traffic, there are no curb cuts on the North or South end. It has been set aside for pedestrian access. The request comes down to the Cornell Arts Complex, who is planning on redeveloping the site for their Arts Complex. The location of the building will be generally in the center. The utilities will have to be relocated, so there will be no easement reservation included in the vacation. We are protected in the Memorandum of Understanding with the Cornell Arts Complex that if they do not complete construction, the land comes back to the City. Staff does recommend approval of this case.

Mr. Ledford wanted to know about the time frame are we looking at?

Mr. Stanton asked if he was talking about the utilities, and Mr. Ledford stated he was. When the site work gets started we will have to coordinate with them. They have hinted at starting construction sometime in the Spring of 2021.

Mr. Ramsour asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak in favor of this case?

Lacrisha Olsson and she is recently homeless due to a domestic issue on July 7, 2020. She stated that she was in favor of this project. It will help the children out with the concept of the Arts.

Mr. Ramsour asked if there was anyone else that would like to speak in favor of this case? There were not. Mr. Ramsour asked if there was anyone in opposition to the case? There were not.

MR. EASTMAN MOVED, SECONDED BY MR. LEDFORD, CASE 033-20 BE FORWARDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL WITH RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL. MOTION CARRIED, WITH MR. RAMSOUR, MRS. STEELE, MR. EASTMAN, MR. MCCULLOUGH, MR. KIMBLE AND MR. LEDFORD VOTING “AYE”. (6 IN FAVOR, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT).