

Case 007-22: Northeast and Southeast corners of S. Golf Link Rd. and W. 23rd St. – A request to declare property surplus – City of Joplin

This property was acquired from the merger with Iron Gates. Currently it is part of a public park out there adjacent to the golf course. The deed restrictions do require us to maintain green space or park access for the residents of Iron Gates. So, any sale of this property will include that stipulation to reserve public access, green space for that neighborhood. We received comments from the Parks Department that the park is less than what meets the standards for a city park and there is some interest from Developers. At this time the city would like to request it be declared surplus property.

Mr. Eastman wanted to know if there were appraisals on all these properties?

Mr. Stanton stated that we do not, but we will after the surplus is made official.

Mr. Eastman asked about the property to the north if the Police still use that building?

Mr. Stanton stated they have in the past for training. There are a number of properties in the city that Police and Fire use for training.

Ms. Steele mentioned that the two lots to the south is the park. The one that is being sold is to the north. Mr. Stanton stated that all parcels will be sold.

Ms. Steele wanted to know since the south parcels are a park, they will remain a park, correct?

Mr. Stanton stated at least a portion of it. In the deed restriction stated that a portion must remain parks or neighborhood green space.

Ms. Phillips stated that it is confusing because if it doesn't currently meet Parks Department standards, than how does making it smaller help it meets our standards?

Mr. Stanton stated that it was his understanding that whoever would develop this property, once purchased would have to make improvements to the public park/green space. They would actually improve that space. If it were sold without preserving park space, the deed restriction states, the park/land will revert to the church across the street.

Mr. Kimble had a question and stated that he has seen green spaces, but they are isolated for the people that live in that space. Would the deed restriction be satisfied if someone was to go and create a green space that was installed for the developer that was going to be there.

Mr. Stanton mentioned that the way the deed restriction reads is to ensure that the public has access to the park. Through development review, staff will ensure that access is preserved.

Mr. Eastman stated that Golf Links does not go through.

Mr. Stanton mentioned it is likely that it would be vacated, due to the width and portion of 23rd Street would likely be vacated by a developer.

MS. STEELE MOVED, SECONDED BY MR. KIMBLE THAT CASE 007-22 BE FORWARDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR

APPROVAL. MOTION CARRIED WITH MR. EASTMAN, MR. MCCULLOUGH, MS. STEELE, MR. KIMBLE, MS. WARREN, AND MS. PHILLIPS “AYE” (6 IN FAVOR, 1 ABSENT)