



**Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Community Planning
& Economic Development – Planning Division**

Date: July 22, 2010
To: Council Member Gary Schiff, Chair of Zoning and Planning Committee
Referral to: Zoning and Planning Committee
Subject: Referral from the July 19, 2010 City Planning Commission Meeting
Recommendation: See report from the City Planning Commission

Prepared by: Lisa Baldwin, Planning Commission Committee Clerk (612-673-3710)

Approved by: Jason Wittenberg, Supervisor, CPED Planning-Development Services

Presenter in Committee:

- 2. Minneapolis Special School, 3810 56th St E, Becca Farrar, Sr Planner, x3594
- 3. Shamrock Development, Jim Voll, Principal Planner, x3887
- 14. Zoning Code Text Amendment, Principal Planner, x3887

Community Impact (use any categories that apply)

Other: See staff report(s) from the City Planning Commission

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The attached report summarizes the actions taken at the City Planning Commission meeting held on July 19, 2010. The findings and recommendations are respectfully submitted for the consideration of your Committee.

**REPORT
of the
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
of the City of Minneapolis**

The Minneapolis City Planning Commission, at its meeting on July 19, 2010 took action to **submit the attached comment** on the following items:

2. Minneapolis Special School (Vac-1556, Ward: 12) 3810 56th St E ([Becca Farrar](#)).

A. Vacation: Application by Minneapolis Special School District No. 1, to vacate the following right-of-way:

Petition to vacate a part of the existing public alley located between 55 St E and 56 St E and between 38th Ave S and 39th Ave S. The Morris Park Elementary School and associated parking lot are constructed upon the platted alley.

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Action: The City Planning Commission recommended that the City Council accept the findings and **approve** the vacation (Vacation File 1556) subject to the provision of an easement dedicated to Xcel Energy for the southerly 5 feet of the proposed vacated alley.

3. Shamrock Development (Vac-1570, Ward: 7) ([Jim Voll](#)).

A. Vacation: Application by Shamrock Development to vacate all of 12th Ave S north of 2nd St S.

Action: The City Planning Commission recommended that the City Council adopt the findings and **approve** the street vacation of 12th Ave S north of 2nd St S subject to the reservation of easements for Xcel, Qwest, and Center Point Energy.

14. Zoning Code Text Amendment (Ward: All) ([Jim Voll](#)).

A. Text Amendment: Amending Title 20 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances related to the Zoning Code, as follows:

Amending Chapter 520 related to Zoning Code: *Introductory Provisions*

Amending Chapter 525 related to Zoning Code: *Administration and Enforcement*

Amending Chapter 541 related to Zoning Code: *Off-Street Parking and Loading*

The purpose of the amendment is to allow permeable or pervious pavement systems for parking areas and driveways.

Action: The City Planning Commission recommended that the City Council adopt the findings and **approve** the zoning code text amendment, amending Chapter 541. The City Planning Commission further recommends that Chapters 520 and 525 be **returned** to author.

**Excerpt from the
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
Minneapolis Community Planning & Economic Development (CPED)
Planning Division**

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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Steve Poor, Planning Supervisor – Zoning Administrator, Community Planning & Economic Development - Planning Division

FROM: Jason Wittenberg, Supervisor, Community Planning & Economic Development - Planning Division, Development Services

CC: Barbara Sporlein, Director, Community Planning & Economic Development Planning Division

SUBJECT: Planning Commission decisions of July 19, 2010

The following actions were taken by the Planning Commission on July 19, 2010. As you know, the Planning Commission's decisions on items other than rezonings, text amendments, vacations, 40 Acre studies and comprehensive plan amendments are final subject to a ten calendar day appeal period before permits can be issued.

Commissioners present: Bates, Bourn, Carter, Cohen, Gorecki, Huynh, and Tucker – 7

Not present: President Motzenbecker, Luepke-Pier and Schiff

Committee Clerk: Lisa Baldwin (612) 673-3710

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