



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: July 21, 2009

To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair, Transportation & Public Works Committee

Subject: **Special Boulevard Permit Application Request – 4611/21 East Lake Street & 3001 45th Avenue South**

Recommendation:

Denial of the Special Boulevard Permit request

Previous Directives:

None

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Approved by: _____
Steven A. Kotke, P.E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works

Presenter: Mike Kennedy, P.E., Director, Transportation, Maintenance and Repair

Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval ___ Date NA
- Civil Rights Approval Approval ___ Date NA
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval ___ Date NA

Financial Impact

No financial impact

Supporting Information

The property owner at 4611 and 4621 East Lake Street, along with the boulevard at the parking lot at 3001 45th Avenue South has submitted an application for a Special Boulevard Permit (see attachment), in order to pave the entire boulevard between the curb and the public sidewalk at 1) 4611 and 4621 East Lake Street, along with the boulevard at the parking lot at 3001 45th Avenue South

The Boulevard Ordinance (Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, Title 17, Streets and Sidewalks, Chapter 427.10 (e) (see attachment) states:

“Paving permit required. Other than such boulevard walk, no person shall pave over or cover any boulevard unless a permit has been granted by the city council upon a finding that paving or covering the boulevard will not have a substantially negative impact on the aesthetic appearance of adjacent residential properties.

The city engineer shall process and forward all applications for such permit to the appropriate committee of the city council and recommend whether the permit should be granted. In no event shall any person use blacktop, asphalt or any similar material to pave over or cover any portion of the boulevard.”

Sidewalk staff, under the authority of the city engineer, are recommending that this Special Boulevard Permit application be denied because along with the boulevard at the parking lot at 3001 45th Avenue South, (see attached photo), this street has recently been reconstructed, and these boulevards were created in order to provide grass and trees, and paving of the boulevard at this location would not enhance and improve the aesthetic appearance of city streets and highways as an aid to maintaining the quality and livability of the residential neighborhoods of the city, as stated as the purpose of the Boulevard Ordinance.

Attachments: Ordinance

Permit Application

Photos

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