

Department of Community Planning and Economic Development – Planning Division
Vacation of Utility Easement
Vac-1569

Date: August 2, 2010

Applicant: Minneapolis Community and Technical College

Address of Property: Part of a utility easement reserved with the vacation of Willow Street between Hennepin Avenue and Yale Street in 1975

Project Name: Not applicable for this application

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Date Application Deemed Complete: Not applicable for this application

End of 60-Day Decision Period: Not applicable for this application

End of 120-Day Decision Period: Not applicable for this application

Ward: 7 **Neighborhood Organization:** Citizens for a Loring Park Community

Existing Zoning: OR3, DP Downtown Parking Overlay District, SH Shoreland Overlay District

Proposed Zoning: Not applicable for this application

Zoning Plate Number: 18

Legal Description: Not applicable for this application

Proposed Use: Walkway and landscaping

Concurrent Review:

Vacation 1554: Part of a utility easement reserved with the vacation of Willow Street between Hennepin Avenue and Yale Street in 1975. The part requested to be vacated is adjacent to Lots 6 and 7, Block 6, Washington Yale Addition to Minneapolis.

Applicable zoning code provisions: Not applicable for this application

Background: The Minneapolis Community and Technical College is proposing an addition to the existing Helland Center and the Fine Arts Center buildings. The addition will be built up to the area that is being petitioned to be vacated but the area itself will be used for a walkway and landscaping.

VACATION (Vac1569) – That part of the Utility Easement per Document Nos. 4182708 and 1163132 lying within vacated Willow Street described as commencing at the most westerly corner of Lot 6, Block 6, THE WASHINGTON YALE ADDITION TO MINNEAPOLIS, according to the recorded plat thereof, Hennepin County, Minnesota; thence on an assumed bearing of South 30 degrees 07 minutes 09 seconds East, along the southwesterly line of said Lot 6, a distance of 79.62 feet to the point of beginning of the vacation to be described; thence continuing South 30 degrees 07 minutes 09 seconds East, along said southwesterly line of Lot 6, a distance of 100.79 feet; thence South 59 degrees 53 minutes 29 seconds West a distance of 18.00 feet; thence North 30 degrees 07 minutes 09 seconds West a distance of 77.76 feet; thence North 7 degrees 53 minutes 29 seconds East a distance of 29.23 feet to the point of beginning.

Development Plan: The applicant is proposing an addition to the existing Helland Center and the Fine Arts Center buildings. The addition will be built up to the area that is being petitioned to be vacated but the area itself will be used for a walkway and landscaping.

Responses from Utilities and Affected Property Owners: None of the utilities and/or affected property owners that have responded to the vacation request have requested an easement.

Findings: The Public Works Department and the Community Planning and Economic Development Department – Planning Division find that the area proposed for the vacation is not needed for any public purpose and it is not part of a public transportation corridor.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation of the Department of Community Planning and Economic Development – Planning Division for the vacation (Vac1569):

The Department of Community Planning and Economic Development – Planning Division recommends that the City Planning Commission and the City Council accept the above findings and **approve** the vacation application.

Attachments:

1. Information pertaining to Vac1554 and responses from the utilities and affected property owners