

**Department of Community Planning and Economic Development – Planning Division**  
Vacation of right-of-way  
Vac-1554

**Date:** January 5, 2009

**Applicant:** Church of the Ascension

**Address of Property:** Vacation occurring within the block bounded by Bryant Avenue North and Dupont Avenue North and 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue North and 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue North

**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:** 5      **Neighborhood Organization:** Near North

**Existing Zoning:** R2B

**Proposed Zoning:** Not applicable for this application

**Zoning Plate Number:** 13

**Legal Description:** Not applicable for this application

**Proposed Use:** Continue to use the alley as a drive way to access on-site parking

**Concurrent Review:**

**Vacation 1554:** of the north-south public alley located between Bryant Avenue North and Dupont Avenue North and 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue North and 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue North

**Applicable zoning code provisions:** Not applicable for this application

**Background:** The Church of Ascension owns the property on both the east and west sides of the public alley which the church is petitioning to vacate. The public alley is used as a drive way to access the on-site parking located on both sides of the existing alley.

**VACATION (Vac1554)** – All of the public alley dedicated in Block 30, Gale’s Subdivision in Sherburne & Beebe’s Addition to Minneapolis, according to the plat of record at the Hennepin County Records office, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**Development Plan:** The applicant intends to continue to use the alley as a drive way to access on-site parking.

**Responses from Utilities and Affected Property Owners:** Of the utilities and/or affected property owners that have responded CenterPoint Energy, Qwest and Xcel Energy 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 (Vac1467):**

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 subject to the retention of an easement in favor of CenterPoint Energy, Qwest and Xcel Energy.

#### **Attachments:**

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