

Department of Community Planning and Economic Development - Planning Division
Vacation 1517

Date: August 27, 2007

Applicant: Metropolitan Council, Attn: Mark Leemon, 560 6th Avenue North, Minneapolis, MN 55411-4398, (612) 349-7674

Address of Property: Not applicable, see attached map. All of the public alley adjacent to 635 8th Avenue North and all of Lots 10 and 11, Block 2 Bradford's Addition.

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60-Day Review Decision Date: Not Applicable

Ward: 5 **Neighborhood Organization:** North Loop Neighborhood Association

Existing Zoning: I2 (Medium Industrial) district

Proposed Zoning: Not applicable for this application.

Zoning Plate Number: 13

Legal Description: See attached legal description.

Existing Use: Vacant.

Concurrent Review: Not applicable for this application

Background: The applicant intends to utilize the vacated areas for Metro Transit use; specifically for vehicular access as well as additional landscaping on the site. The area proposed to be vacated is currently paved.

Development Plan: The applicant intends to utilize the vacated areas for vehicular access and landscaping.

Responses from Utilities and Affected Property Owners: Minneapolis Public Works has reviewed the vacation petition and recommends approval of the request subject to specific legal descriptions and easements. The letter has been attached for reference.

Xcel Energy has requested that an easement be reserved for existing electric distribution facilities within the area of the proposed vacation. The approximate locations of said facilities are indicated on the map

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included with the correspondence. Planning Staff would recommend that an easement be granted over the entire described areas to be vacated.

Qwest requested that an easement be reserved as a buried and aerial cable is running north and south along the east side of the alley from 7th Street North. The correspondence has been attached. Staff would recommend that the applicant work directly with Qwest to ensure that the easement as requested is provided.

Findings: The CPED Planning Division finds that the areas proposed for vacation are not needed for any public purpose, and are not part of a public transportation corridor, and that they can be vacated if any easements requested above are granted by the petitioner.

Recommendation of the Department of Community Planning and Economic Development – Planning Division:

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 (Vacation File 1517) subject to the provisions of easements dedicated to the City of Minneapolis, Xcel Energy, and Qwest over the entire described areas to be vacated.

Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Public Work letter and utility correspondence
3. Maps