

LAND USE APPLICATION SUMMARY

Property Location: See map
Project Name: Minneapolis Convention Center
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Applicant: City of Minneapolis Property Services
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Request: To vacate right-of-way vacation left unvacated in the Minneapolis Convention Center expansion project

Required Applications:

Vacation	Of streets and alleys left unvacated in the Minneapolis Convention Center expansion project.
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SITE DATA

Legal Description	<p>That part of Oregon Street (now known as 3rd Avenue South), as delineated in the plat of Snyder & Co's 1st Addition to Minneapolis, according to the recorded plat thereof, Hennepin County, Minnesota, lying southwesterly of a line, and its extensions, drawn northwesterly from the most northerly corner of Block 23, said Snyder & Co's 1st Addition to Minneapolis, to the most easterly corner of Block 24, said Snyder & Co's 1st Addition to Minneapolis.</p> <p>And</p> <p>That part of Grant Street East lying between the northerly extension of the west line of Elk Street (now known as 3rd Avenue South), as delineated on the plat of Mills Addition to Minneapolis, according to the recorded plat thereof, Hennepin County, Minnesota, and the northerly extension of the easterly right-of-way line of Buffalo Street (now known as Clinton Avenue South) as delineated on the plat of Butler's Addition to Minneapolis, according to the recorded plat thereof, Hennepin County, Minnesota.</p> <p>And</p> <p>All of Block 23, Snyder & Co's 1st Addition to Minneapolis, according to the recorded plat thereof, Hennepin County, Minnesota, previously taken for additional right-of-way for Grant Street East or 12th Street South.</p> <p>And</p> <p>Those streets and alleys, including parts of the platted lots taken for additional right-of-way, bounded as follows:</p>
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	<p>On the north by the south line of Grant Street East. On the east by the west line of 4th Avenue South. On the south by the centerline of 16th Street East. On the west by the west line of 3rd Avenue South.</p> <p>Except for the sidewalk easement in Document No. 5955994 across part of Lot 5, Block 2, Butler's Addition to Minneapolis.</p>
Existing Zoning	<p>OR3 Institutional Office Residence District B4S-1 Downtown Service District DP Downtown Parking Overlay District</p>
Lot Area	Not applicable
Ward(s)	7
Neighborhood(s)	Loring Park; adjacent to Downtown West
Designated Future Land Use	Mixed Use and Public and Institutional
Land Use Features	<p>Growth Center (Downtown) Activity Center (Loring Park)</p>
Small Area Plan(s)	<i><u>Loring Park Neighborhood Master Plan</u></i> (2013)

BACKGROUND

SITE DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT USE. Many of the streets and alleys that need to be vacated are located underneath the convention center itself or the parking ramp across 3rd Avenue South from the convention center.

SURROUNDING PROPERTIES AND NEIGHBORHOOD. The right-of-way to be vacated is surrounded by the Minneapolis Convention Center, Central Lutheran Church, office buildings and the Interstate Highway system. The site is located in the Loring Park neighborhood and is adjacent to the Downtown West neighborhood.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION. The applicant is proposing to vacate streets and alleys that were left unvacated when the Minneapolis Convention Center was expanded in 2001. Many of the streets and alleys that need to be vacated are located underneath the convention center itself or the parking ramp across 3rd Avenue South from the convention center.

The intent was that once the vacation was processed that a new plat would be submitted to the City of Minneapolis dedicating all of the new right-of-way that was constructed during the Minneapolis Convention Center expansion project. However, at this time it has been determined that the vacation and the plat should be processed at the same time. Given this, CPED is recommending that this application be continued indefinitely.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN. No changes to the current land uses will result from the right-of-way vacation.

RELATED APPROVALS. Not applicable.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. No comment letters have been received in regards to this application. Any correspondence received prior to the public meeting will be forwarded on to the Planning Commission for consideration.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Department of Community Planning and Economic Development recommends that the City Planning Commission adopt staff findings for the application by the City of Minneapolis Property Services:

A. Vacation of streets and alleys that were left unvacated when the Minneapolis Convention Center was expanded in 2001.

Recommended motion: Continue indefinitely the application to vacate right-of-way vacation left unvacated in the Minneapolis Convention Center expansion project.