

CITY OF DULUTH

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File Number	PL 17-084		Contact		Jenn Moses, jmoses@duluthmn.gov		
Туре	Street Vacation		Planning Commission Date		on Date	June 13, 2017	
Deadline	Application Date		N/A		60 Days	N/A	
for Action	Date Extension Letter Mailed		N/A 120		120 Days	N/A	
Location of S	ubject	Matterhorn Circle, south of N	Matterhorn Driv	e and M	aple Grove	Road	
Applicant	Capstone Apartments, LLC		Contact	Scott Ve	cott Vesterstein		
Agent	William M. Burns		Contact				
Legal Description		PIDs 010-4423-00070 and 010-4423-00080. Complete legal description on file.					
Site Visit Date		June 5, 2017	Sign Notice Date			May 31, 2017	
Neighbor Letter Date		June 1, 2017	Number of Letters Sent		ent	17	

Proposal

Applicant proposes to vacate portions of an existing cul de sac along Matterhorn Circle in the Duluth Heights neighborhood. While part of the roadway was previously developed, the portions proposed for vacation have not been developed.

Note that application currently does not have a signed exhibit, but one is expected prior to the public meeting on June 13.

	Current Zoning	Existing Land Use	Future Land Use Map Designation
Subject	MU-C	Vacant	Neighborhood Mixed Use
North	MU-C	Retail	Large-scale Commercial
South	MU-N	Multi-family	Neighborhood Mixed Use
East	MU-C	Office	Neighborhood Mixed Use
West	MU-C	Vacant	Neighborhood Mixed Use

Summary of Code Requirements

Vacation of public rights of way and/or easements require a Planning Commission public hearing with a recommendation to City Council. City Council action is to approve or deny by resolution. Resolutions approving either a full or partial vacation require a 6/9's vote of the council.

UDC Section 50-37.6C. The Planning Commission shall review the proposed vacation, and the council shall approve the proposed vacation, or approve it with modifications, if it determines that the street, highway or easement proposed for vacation:

- 1. Is not and will not be needed for the safe and efficient circulation of automobiles, trucks, bicycles or pedestrians or the efficient supply of utilities or public services in the city;
- 2. Where the street terminates at a waterfront or shoreline, the street is not and will not be needed to provide pedestrian or recreational access to the water;
- 3. Is not otherwise needed to promote the public health, safety or welfare of the citizens of Duluth.

Comprehensive Plan Governing Principle and/or Policies and Current History (if applicable):

Governing Principle #7 – Create and maintain connectivity: Connectivity should be provided for vehicular and non-vehicular modes.

Future Land Use – Neighborhood Mixed Use: A transitional use between more intensive commercial uses and purely residential neighborhoods. Includes conversions of houses to office or live-work spaces. May include limited commercial-only space oriented to neighborhood or specialty retail markets.

History: This cul-de-sac was platted in 1981 as the terminus of Matterhorn Circle. In 2005, the road was extended to allow for the residential development to the south, negating the need for a cul-de-sac at this location.

Review and Discussion Items

Staff finds that:

- Applicant is proposing to vacate portions of platted Matterhorn Drive that have never been developed. A 66'
 easement through the middle of the cul-de-sac, where it aligns with the build roadway extending north and
 south, will be maintained.
- 2) Due to the road extension in 2005, there is no need for a cul-de-sac to provide any turnaround at this location. The existing road, as well as utilities and sidewalks, can be accommodated into the remaining 66' easement, which meets the standard roadway easement in the city. Therefore, this right of way is not and will not be needed for the safe and efficient circulation of automobiles, trucks, bicycles or pedestrians, or the efficient supply of utilities or public services in the city.
- This right of way is not otherwise needed to promote the public health, safety, or welfare of the citizens of Duluth.
- 4) No public, agency, or City comments have been received.
- 5) Vacations of streets lapse unless the vacation is recorded with the county recorder within 90 days after final approval. The vacation recording is facilitated by the City of Duluth.

Staff Recommendation

1) Any alterations to the approved plans that do not alter major elements of the plan may be approved by the Land Use Supervisor without further Planning Commission; however, no such administrative approval shall constitute a variance from the provisions of Chapter 50.



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XXXX Matterhorn Drive
Vacation

Legend

Vacated ROW

Boundary Lines Subtype, ROW_TYPE

Lot Line

---- Parcel Line

ROW (Road)

--- ROW (Not Road)

Subdivision Line

Water Line

--- Survey Line

---- Municipal Boundary

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