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File Number	PL 22-048		Contact	Contact		John Kelley, jkelley@duluthmn.gov	
Туре	Vacation of Platted Alley		Planning Co	Planning Commission Date		May 10, 2022	
Deadline for Action	Application Date		March 29, 2	March 29, 2022 60 Days		May 28, 2022	
	Date Extension Letter Mailed		April 14, 2022		120 Days	July 27, 2022	
Location of Sul	oject	The 16 foot wide alley betweer Duluth	n Block 11 and E	Block 6 of	the recorded	l plat of Dodges Addition To	
Applicant	Timothy Carter & Karen Carter - Attia		Contact				
Agent			Contact				
Legal Description		See Attached					
Site Visit Date		April 28, 2022	Sign Notice	Sign Notice Date		pril 26, 2022	
Neighbor Letter Date		April 27, 2022	Number of	Number of Letters Sent		6	

Proposal

The applicant is requesting to vacate 16-foot wide alley between Block 11 and Block 6 of the recorded plat of Dodges Addition To Duluth, located in the Cody neighborhood.

Staff is recommending approval with conditions.

	Current Zoning	Existing Land Use	Future Land Use Map Designation
Subject	R-1	Alley	Traditional Neighborhood
North	R-1	Single Family	Traditional Neighborhood
South	R-1	Vacant/Undeveloped	Traditional Neighborhood
East	R-1	Single Family	Traditional Neighborhood
West	R-1	Vacant/Undeveloped	Traditional Neighborhood

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.

UCD Sec. 50-37.6.C – The Planning Commission shall review the proposed vacation, and 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 #5 - Promote reinvestment in neighborhoods.

The vacation will allow for existing vacant parcels to be reconfigured for single family dwellings.

Future Land Use - Traditional Neighborhood - Characterized by grid or connected street pattern, houses oriented with shorter dimension to the street and detached garages, some with alleys. Limited commercial, schools, churches, and home businesses.

Review and Discussion Items:

Staff finds that:

- 1. The applicant is requesting to vacate an unimproved platted alley right of way between Block 11 and Block 6 of the recorded plat of Dodges Addition to Duluth as shown on the attached exhibit.
- 2. The proposed vacation will allow existing vacant parcels adjacent to the alley to be reconfigured for single-family dwellings.
- 3. The alley was platted in the Dodges Addition to Duluth but never utilized for its intended purpose as there is no pavement nor utilities installed.
- 4. The alley will not be needed by the City for the promotion of public health, safety, or welfare of the citizens of Duluth since the alley is currently unimproved and City Engineering does not expect to need it in the future.
- 5. The City has determined that this portion of the alley right of way is not needed for street or pedestrian use. Vacating the right of way will not impact or deny access to other property owners.
- 6. Other than City Engineering, no other public or City comments have been received at the time of drafting this report.
- 7. Vacations of rights of way and easements 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:

Based on the above findings, Staff recommends that Planning Commission recommend approval of the vacation with the following conditions:

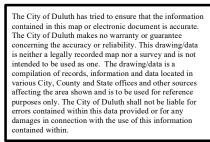
1.) The vacation must be recorded within 90 days of final approval by City Council or such approval will lapse.

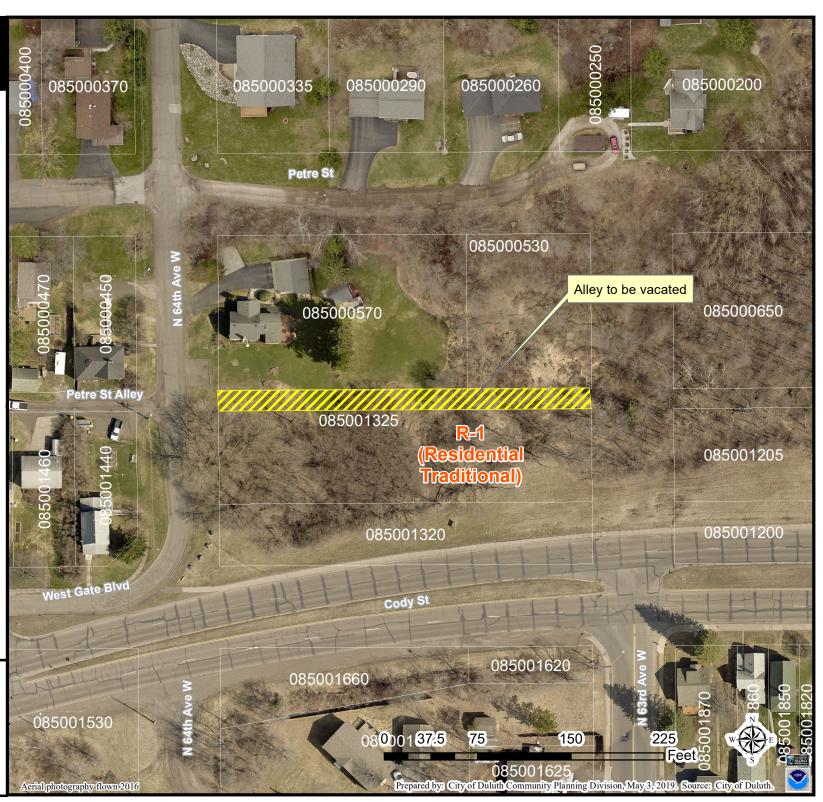


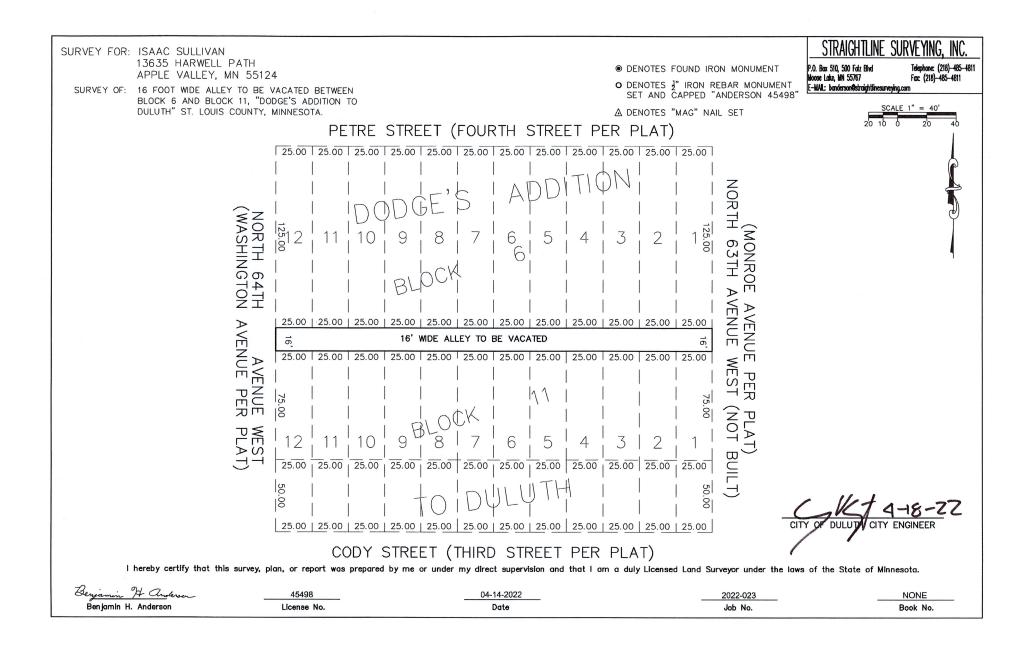
Legend

Zoning Boundaries

PL 22-048 Alley to be vacated







Legal Description of 16.00 Foot Wide Alley to be Vacated

The 16.00 foot wide alley lying between Block 11 and Block 6 of the recorded plat of "DODGE'S ADDITION TO DULUTH" on file and of record in the office of the St. Louis County Recorder, St. Louis County, Minnesota.

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