

File NumberPL 18-113ContactSteven RobertsonTypeVacation of Two Platted Rights of WayPlanning Commission DateSeptember 11, 2018DeadlineApplication DateAugust 7, 201860 DaysOctober 16, 2018

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Deadline	Application Date		August 7, 2018		60 Days	October 16, 2018
for Action	Date Extension Letter Mailed		August 28, 2018		120 Days	December 15, 2018
Location of Subject		Corner of Central Entrance and Anderson Road				
Applicant	Launch	ch Properties Contact Dan Regan/Scott Moe		Moe		
Agent	Kimley-Horn		Contact	Brian Wurdeman		
Legal Description		See Attached				
Site Visit Date		September 1, 2018	Sign Notice Date			Need to verify
Neighbor Letter Date		August 24, 2018	Number of Letters Sent 65		s Sent	65

Proposal: The applicant is requesting the vacation of two platted, but unimproved, rights of way.

Recommended Action: Recommend to the City Council to Approve.

	Current Zoning	Existing Land Use	Future Land Use Map Designation
Subject	MU-N	Residential/Undeveloped	Neighborhood Mixed Use
North	MU-C	Industrial	Mixed-Use Commercial
South	R-1	Residential	Traditional Neighborhood
East	MU-N	Residential	Neighborhood Mixed Use
West	MU-N/MU-C	Res./Undeveloped/Com.	Neighborhood Mixed Use/Large Scale Com.

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.

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

Future Land Use – Neighborhood Mixed Use. Description: 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.

Density/Intensity/Design: Site design should maintain a largely residential building character; Commercial-only uses should be adjacent to non-residential or other mixed use areas

Review and Discussion Items

Staff finds that:

- 1) The applicant is requesting that the City vacate the two rights of way of shown in the attached exhibits; the applicant is proposing to make use of the rights of way for a new proposed commercial development (PL 18-112).
- 2) Neither rights of way are currently needed for public use. The City Engineering office has reviewed the proposed vacations and has indicated they are not needed for street or utility purposes. The western half of the platted but unimproved Apple Street is remaining as a potential future bike or trail access.
- 3) The two rights of way are not needed to provide access to any public water. Vacating the rights of way will not have impacted or deny access to other property owners.
- 4) No new citizen comments have been received on this specific item (other comments have been received on the preliminary plat application PL 18-112). Technical review of the exhibit has not been completed; there may be some minor changes to the legal descriptions of the exhibits.
- 5) 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.

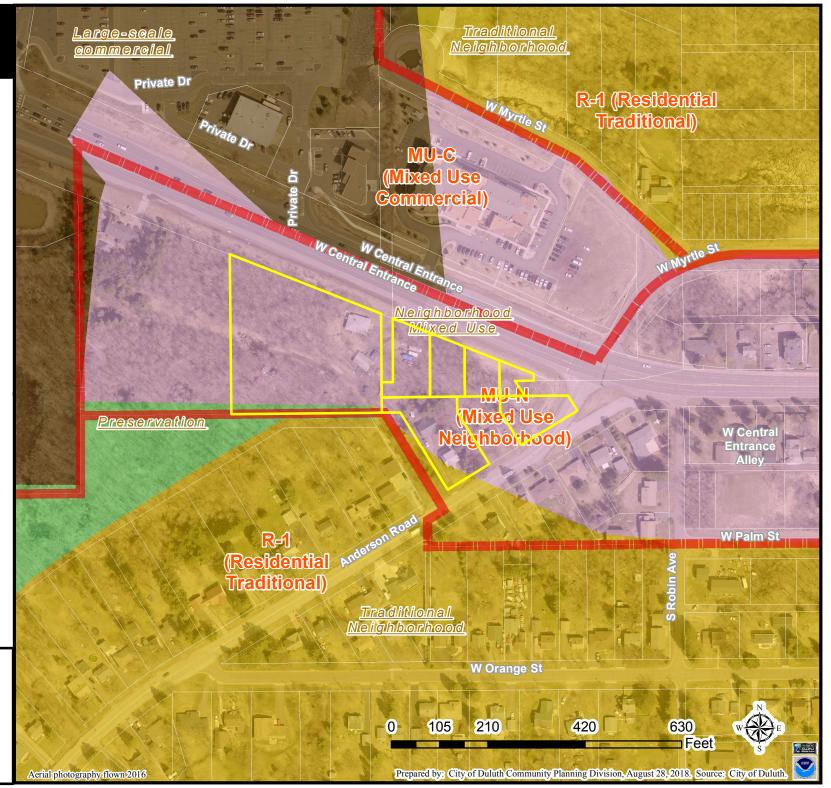
Staff Recommendation

Based on the above findings, staff recommends that Planning Commission recommend approval of the vacation of the rights of way as shown in the attached vacation exhibits.



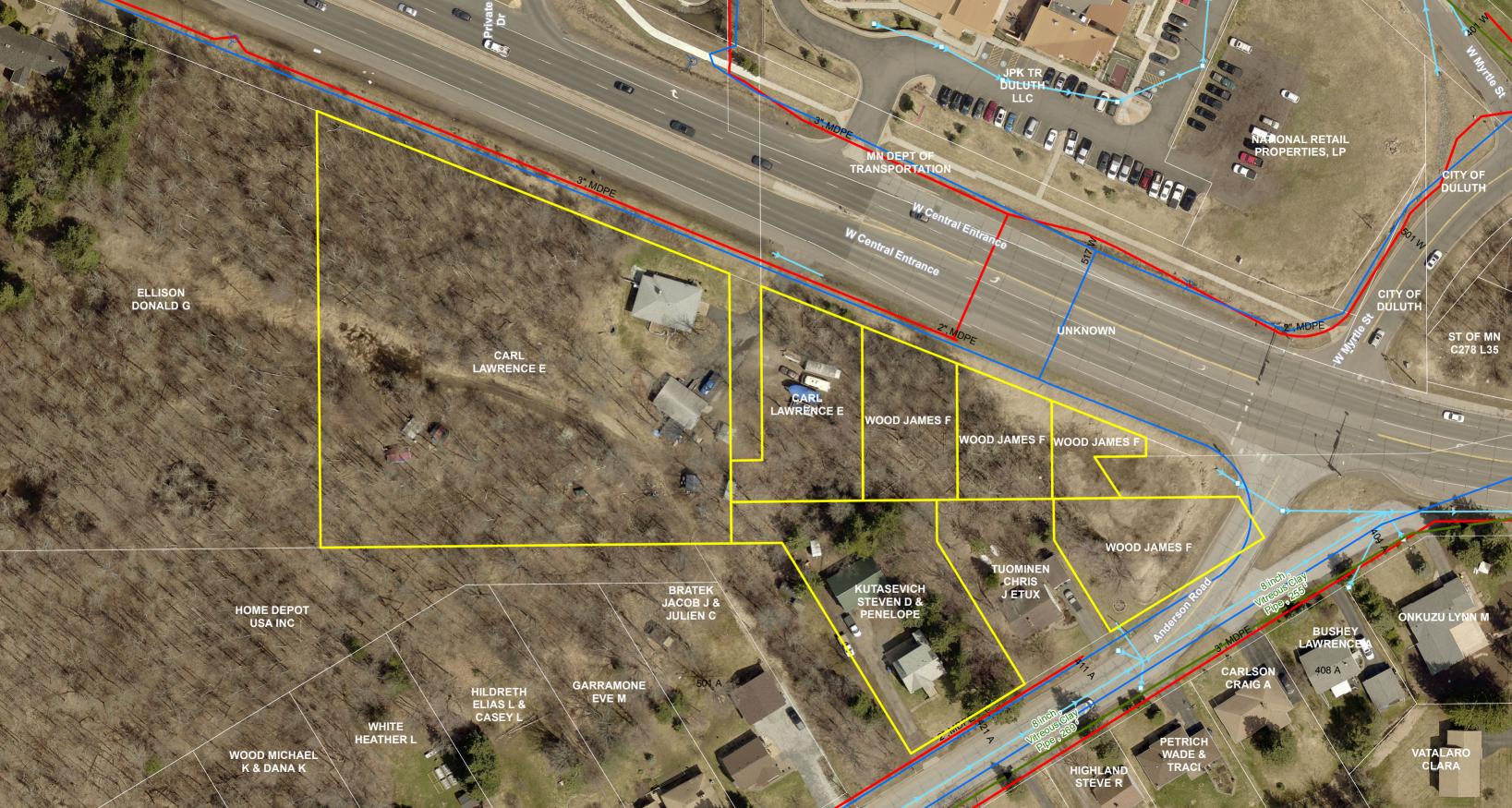


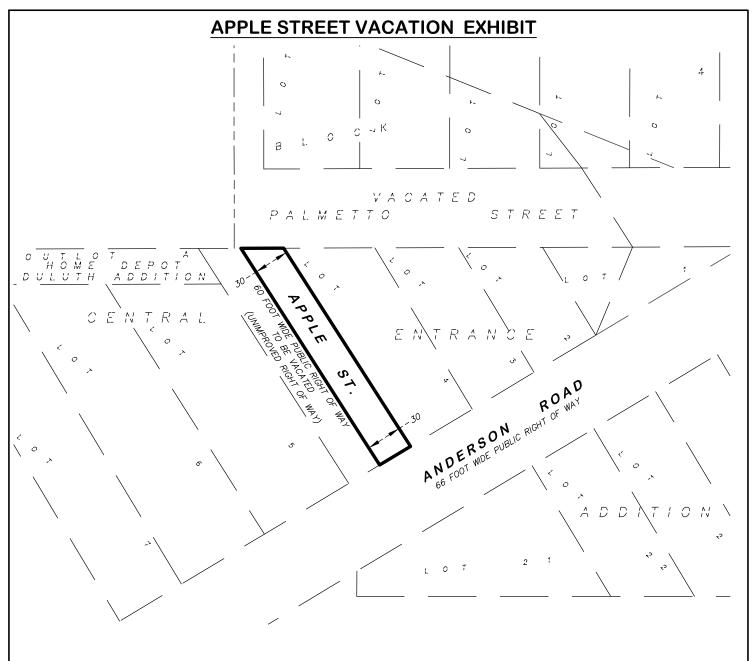
PL 18-112 Preliminary Plat





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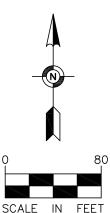


DESCRIPTION OF APPLE STREET TO BE VACATED:

The East Half of Apple St. dedicated in the plat of CENTRAL ENTRANCE ADDITION, St. Louis County, Minnesota, lying northerly of the north line of Anderson Road.

Approved this _____, 2018.

Approved by: _____, City of Duluth Engineer



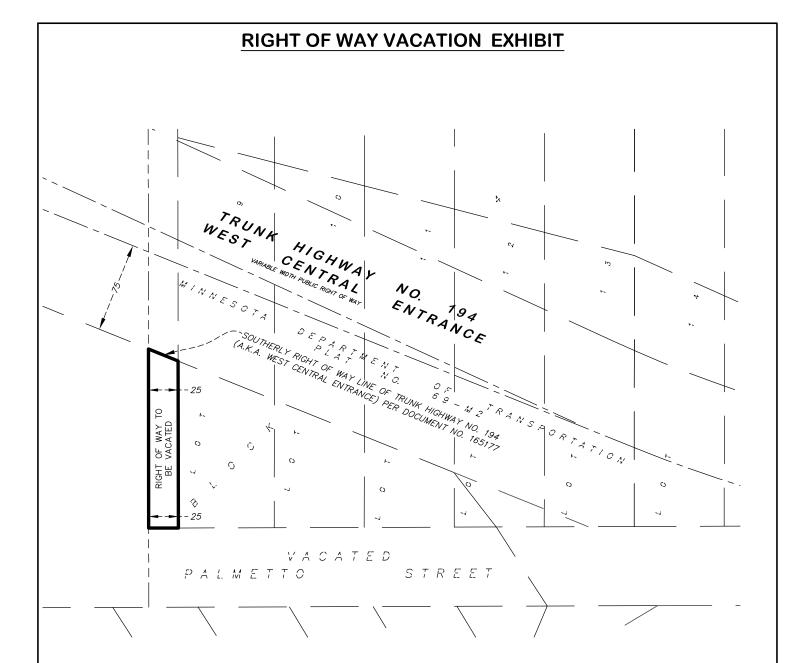
ALLEY VACATION EXHIBIT FOR:

Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

SITE LOCATION: 421 Anderson Road Duluth, Minnesota 55811



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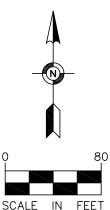


DESCRIPTION OF RIGHT OF WAY TO BE VACATED:

All that part of the 25.00 foot wide right of way lying westerly of Block 4, as dedicated in the plat of MAPLE GROVE ACRE TRACTS OF DULUTH, MINNESOTA which lies southerly of the southerly right of way line of Trunk Highway No. 194 as now located and established as described in Document No. 165177.

Approved this _____, 2018.

Approved by: ______, City of Duluth Engineer



ALLEY VACATION EXHIBIT FOR:

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