

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT

May 12, 2010
9:05–10:00 am
140 West Pine Street

Members Present: Marilyn Marler (chair), Pam Walzer, Bob Jaffe, Dick Haines, Renee Mitchell, Ed Childers, Jon Wilkins, Lyn Hellegaard, Dave Strohmaier and Roy Houseman

Members Absent: Stacy Rye

Others Present: Jackie Corday,

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

A. Approve minutes.

Minutes of May 5, 2010 were approved as submitted.

II. FINAL CONSIDERATION AGENDA ITEMS

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

IV. Approve an approximately 816 square foot encroachment easement in Northview Park for driveway and parking lot improvements on the commercial lot owned by Sam Caras (401 SW Higgins Avenue) ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Jackie Corday) (Referred to committee: 05/10/2010)

MOTION: The committee recommends Council approve an approximate 816 square foot encroachment easement in Northview Park for driveway and parking lot improvements on the commercial lot owned by Sam Caras (401 SW Higgins Avenue)

Heinrich Floral building was purchased by Sam and Jim Caras this spring. When the floral shop opened in 1978, the parking lot of the business encroached into the 20 foot wide portion of Northview Park. The parking use of the Park occurred without any formal written agreement until 1999 when Peter Tucker obtained an Encroachment Permit from the City. The permit allowed Mr. Tucker to use approximately 816 square feet of the park for driveway access and parking for the business. The permit is revocable by the City upon giving 30 days written notice. The Caras's want to continue to occupy the encroached parking and driveway area without the possibility of the permit being revoked. They are asking the city for an encroachment easement on the property as a permanent solution.

Jackie Corday worked with the Farviews neighborhood liaison Ray Aten to determine if this fit with the master park plan for the area. A trail system is planned but the best route for the trail would not be through this area but rather down Northview Park, through Northview Drive to the new pedestrian crossing on Southwest Higgins, across to Park Street and then connecting to the Lewis and Clark School.

The easement is not exclusive as this easement will maintain public access, and although this is not the preferred route for a trail, the City doesn't need to give up access on this easement. The Caras' will pay \$5,000 for the easement which will be deposited into the Farview/Pattee Canyon cash-in-lieu of parks account to be used for park improvements in this neighborhood. The Caras' are solely responsible for maintaining the driveway and parking lot improvements.

Jon: I move to recommend approval of the easement. I have been in contact with Ray, and Jackie and this easement makes sense.

The committee members all voted in favor of the motion.

V. Appoint one member to the position of a Builders Sector representative to the Greenhouse Gas & Energy Conservation Team for the term starting immediately, and ending on July 31, 2011 ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Kelly Elam) (Referred to committee: 04/26/2010)

MOTION: The committee recommends the Council appoint Alexander Sievers to the position of a Builders Sector representative to the Greenhouse Gas & Energy Conservation Team for the term starting immediately, and ending on July 31, 2011

Mr. Siever's interest in serving on the GGECT is to help the city become more energy conservative and bring his expertise working for sustainable building systems to the team. The Greenhouse Gas Conservation Energy Plan will help the City do its part to conserve energy and reduce carbon dioxide. Mr. Siever's job includes green building analysis and verification, energy star ratings. Two important issues are reducing energy use in buildings and sustainable transportation practices for the City.

There was only one applicant for this opening on the committee and after a brief discussion it was moved to recommend appointment of Mr. Sievers to the GGECT for a term ending in July 2011.

VI. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS –

VII. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

VIII. HELD AND ONGOING AGENDA ITEMS - PER COMMITTEE CHAIR – Marilyn Marler

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 9:40 am.