

AGENDA ITEM: 5.

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STAFF REPORT

PROPOSED VACATION OF EXCESS ALLEY EASEMENT

DATE: August 17, 2009

TO: Lancaster Planning Commission

FROM: Planning Department

LOCATION: Approximately 140 feet south of Avenue J east of Fig Avenue

REQUEST: Vacation of 153.24 feet of an alley easement located approximately 140 feet south of Avenue J and east of Fig Avenue

RECOMMENDATION: Find that the vacation of excess alley easement at the location described is in conformance with the adopted General Plan.

ANALYSIS: The Public Works Department has requested vacation of an unnecessary alley easement. The location is 140 feet south of Avenue J and east of Fig Avenue as shown on the attached map. Under Section 65402(a) of the California Government Code, the Planning Commission is required to review any proposed vacation and determine whether it is in conformance with the adopted General Plan. See the attached diagram for location of the request.

A central principle of the City's General Plan is to ensure adequate access and circulation for various uses. Access is currently available from Avenue J-4 via an existing paved alley, Fig Avenue and Elm Avenue. Therefore, vacation of the alley easement will not result in the loss of circulation, or access to the site or surrounding area.

Based upon this analysis, staff recommends that the Commission find the proposed vacation to be in conformance with the General Plan. This finding will be transmitted to the City Council when they consider the proposed vacation.

Respectfully submitted,

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