

## PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES - CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS

Tuesday, January 19, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.  
City Hall Chambers - 8150 Barbara Avenue

Chair Bartholomew called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Tom Bartholomew  
Paul Hark  
Mike Schaeffer  
Pat Simon  
Damon Roth  
Dennis Wippermann  
Christine Koch  
Harold Gooch

Commissioners Absent: Tony Scales

Others Present: Allan Hunting, City Planner

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the January 5, 2010 meeting were adopted as corrected.

### **GEORGE CAMERON (CAMERON LIQUOR) – CASE NO. 09-48VAC**

#### **Reading of Notice**

Commissioner Simon read the public hearing notice to consider the request for a vacation of unimproved alley right-of-way within Block 1 of Inver Grove Park Subdivision, for property located along Concord Boulevard. 1 notice was mailed.

#### **Presentation of Request**

Allan Hunting, City Planner, explained the request as detailed in the report. He advised that City Council approved the plans for the new Cameron's Liquor Store in December. He noted that the approved plans assumed the alley way would be vacated and therefore no site plan boundary changes would be needed. Mr. Hunting advised that there were no City utilities in the right-of-way and the alley way was not needed for access. He advised that the only improvement in the right-of-ways was a paved pathway which will be removed by the applicant as part of their development project. Mr. Hunting advised that the City would like to retain the north-south segment of the alley way as a drainage and utility easement. Staff recommends approval of the vacation as presented.

Commissioner Wippermann asked if the applicant would be responsible for the cost of removing all sections of the paved pathway, including the portion on the neighboring property, to which Mr. Hunting replied in the affirmative.

Commissioner Simon asked why staff was requiring a drainage and utility easement on the north-south segment of the alley way.

Mr. Hunting replied that the vacation would occur before construction began. Therefore a public easement would allow the City and the developer the ability to remove the pathway.

Commissioner Simon asked if the easement could later be removed, to which Mr. Hunting replied it was possible.

Commissioner Wippermann asked if staff had received any comments from the neighboring landowner, to which Mr. Hunting replied they had not.

**Opening of Public Hearing**

John Cameron (33 South Sixth Street, Minneapolis) and George Cameron (2477 – 79<sup>th</sup> Street East) advised they were available to answer any questions.

Chair Bartholomew asked if the applicant was in agreement with the condition listed in the report, to which John Cameron replied in the affirmative.

**Planning Commission Recommendation**

Motion by Commissioner Simon, second by Commissioner Schaeffer, to approve the request for a vacation of unimproved alley right-of-way within Block 1 of Inver Grove Park Subdivision, with the condition listed in the report.

Motion carried (8/0).

Mr. Hunting explained that the vacation request would be brought to City Council at the same time as the final plat and improvement agreement. Anyone wishing to know the date should contact the Planning Department in late January.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Hunting reminded Commissioners that the February 2 Planning Commission meeting has been cancelled.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Bartholomew adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Fox  
Recording Secretary