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Meeting Minutes Planning Commission, City

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

7:00 PM

City Hall, 301 E. Huron Street, 2nd Flr.

10-a 14-0472

Belle Tire Right-of-Way Vacation for City Council Approval - A request to vacate an approximately 7-foot wide by 157-foot long parcel of the West Ellsworth Road right-of-way adjacent to 3975 South State Street and 590 West Ellsworth Road and replace it with an easement for non-motorized use over the same parcel. (Ward 4) Staff Recommendation: Approval

Cheng provided the staff report.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Noting no speakers, the Chair declared the public hearing closed.

Moved by Peters, seconded by Woods, that the Ann Arbor City Planning Commission hereby recommends that the Mayor and City Council approve the vacation of a seven-foot wide strip of the West Ellsworth Road right-of-way, on the condition that the petitioner grant an easement for nonmotorized use in its place.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

Clein asked about the intent of the non-motorized easement.

Cheng said there are no current plans to construct anything in this easement area, but if there were future improvements on West Ellsworth, the City could move the sidewalk into this non-motorized easement area.

Clein asked if the right-of-way is coincident with the curb.

Cheng showed a map of the site on the slides, and explained that the right-of-way is measured from the center line of Ellsworth Road, which would put the midpoint, approximately in the current grassy area.

Clein asked about possible grade changes and how the location of a future sidewalk might be handled.

Cheng said there is a grade change and the site plan addresses the issue with steps and a walkway.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the Chair declaring the motion carried.

Yeas: 9 - Bonnie Bona, Wendy Woods, Kirk Westphal, Diane Giannola, Eleanore Adenekan, Kenneth Clein, Sabra Briere, Paras Parekh, and Jeremy Peters

Nays: 0