



CITY OF LONG BEACH

C-20

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

333 West Ocean Boulevard • Long Beach, CA 90802

September 20, 2005

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached resolution of intention to vacate a portion of the alley in the block west of Peterson Avenue and north of Anaheim Street, accept the dedication of a new east-west alley branch onto Peterson Avenue, and set a date for a public hearing on the vacation for October 11, 2005. (District 6)

DISCUSSION

A new 16,155-square foot library is to be constructed by the city at 1401 East Anaheim Street. In order to assemble a site large enough for the library and the required parking, it is necessary to relocate an existing alley northerly. The locations of the alley to be vacated and the new alley to be constructed are shown on Exhibit A. The site development plan for the new library is shown on Exhibit B.

Proceedings for this vacation are being conducted in accordance with Chapter 3, General Vacation Procedure, of the Public Streets, Highways and Service Easements Vacation Law of the California Streets and Highways Code. Findings must establish that the subject right-of-way is unnecessary for present or prospective public use. The Department of Public Works supports this action based on the following evidence, facts, conditions and findings, establishing that the dedicated right-of-way to be vacated is unnecessary for present or prospective public use:

1. On August 5, 2004, the City of Long Beach Planning Commission approved plans for a new 16,155-square foot library at 1401 E. Anaheim Street. This facility will replace the existing Mark Twain Library.
2. On July 21, 2005, the Planning Commission determined that the subject vacation action is consistent with the General Plan, as required in Section 8313 of the Public Streets, Highways and Service Easements Vacation Law. In conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act, Negative Declaration Number ND 01-03 was issued for this project. The Planning Department staff report is included as Exhibit C.

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3. A new alley to the north of the existing alley is to be dedicated for public use. This land, as part of the development site, is currently owned by the City of Long Beach Redevelopment Agency.

The interested City Departments, including Fire and Police, have reviewed the proposed right-of-way vacation and land development and have no objections to this action. Conditions of approval satisfying the concerns of the public utility companies are shown on Exhibit D.

The public hearing on this matter, to be held on October 11, 2005, will allow all persons interested in, or objecting to, the proposed vacation to appear and be heard. The proposed resolution of intention to vacate was prepared by Deputy City Attorney Lisa Peskay Malmsten on September 8, 2005.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on September 20, 2005, to allow for construction of the library to proceed on schedule.

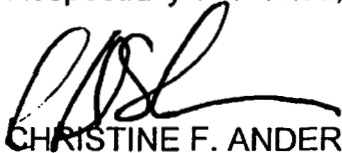
FISCAL IMPACT

A vacation processing fee of \$1,000 was deposited to the General Fund (GP) in the Department of Public Works (PW).

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments

APPROVED:



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CITY MANAGER