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MEMORANDUM

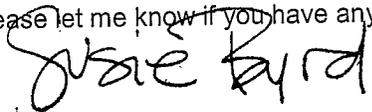
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Susie Byrd, City Representative, District #2
DATE: October 15, 2009
RE: Agenda Item Back Up

Dear Mayor and Council:

I am asking for your support for vacating the vehicular interest in a public right-of-way known as Portland Street between Elm Street and Grant Avenue. This right-of-way is current unimproved and often collects trash, weeds and debris.

Rod Davenport, a local antique deal who grew up in Manhattan Heights, recently purchased the property adjacent to this right of way. It is an historic gas station that he has restored. It is a great improvement for the neighborhood but the unimproved easement that collects trash detracts from this restoration. I am proposing to vacate the vehicular interest in this right-of-way, maintaining access for pedestrians and open space purposes and then improving the right-of-way with remaining Open Space Funds for District 2 from the 2004 General Bond issuance. This action today only directs staff to begin the vacation of this right-of-way.

Please let me know if you have any questions.


Susie



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