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THURSTON COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS STAFF REPORT

HEARING EXAMINER HEARING

Tuesday, Date February 13, 2024

PROJECT NO: 2023105144 – Road Vacation

APPLICANT: Eric Russel

REQUEST: Applicant has requested that the County's interest in this road right-of-way be vacated to allow them to make one continuous parcel.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. Applicant: Eric Russell 5015 N. 26th St, Tacoma WA 98407
- B. Location: 7038 Boston Harbor Rd NE, Olympia WA 98506
- C. Petitioned Legal Description: The alley between lots 17-24, Block 45, Section 30, Township 19, Range 2 West as conveyed in the Plat of Boston Harbor, Division one as recorded in Volume 8 of Plats at page 30, Records of Thurston County Washington. Parcel number 35904501700. Lying adjacent to tax parcel numbers 35904502500 and 35904501200

PURPOSE OF REQUEST

The applicant would like to make the parcel one continuous parcel instead of being broken up in the middle.

BACKGROUND

This right-of-way was dedicated to Thurston County on October 23, 1907, Plat of Boston Harbor, Thurston County, Division No. 1 Recorded under Volume 8 Page 30.

NOTIFICATION

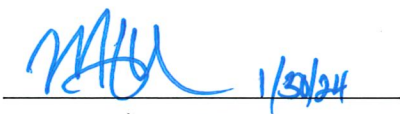
Notice of Public Hearing was published in The Olympian on January 16, 2024 and January 30, 2024 and the notice was posted in the vicinity of the requested vacation on January 11, 2024, being at least 20 days prior to the hearing per RCW 36.87.050. There is 1 adjacent owner who was notified by letter, mailed on January 11, 2024.

CRITERIA

1. Is the road now or had the road previously been, in use?
There is not now, nor has there ever been, a public road located in this right-of-way, so it has never been used by the public. Further, no Access Permits have been issued for the use of this right-of-way
2. What is the condition of the road?
There is no road within this unopened right-of-way. This right-of-way is currently undeveloped and covered by native brush and trees.
3. Is it advisable to preserve the road as a county road?
It is not advisable to maintain this right-of-way for public travel.
4. Will the public be benefited?
The public will be benefited by this vacation in that the County will be relieved of liability for the area, it will help bring this non-conforming property into compliance with zoning setbacks, and the County will receive compensation for the right of way based on current appraised value.
5. Are there any other facts or matters of importance to the Board?
The zoning in this vicinity is Rural Residential Resource (RRR1/5). As a platted right-of-way with no improvements having been made, this is considered a Class B right-of-way per Thurston County Code 13.36.020 and compensation will be made to the Thurston County General Fund.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Thurston County Public Works recommends that the vacation request of Eric Russell be APPROVED subject to payment of compensation.



Matt Unzelman, P.E.
County Engineer

LIST OF EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT 1 Public Works Staff Report including the following attachments:

Attachment a Notice of Public Hearing

Attachment b Copy of Application

Attachment c Vicinity Map

Attachment d Section/Township/Range Map

Attachment e Plat Map