

MEMORANDUM

Date: August 14, 2024

To: City Plan Commission

From: Lindsey Smith, Principal Planner

Subject: Disposition of Surplus Land (Parcel Number: 31-1-1275-00) per Wis. Stat. §

62.23(5)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Owner/Applicant: City of Appleton / Lindsey Smith, Community Development Department

Parcel Number/Location: 31-1-1275-00, Land locked parcel between E. Winnebago

Street and Bellaire Court

Request: The applicant is requesting to dispose of parcel number 31-1-1275-00.

Plan Commission Meeting Date: August 14, 2024

Common Council Meeting Date: August 21, 2024

BACKGROUND

Wis. Stat. § 62.23(5) states that the sale of land that was intended to be used as a public land shall be referred to the Plan Commission for its consideration and report before final action is taken by the Common Council.

The subject parcel is part of Lot 30 within Garfield Palace Plat of the 1907 Appleton Assessor Map.

In 2007, the City vacated the unnamed right-of-way and Sampson Street right-of-way. A portion of the vacated right-of-way was added to the subject parcel.

The City received an inquiry from an adjacent property owner about acquiring the subject parcel.

STAFF ANALYSIS

Lot Area: Approximately 3,586 square feet

Zoning: R-1C – Central City Residential District

Street Frontage: None

Easements: A utility easement is located on the northern 12.5 feet of the subject parcel.

Other Relevant Information: The subject parcel is located at the bottom of a ravine between E. Winnebago Street and Bellaire Court, approximately a 20+ foot elevation difference from the street elevation.

Technical Review Group (TRG) Report: This item appeared on the July 23, 2024 TRG agenda. No negative comments or objections were received from participating departments.

FUTURE ACTION

As the subject parcel is land locked, the Community Development Department will mail a notification to the property owners that are adjacent to the subject parcel. The notification will inform them about the disposition of surplus land and the process to acquire the subject parcel is interested.

Legal Services will prepare a guit claim deed to the highest bidder.

RECOMMENDATION

In accordance with Wis. Stat. § 62.23(5), Staff recommends the disposition of parcel number 31-1-1275-00, surplus of public lands, as shown on the attached maps, **BE APPROVED**.

