

Community Planning and Economic Development—Planning Division
Alley Vacation
Vac-1475

Date: August 28, 2006

Applicant: Colleen Olsen

Address of Property: Not applicable, see attached map.

Contact Person and Phone: Colleen Olsen (612-789-8134)

Planning Staff and Phone: Janelle Widmeier (612-673-3156)

60-Day Review Decision Date: Not applicable

Ward: 1 **Neighborhood Organization:** Windom Park

Existing Zoning: C1

Zoning Plate Number: 10

Legal Description: That part of the Alley in P.C. Deming’s Revision of Block 3, more particularly described as: “that part of the alley located south of the northerly line of Lot 13 as extended to the west line of Lot 1, and north of the south line of Lot 13 as extended to the westerly line of Lot 4.

Concurrent Review: Not applicable for this application

Development Plan: The applicant intends to use the vacated alley as part of a parking lot; however, a development plan has not been provided.

Background: This application was continued from the April 24, 2006 and June 26, 2006 Planning Commission meetings. The applicant owns the property of 2421 Central Avenue Northeast, which is west of the proposed vacation. The applicant has indicated that they would use the vacated alley for parking. In the past, the applicant has used the property of 942 Lowry Avenue Northeast for parking. This property is owned by Hennepin County. At this time, the applicant does not have a lease to park at the property of 942 Lowry Avenue. They are working with the County to obtain the land, which would be combined with the vacated alley and used as a parking facility. The applicant has not made progress in acquiring the property of 942 Lowry Avenue Northeast. As before, they are requesting a continuance. Alley vacations are not subject to MN Statute 15.99 requiring a decision within 60 days.

Public Works is recommending denial of the vacation. The letter explaining their position is attached.

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**Recommendation of the Department of Community Planning and Economic Development—
Planning Division:**

The Department of Community Planning and Economic Development—Planning Division recommends that the City Planning Commission **continue** the vacation indefinitely.

Attachment:

Maps
Public Works Letter