

MEMORANDUM:

TO: PLANNING DEPARTMENT
ENGINEERING DIVISION
BUILDING INSPECTION DIVISION
PARKS DIVISION

FROM: BONNIE HUGHES

SUBJECT: VACATION OF ROW

DATE: JUNE 29, 2000

Councilman Munson is working with a resident in his neighborhood on the issue of installing a fence on their side yard. Now on the surface this doesn't sound like a big deal, but unfortunately the yard for this house abuts the road leading into the cemetery and where they desired to place the fence is in the right of way. In meeting several times with the property owners their request to install a fence has to do with creating some privacy for their yard.

I have attached a drawing representing the vacation request and would like your comments on the proposed vacation.

The following are the particulars affecting this property:

1. The property is located on the corner of Arrow Street and Mt. View (or the road entering the cemetery however you want to look at it).
2. Their side yard opens to the right of way, which is platted at 160'.
3. Actual road width and open space between Mt. View and the cemetery road varies, but the asphalt surfaces are minimal width. The vacation of right of way proposed is estimated at 2,282 SF plus or minus, and would not interfere with widening of either the cemetery road or Mt. View road in the future.
4. This is an intersection where five roads come together with stop signs located at two of these streets and I believe a yield sign at another.
5. Through the years a previous property owner installed his irrigation system in the right of way up to the drainage culvert that is located the

right of way. Trees or bushes, which were along the property line, were removed due to size and condition.

6. The property owner maintains the right of way up to the culvert.

I know you are all busy, but a cursory review would be helpful with comments back to me. With this information I can then discuss the options with the property owner and they can make the decision on how to proceed. Thanks.

