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	Agenda Item No.	57
	Roll Call No.	<u>14-1887</u>
	Communication No.	<u>14-576</u>
	Submitted by:	Phillip Delafield, Community Development Director

AGENDA HEADING:

City initiation of request to vacate the east/west segment of alley in the block bounded by Forest Avenue, Indiana Avenue, 3rd Street and 4th Street in the vicinity of 334 Forest Avenue.

SYNOPSIS:

Forest Avenue Outreach, represented by Ralph Chido (director) owns property located at 334 Forest Avenue and contacted City staff regarding the possibility to vacate an east/west segment of alley in the block bounded by Forest Avenue, Indiana Avenue, 3rd Street and 4th Street in the vicinity of 334 Forest Avenue. Mr. Chido has not submitted consents of adjoining property owners to the alley vacation request or documentation of recent discussions with adjoining property owners regarding the proposed development of 334 Forest Avenue. Therefore, staff recommends City initiation of the alley vacation request so that the application can be forwarded to the Plan and Zoning Commission for hearing, review and recommendation.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Forest Avenue Outreach owns the property at 334 Forest Avenue and has expressed desire to construct a community garden/orchard and potential education center on the subject property. While no development application has been submitted for use of 334 Forest Avenue, Mr. Chido contacted City staff regarding the possibility to vacate an east/west segment of alley in the block bounded by Forest Avenue, Indiana Avenue, 3rd Street and 4th Street in the vicinity of 334 Forest Avenue. The alley does not appear to have any land passage way use by adjoining properties. However, Mr. Chido has not submitted consent of adjoining property owners to the alley vacation request or documentation of recent discussions with adjoining property owners regarding the proposed development of 334 Forest Avenue. After city initiation of the alley vacation request, the application will be forwarded to the Plan and Zoning Commission for hearing, review and recommendation. Notice of the Plan and Zoning Commission meeting will be provided to all property owners that adjoin the subject alley and will ensure appropriate notification and opportunity for input from neighboring property owners. Initiating this action does not obligate the City to vacate and convey the alley. The City Council will receive the Planning Commission's recommendation and set a future date of public hearing to consider the actual vacation and conveyance of the alley.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Receive and file recommendation of Plan and Zoning Commission, set date of public hearing and hold public hearing on vacation and conveyance of the subject alley.

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