

Date April 25, 2011

WHEREAS, the City Plan and Zoning Commission has advised that at a public hearing held on April 7, 2011, its members voted 10-0 in support of a motion to recommend **APPROVAL** of request from the Des Moines Public Schools (owner) 1800 Grand Avenue, represented by Bill Good (officer) for vacation of an irregular shaped segment of street right-of-way from the southern edge of Grand Avenue where it intersects with Fleur Drive directly adjoining the subject property. The vacation will allow for the reconfiguration of the drop-off lane for the Central Campus site.

MOVED by \_\_\_\_\_ to receive and file and refer to the Engineering Department, Real Estate Division.

FORM APPROVED:

  
 Michael F. Kelley  
 Assistant City Attorney

(11-2011-1.03)

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
COLEMAN				
GRIESS				
HENSLEY				
MAHAFFEY				
MEYER				
MOORE				
TOTAL				

**CERTIFICATE**

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

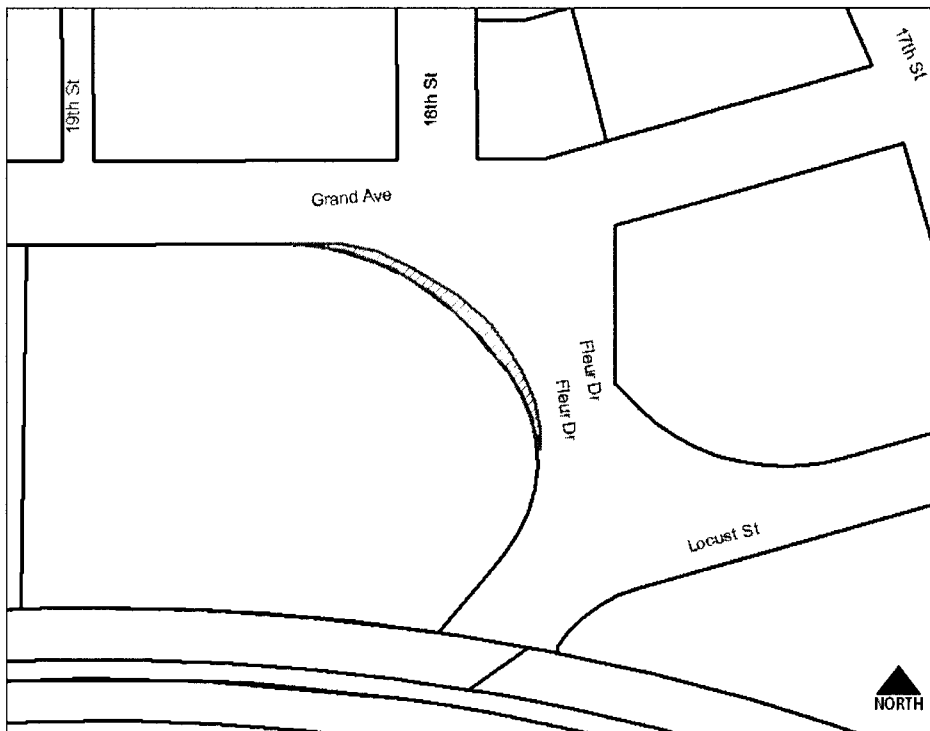
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 Mayor

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 City Clerk

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Request from Des Moines Public Schools (owner) 1800 Grand Avenue, represented by Bill Good (officer) for vacation of an irregular shaped segment of street right-of-way from the southern edge of Grand Avenue where it intersects with Fleur Drive directly adjoining the subject property. The vacation will allow for the reconfiguration of the drop-off lane for the Central Campus site.		<b>File #</b> 11-2011-1.03			
<b>Description of Action</b>	Review and approval of vacation of an irregular shaped segment of street right-of-way from the southern edge of Grand Avenue where it intersects with Fleur Drive directly adjoining the subject property.				
<b>2020 Community Character Plan</b>	Downtown: Support Commercial				
<b>Horizon 2035 Transportation Plan</b>	No Planned Improvements				
<b>Current Zoning District</b>	"C-2" General Retail and Highway-Oriented Commercial District				
<b>Proposed Zoning District</b>	"C-2" General Retail and Highway-Oriented Commercial District				
<b>Consent Card Responses</b>	In Favor	Not In Favor	Undetermined	% Opposition	
Inside Area					
Outside Area					
<b>Plan and Zoning Commission Action</b>	Approval	9-0-1	<b>Required 6/7 Vote of the City Council</b>	Yes	
	Denial			No	X

Des Moines Public Schools - Vicinity of Grand Ave and Fleur Drive 11-2011-1.03



April 25, 2011

April 14, 2011

Agenda Item 27A

Roll Call # \_\_\_\_\_

Honorable Mayor and City Council  
City of Des Moines, Iowa

Members:

Communication from the City Plan and Zoning Commission advising that at their meeting held April 7, 2011, the following action was taken:

**COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:**

After public hearing, the members voted 9-0-1 as follows:

Commission Action:	Yes	Nays	Pass	Absent
JoAnne Corigliano	X			
Shirley Daniels	X			
Jacqueline Easley				X
Dann Flaherty	X			
John "Jack" Hilmes	X			
Joel Huston	X			
Ted Irvine				X
Greg Jones	X			
Jim Martin				X
Brian Millard	X			
William Page				X
Mike Simonson			X	
Kent Sovern	X			
CJ Stephens	X			

**APPROVAL** of a request from Des Moines Public Schools (owner) 1800 Grand Avenue, represented by Bill Good (officer) for vacation of an irregular shaped segment of street right-of-way from the southern edge of Grand Avenue where it intersects with Fleur Drive directly adjoining the subject property. The vacation will allow for the reconfiguration of the drop-off lane for the Central Campus site subject to the provision of easements for any existing utilities until such time that they are relocated at the applicant's expense. 11-2011-1.03

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO THE P&Z COMMISSION**

Staff recommends approval of the requested vacation and conveyance subject to the provision of easements for any existing utilities until such time that they are relocated at the applicant's expense.



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## STAFF REPORT

### I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **Purpose of Request:** The applicant requests the vacation of an irregular shaped segment of right-of-way in order to assemble with the property adjoining to the southwest. The vacation will allow for the reconfiguration of the drop-off lane for the Central Campus site.
2. **Size of Site:** Approximately 4,092 square feet.
3. **Existing Zoning (site):** "C-2" General Retail and Highway Oriented Commercial District.
4. **Existing Land Use (site):** Street right-of-way.
5. **Adjacent Land Use and Zoning:**
  - West** – "M-1"; Use is Des Moines Independent Community School District Central Campus.
  - East** – "C-2 & C-3A"; Uses include Jones Repair & Salvage Yard, and Meredith Corporate Headquarters.
6. **General Neighborhood/Area Land Uses:** The subject street right-of-way is located on the southwest corner of Grand Avenue and Fleur Drive.
7. **Applicable Recognized Neighborhood(s):** N/A.
8. **Relevant Zoning History:** N/A
9. **2020 Community Character Land Use Plan Designation:** Support Commercial.
10. **Applicable Regulations:** The Commission reviews all proposals to remove land from the public right-of-way that is dedicated for a specific public purpose, such as for streets, sidewalks and parks, to determine whether the land is still needed for such purpose or may be released for other use.

### II. ADDITIONAL APPLICABLE INFORMATION

1. **Utilities:** Easements must be provided for any existing utilities until such time that they are relocated. No existing utilities have been identified at this time.
2. **Traffic/Street System:** The requested vacation of street right-of-way will not adversely impact the surrounding street network. The Traffic & Transportation Division has reviewed the request and is supportive.

### SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

*There was no discussion.*

**CHAIRPERSON OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING**

*There was no one to speak in support or opposition of applicant's request.*

**COMMISSION ACTION**

Kent Sovern moved staff recommendation to approve the requested vacation and conveyance subject to the provision of easements for any existing utilities until such time that they are relocated at the applicant's expense.

Motion passed 9-0-1 (Mike Simonson abstained)

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Ludwig, AICP  
Planning Administrator

MGL:clw

Attachment