



Cochise County
Community Development
Highway and Floodplain Division

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DATE: February 5, 2019
TO: Board of Supervisors
THRU: Jackie Watkins, Director/County Engineer
FROM: Teresa Murphy, Right-of-Way Agent
SUBJECT: Dorothy Avenue Abandonment

Recommendation:

This department recommends adoption of the accompanying resolution to abandon any interest the County may have in dedicated public right-of-way known as a portion of Dorothy Avenue described in Exhibit One.

Background (Brief):

Larry Hubbard applied for the abandonment of public right-of-way known as Dorothy Lane in 2016. Adjoining property owners and local utilities were contacted to give comment on the proposed abandonment. Mescal Fire Department required an emergency gate be included in the site plan to allow emergency vehicle access to Meadowlark Drive from Dorothy Lane. The applicant and Cochise County entered into an agreement that full abandonment of the right-of-way would be contingent upon providing said emergency access.

In October 2018, the County received a letter from John Moran, Mescal-J6 Fire District Fire Chief, stating "Mescal-J6 Fire District will no longer require an all weather access road from N. Dorothy Avenue". Cochise County and the Applicant now agree to eliminate that condition of transfer from the agreement and now request a full abandonment of the subject right-of-way. Area utilities have been contacted and have made no objections to the abandonment.

Land Purchase Fee was determined to be \$9,300.00. Applicant has paid all fees associated with this abandonment.

Fiscal Impact & Funding Sources:

Not applicable

Next Steps/Action Items/Follow-up:

If the abandonment is approved, no further Board action is required. Upon recording of the resolution and quit claim deed, staff will forward copies to the applicant.

Impact of Not Approving:

The described portion of Dorothy Avenue will remain a dedicated public right-of-way.

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