

Memo

To: Emily Delgado, Senior Planner
From: Jennifer Shortess, P.E., Engineer
Date: June 2, 2022
Re: Recommendation for Abandonment of portions of Poplar Street, Aviation Avenue, Mitchell Avenue and Aviation Heights Subdivision for Thulemeyer Park

The Aviation Heights Subdivision was platted in 1928, with the housing development project starting in the 1950s and ending in the early 1960s (Schertz, Texas The Story of Great Ancestry, Legacy and Development 2008). Aviation Heights was the first impactful housing development within the City of Schertz. Portions of the Aviation Heights subdivision were granted to the City for two public parks, Thulemeyer Park and Pickrell Park.

Although no official dedication documents exist in the creation of these parks, the area has been utilized as a park for over 50 years. The City's Parks and Recreation Department have been working to develop a park master plan for Thulemeyer Park, which will include additional parking, improvements to bleacher seating, sidewalks, and drainage improvements.

Prior to pursuing construction of these improvements, the Parks and Recreation Department propose abandonment of the following rights-of-way:

- Poplar Street north of Aero Avenue
- Aviation Avenue west of Oak Street
- Mitchell Avenue west of Oak Street

City staff supports the abandonment of portions of Aviation Heights rights-of-way in order to pursue park improvements to Thulemeyer Park, which will help the Parks and Recreation Department promote the quality of life to meet the future needs of Schertz's residents.