



Staff Report

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City Property Reversion - Pitts

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BACKGROUND: Attached please find a form of Resolution relating to property from the City of Camas to the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church. Mr. Pitts, pursuant to his Last Will and Testament, bequeathed certain property to the City with a directive, as outlined in a Quit Claim Deed recorded on May 19, 2016, that the City use it for park and recreational purposes and specifically designate the area as "The Patrick A. Pitts Park". The Quit Claim Deed further references that if the real property is not so used then the property is to be reverred to the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church.

SUMMARY: In 2016 The City of Camas was deeded a 3 acre residential property located at 27217 NE 19th. The property lies 1.5 miles outside the City limits. To help determine if the site was suitability for conversion of residential property into a recreation area, a feasibility assessment was conducted. Finding of the assessment was reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commission. Based on this information and considering the sites location and size, the property will not meet the short or long term needs of the City for recreational use.

The Parks and Recreation Commission concluded that the property is not suitable for inclusion into the Open Space or Parks system and recommends declaring the property surplus.

EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS:

What are the desired results and outcomes for this agenda item? N/A

What's the data? What does the data tell us? N/A

How have communities been engaged? Are there opportunities to expand engagement? N/A

Who will benefit from, or be burdened by this agenda item? N/A

What are the strategies to mitigate any unintended consequences? N/A

Does this agenda item have a differential impact on underserved populations, people living with disabilities, and/or communities of color? Please provide available data to illustrate this impact. N/A

Will this agenda item improve ADA accessibilities for people with disabilities? N/A

What potential hurdles exist in implementing this proposal (include both operational and political)? N/A

How will you ensure accountability, communicate, and evaluate results? N/A

How does this item support a comprehensive plan goal, policy or other adopted resolution?
N/A

BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: The City of Camas adopted an Ordinance in April 2008 which is attached for your reference. This Ordinance requires that a public hearing be held prior to the transfer or other disposition of "open space, park or recreational land owned by the City". The form of Resolution recognizes this process and I would advise that this matter be placed on a Council agenda for consideration, which would include an advertised public hearing. Upon adoption of the Resolution then I will prepare the form of the Quit Claim Deed and work to transfer the property from the City to the church as required.