



## Staff Report

December 7, 2020 Council Regular Meeting

Public Hearing – Surplus of Property at 27217 NE 19th Street

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**BACKGROUND:** 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 reverved 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 19<sup>th</sup>. The property lies 1.5 miles outside the City limits. To help determine if the site was suitable 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.

This item was introduced at the October 19, 2020 Council Workshop. In accordance with Ordinance 2509 adopted in 2008, "prior to the sale, conveyance, exchange, transfer or other disposition of open space, park, or recreational land owned by the City, the City Council shall first hold a public hearing". A notice for the public hearing was published in the Camas-Washougal Post Record in accordance with the City's Camas Municipal Code and policies.



Figure: 27217 NE 19<sup>th</sup> Vicinity Map

### **EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS:**

What are the desired results and outcomes for this agenda item? Hold a public hearing to receive testimony on the potential surplus.

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? St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church may benefit from the reversion and surplus, but that was the intention of Mr. Pitts in his Last Will and Testament.

What are the strategies to mitigate any unintended consequences? A Public Hearing is being held to take public testimony.

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:** Hold the public hearing in accordance with the City's adopted rules and procedures.