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TO: City Council
FROM: Valerie Hoy-Rhodehamel on behalf of the Planning Commission
DATE: January 21st, 2021
SUBJECT: Iman Cemetery Road Vacation—Access to Waterway

Hello-

At the Planning Commission's December meeting, one of our members asked for Commission discussion of the petition the Council received for Iman Cemetery Road where it connects to Rock Creek. The letter represents to results of that discussion.

- Public access, including visual access, to waterways is important for the community. This is especially important for Rock Creek where there are few access points in the City's residential area. We know the City Council understands this importance and the state prescribes specific requirements for decisions on this petition.
- We also understand the petitioners' concerns about property trespass and attractive nuisances and the potential for alternative access points better serving our community.
- To ensure proper access is provided, the Planning Commission is available to help review or establish the public access/property acquisition plan required by the state in order to vacate streets like this one.
- As your subcommittee addresses the concerns surrounding this vacation, we request Planning Commissioner Mike Beck be included in those discussions to serve as a bridge between the City Council and Planning Commission.

With respect and thanks,

Valerie Hoy-Rodehamel,
Planning Commission Chair