

Dear Stevenson City Council,

We built our home on 313 Iman Cemetery Rd in 2003 and have enjoyed being part of the Stevenson community for the last 17 years. We strive to continue being as good of neighbors and citizens within the Stevenson community as we can possibly be.

The purpose of this letter is to share our thoughts on the petition to vacate the “no name road” next to our home, property lots 10 & 11 which we own, our neighbors the Krugs and the Iman Cemetery, within which my husband Jerry Doblle is buried.

This “no name road” is part of the Iman Tracts and it has not been maintained for decades and it has not been utilized by the cemetery maintenance for several years.

Our petition to the city to vacate this non-essential and unused easement has the intent of creating the following value and improvements to the city of Stevenson.

**Safety:**

For as long as we have been here, we have witnessed this “no name road” be misused as a gateway for individuals seeking water access to Rock Creek. We want the citizens of Stevenson to enjoy and access the water and we understand that County Commissioners Lannon and Waters are currently working on a proposal for public access to Rock Creek on the North side of the River. At our location however there is no direct public access to Rock Creek without walking over gravesites within the Iman Cemetery and/or trespassing on the Mckinnen property and the Doblle property. This behavior, by as many as 20 – 50 people per day, has created a regular disgrace to the gravesites within the cemetery, an abundance of trash and litter, vandalism and ultimately a robbery of our property during the summer of 2018. The thieves used the “no name road” to park the get-away vehicle.

The gate to the Iman Cemetery was locked after this robbery occurred and has been unused by the Iman Cemetery for the last few years. This simple solution of blocking the access has already made a noticeable improvement in the reduction of trespass and crime that this “no name road” previously invited.

We strongly believe that the best solution for removing the future risk will be by maintaining the progress we have already made and further removing the temptation and illegal access point created by this space.

**Communal Interest:**

We understand that the Iman Cemetery Board has proposed a subsequent alternative petition asking the City of Stevenson to invest in future maintenance of this “no name road” with the interest of creating additional parking for the Cemetery funeral events. There is also a newfound interest in utilizing the “no name road” gate as a secondary access for maintenance despite the fact that the primary access point to the Iman Cemetery on Holly street has already been successfully established for fulfilling this maintenance need.

In the last 4 years we have witnessed 2 funerals at the Iman Cemetery, one of which was our own, for Jerry Doblle in 2018.

A simple calculation would show that the primary large group parking needs of the Iman Cemetery have happened on 2 of the last 1,460 days... this is 0.1% of the time. The other 99.9% of the time, this "no name road" is either unused or misused as an access for illegal activities.

We respect the Iman Cemetery and truly want to find the best solution for all parties. Both the Doblle's and the Krug's believe that this goal can be best achieved by optimizing the primary access point via Holly Street with the removal of overgrown brush and the repositioning of some logs on the Krugs property to create additional parking. The Cemetery Maintenance has already been successfully utilizing the Holly Street as the sole access point for years.

### **Revenue Potential**

Finally, if our petition to vacate the "no name road" is granted, it would reposition lots 10 & 11 as buildable lots. This would create an increased revenue potential for this City of Stevenson through additional tax dollars, jobs and investment.

All in all, we feel that the petition to vacate the "no name road" is in best interest of all parties and for the City of Stevenson and we appreciate your consideration.

Thank you,  
The Doblies