

DIRECTORS' ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Monday, April 12, 2021

555 S. 10th Street

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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Suspended until further notice

VII. CONSTITUENT CORRESPONDENCE

1. Tear off these masks – Peter Katt
2. City Mandates – Bruce B. brubart@hotmail.com

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

Michelle Backemeyer

TO: Mayor Gaylor Baird
& City Council Members

FROM: Michelle R. Backemeyer
Real Estate & Relocation
Assistance Agent

DEPARTMENT: City Council Office

DEPARTMENT: Urban Development Department

ATTENTION:

DATE: April 8, 2021

COPIES TO: Soulinnee Phan, City Clerk
David Cary, Planning
Yohance Christie, City Attorney
Byron Blum, LTU
Geri Rorabaugh, Planning
Jennifer Brinkman, Mayor's Office

SUBJECT: Street and Alley Vacation No.21001
R and T Streets, East of N. 36th and
Alleys North and South of T Street

A request has been made by Wyuka Cemetery and Christian Sanders and Sarah Holland to vacate "R" and "T" Streets, east of 36th Street and the two alleys north and south of T Street. The areas to be vacated are related to a planned affordable housing project. The majority of the area was thought to have already been vacated but no records of any prior vacations was found. The entire area to be vacated is approximately .52 acres or 22,766 square feet.

The property was viewed by the writer, and "R" Street adjacent to the residential house is approximately 33 x 190 feet in size for a total of 6,270 square feet. It includes a large tree and brick roadway to an entrance gate into the cemetery. The remaining areas (south half of "R" Street, "T" Street and the two alleys north and south of "T" Street) consist of 16,496 square feet. They include the other half of the brick roadway, grass areas and volunteer trees. The portion of "T" Street to be vacated does not line up with the physical location of "T" Street, west of 36th Street. Review by the writer also discovered a storm water drainage pipe running under "R" Street, and an easement will need to be retained for that purpose. No other utilities were mentioned.

The entire area is zoned R-4. Since there are two different types of properties within the R-4 zoning, two different valuations will be used. The portion of "R" Street adjacent to the residential property will be considered similar to residential lot value. A lot in this area would most likely be valued between \$35,000 to \$40,000 or \$2.77 to \$3.18/sf. For this purpose, \$3.00/sf will be used as the underlying value. Unbuildable strips such as the one being vacated rarely have any value to anyone except the abutting landowner and in this case plans are for it to become part of a larger development. It is not expected any purchaser would be willing to pay more than 20% of fee value for assemblage especially with the retention of the storm water drainage easement. With that, the north half of "R" Street is calculated as follows:

North Half of "R" Street - 6,270 sf x \$3.00 x 20% = \$3,762

Wyuka Cemetery, the other applicant, owns approximately 8 acres they plan to sell to the developer of the affordable housing project. The remaining property is considered residential development land, and the developer has indicated a purchase price of approximately \$.44/sf or \$19,172 per acre. Part of this area (6,270 sf) is also encumbered by the storm water system and the remaining areas having no encumbrances. With that, the remaining areas are calculated as follows:

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| South Half of "R" Street - 6,270 sf x \$.44 x 50% = | \$1,379 |
| "T" Street & Alleys - 10,226 sf x \$.44 = | <u>\$4,499</u> |
| Total | \$5,878 |

Therefore, if the areas are to be vacated, it is recommended they be sold to the two applicants for \$3,762 and \$5,879 for a grand total of **\$9,640**.



Memorandum

Date: ♦ April 6, 2021

To: ♦ City Clerk

From: ♦ Rhonda Haas, Planning Dept.

Re: ♦ Administrative Approvals

cc: ♦ Geri Rorabaugh, Planning Dept.

This is a list of City administrative approvals by the Planning Director from March 30, 2021 through April 5, 2021:

Administrative Amendment 21011, to Special Permit 2004A, Northbank Junction, approved by the Planning Director on April 5, 2021, to revise the parking waiver for assembly facilities on Lot 3, Block 20 to allow for a maximum floor area of 25,000 square feet and demonstrate that sufficient area is reserved on the lot to meet the standard parking ratio of 1 stall per 300 square feet, on property generally located at North 56th Street and Alvo Road.

Angela M. Birkett

From: Peter Katt <pkatt@charter-title.net>
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2021 12:36 PM
To: Council Packet
Cc: Mayor
Subject: Tear Off These Masks
Attachments: WSJ - Printing Dr. Fauci, Tear Off These Masks.pdf

Dear City Officials:

What is the timeline for reevaluating the City's current mask mandate?

I have had COVID, my first shot and will have my second shot this Thursday.

I present no threat to anyone and should no longer be required to wear a mask.

I look forward to your response.

Peter W. Katt

From: Peter Katt
Sent: Sunday, April 4, 2021 6:58 AM
To: Peter Katt <pkatt@charter-title.net>
Subject: Tear Off These Masks
Sent from my iPhone

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

COMMENTARY

Dr. Fauci, Tear Off These Masks

If the epidemic continues on its current course, it will be safe to uncover your face by Memorial Day.

By Nicole Saphier

When will it be safe to shop at a grocery store or show up at the office without wearing a mask? Sooner than most experts are willing to admit. If the coronavirus epidemic in the U.S. continues on its current trajectory, the need for masks outside particular local outbreak areas will pass in a matter of weeks.

One way to think about the problem is by analogy to seasonal influenza. Hardly anybody wears a mask in ordinary settings to protect against the flu, and no one is required to do so. The worst flu seasons of recent years saw an average of 220 deaths a day nationwide. The seven-day moving average for Covid-19 daily deaths hovers around 900, still considerably worse. But that's a 78% reduction since January, and the trends are favorable almost everywhere in the country. When the 14-day rolling average of daily Covid deaths has come down below flu level, which may happen within the next month or two, we

should adjust our thinking about the coronavirus accordingly.

Vaccination is the main reason for the sharp decline in Covid cases and deaths. Some three million shots are being administered each day, and once immunity has kicked in, the vaccinated are at negligible risk of being infected, never mind spreading infection. If you've been vaccinated, there's almost no direct safety benefit—to yourself or others—of wearing a mask. You still have to do so only because immunity is invisible. The expectation or requirement of mask-wearing is impracticable to impose only on those who are vulnerable or may be dangerous.

At some point, however, herd immunity is achieved: Enough of the population is immune to make the risk of infection minimal in the population as a whole. Anthony Fauci puts the threshold for herd immunity at full vaccination of 85% of the U.S. population, including children. Since the vaccine has been authorized only for patients 16 and older and not all adults are willing to accept it, Dr. Fauci's goal almost certainly won't be reached for another year, if ever. The current figure is only 17% of total population.

Dr. Fauci's benchmark is unreasonably high. He ignores that many unvaccinated Americans—perhaps as many as 120 million, as seroprevalence studies suggest true incidence levels to be three to 20 times captured infections—have immunity owing to prior infection. A recent large-scale Danish study finds that prior infection provides approximately 80% protection to patients younger than 65 and 47% protection to those older. That difference is why it's important to prioritize the elderly for vaccination, as U.S. authorities have done. Because of this combination of factors, we will likely surpass 50% combined immunity within the next week or two.

A single dose of either the Pfizer or Moderna mRNA vaccine has been shown to confer 80% immunity after two weeks according to recent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data on healthcare workers. A British study showed people who were immunized after infection had 99% protection after a single dose. This means any of the 99 million Americans—38% of adults—who have received at least one dose may be sufficiently protected. At the current pace, 50% of the entire population could receive a single shot by the third week of April if efforts focus on the unvaccinated instead of those who've already had one shot. If combined with continued lower rates of infection and death, I believe that would be enough to justify an end to mask-wearing outside high-risk settings.

We are much closer to protective immunity than some public-health officials acknowledge—or perhaps want to acknowledge. Precisely how close is impossible to tell, in part because officials have recommended getting the vaccine regardless of prior immunity and haven't kept track of whether people receiving the vaccine already had a documented

infection or presence of antibodies conferring probable natural immunity. They also are administering second doses rather than maximizing the number of people vaccinated, despite the data showing the efficacy of a single dose and the U.K.'s impressive success with the delayed-booster approach.

A final factor is the supply of vaccines. In addition to protecting the vulnerable, universal masking salves the fears of those who are at risk of infection. Once vaccines are plentiful enough that any adult who wants one can easily get it, the calculus changes. If you're unable to get vaccinated, it's reasonable to expect others to accept infringements on their freedom as a precaution. Not if you refuse to get vaccinated.

Public-health officials and politicians risk a public rebellion if they don't start taking common sense into account and instead persist in labeling anyone who questions their decrees "antiscience." After more than a year of restrictions, they should prioritize getting back to normal. That means public-health agencies need to generate accurate benchmarks of progress—including natural immunity as well as vaccinations—and to be open to modifying their approach, including by relaxing restrictions that have proved ineffective or outlived their usefulness. Universal masking isn't in that category yet, but it will be soon. I believe it will probably be safe to end mask mandates by the end of April, but Memorial Day weekend is a more realistic target. Until then, even if you've been vaccinated, you'll have to wear a mask when you're indoors in public.

Dr. Saphier is a physician at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, an assistant professor at Weill Cornell Medical College, and author of "Panic Attack."

Angela M. Birkett

From: bruce b <brubart@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 4:13 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: City mandates

We need voter id just like we need id for almost everything else. If you support everything that dimented joe Biden says, this city and country is in big trouble. Socialism is bad, it turns into communism. The mask mandate should be dropped for people with vaccinations, backed by SCIENTIFIC FACTS from the CDC. According to the CDC facts People who have gotten vaccinated cannot get or transmit the virus including COVID variations. The mayor just wants to control her sheep with all her partison mandates and her city council puppets are going along it.