

Memorandum

To: Brandon Sutton ^{BS}

From: Eric Asboe

cc: Blythe Bailey

Date: December 14, 2018

Re: City of Chattanooga – Real Property c/o Gail Hart

Case No. MR 2018-230

Multiple rights-of-way in the 1900 block of Roanoke Avenue, formerly known as Harriet Tubman Homes

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS

This application was received by the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Regional Planning Agency (RPA) on October 22, 2018 from property owner City of Chattanooga – Real Property c/o Gail Hart. The applicant is requesting the abandonment of multiple rights-of-way in the 1900 block of Roanoke Avenue, formerly known as Harriet Tubman Homes, as detailed in the attached resolution. RPA staff recommended approval of the abandonment. The abandonment was approved by Planning Commission at its December 10, 2018 meeting (see attached case report and resolution).

After review, these rights-of-way are Tier 2. Tier 2 rights-of-way are dedicated for public use but are not maintained by the City. They are not physically open or only partially opened. These rights-of-way provide limited access to the abutting property owners or to utilities or are directly connected to a Tier 1 right-of-way. The public has no further need to retain these rights-of-way because the streets are blocked and have limited use since sidewalks and curbing were removed. The abandonment will not limit access to surrounding properties and rights-of-way. This abandonment will facilitate future development of the property, which is a significant private and public interest. As the property is developed, the Chattanooga Department of Transportation encourages the reestablishment of a street and sidewalk network that aligns with the proposed development plan while also building a block size that is compatible with the surrounding neighborhood.

Therefore, I recommend the request for ***Abandonment of said portions of right-of-way be granted with the following conditions:***

- The applicant shall obtain necessary permits and approvals from the City of Chattanooga Land Development Office as required for any subsequent construction work. Please note Council action for this item does not constitute a permit for construction work.
- Subject to the retention of full-width utility easement(s) as required by said utilities, including, but not limited to Tennessee American Water and City of Chattanooga Public Works, as attached and in the location specified on the utility cards attached with this Ordinance.