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Community Development Department

REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Heather Shank, City Planner

DATE: April 17, 2017

SUBJECT: Petition for a Discontinuance of a portion of the Broad Cove Right-Of-Way

Recommendation

Set the attached resolution for a public hearing. Staff and the Planning Board recommend approval.

Background

A petition has been submitted by Ari Pollack, on behalf of Merrimack County, requesting the discontinuance of a portion of the Pitman Street right-of-way to allow space for additional parking in conjunction with the construction of the new Merrimack County Superior Courthouse at 163 N. Main Street.

Merrimack County is proposing to demolish the existing Registry of Deeds building and construct a new Courthouse at 163 N. Main Street. Part of the County's criteria for remaining at this location was the provision of a minimum of 150 parking spaces on site. The current proposal accomplishes this with the addition of a row of new parking on the south side of the facility, with direct access from Pitman Street. The proposed discontinuance affects only the right-of-way and does not affect the normal traffic function or existing width of Pitman Street.

Staff notes that the existing Pitman Street right-of-way does not connect to the Montgomery Street right-of-way, but ends at the private parking lot owned by the Concord Housing Authority. Since there is minimal existing traffic on this road, and the proposal will not adversely affect the street infrastructure of the City, Staff supports the request.

Discussion

On April 19, 2017, the Planning Board voted unanimously in support of the County's petition to discontinue a portion of the Pitman Street right-of-way.