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City Council

Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Real Estate Owned by Raymond and Pamela Berschauer

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to acquire 6.22 acres of real estate from Raymond and Pamela Berschauer.

Report

Issue:

Whether to approve the purchase of real estate from Raymond and Pamela Berschauer for a future park site.

Staff Contact:

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Presenter(s):

None - Consent Calendar Item.

Background and Analysis:

Raymond and Pamela Berschauer own 6.22-acres located south of the Karen Fraser Woodland Trail and west of Fairview St. SE (see attachment titled Property Location Map).

The City desires to purchase this property to expand its inventory of open space park acreage. Acquisition of this property would provide good opportunities for people to experience nature in their neighborhood, and allow for possible recreation uses off the Woodland Trail, such as mountain biking trails, hiking trails, or dog trails.

Staff has concluded negotiations with the Seller, and has prepared the Purchase Real Estate agreement that is attached to the Staff Report. The purchase price is \$180,000.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

In 2015, a series of eight neighborhood meetings with a total of 160 participants were conducted to provide input for the 2016 Parks, Arts and Recreation Plan. The most dominant themes of these meetings were:

- Acquire land in general while it is available; and
- Buy open space/natural areas - provide nearby access to nature

The 2015 Random Sample Survey of 759 respondents, conducted for the upcoming 2016 Parks, Arts and Recreation Plan, indicated that "trails" and "natural open space" were the highest priority for new projects.

Options:

1. Approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to acquire 6.22 acres of real estate from Raymond and Pamela Berschauer.
2. Do not authorize the purchase of real estate from Raymond and Pamela Berschauer.
3. Direct staff to seek other options to satisfy the City's need for open space acreage.

Financial Impact:

Non-voted Utility Tax funds appropriated in the 2018 Capital Facilities Plan for the purpose of land acquisition will be used for the purchase.

Attachments:

Resolution
Purchase Agreement
Property Location Map