MCPB 10/23/08 Item No.

October 8, 2008

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Montgomery County Planning Board

VIA:

Larry Cole, Highway Coordinator **LC**

Transportation Planning

FROM:

David Paine, Planner/Coordinator (301) 495-4525

Transportation Planning

SUBJECT:

Abandonment Request No. AB-717

Abandonment of a Portion of Unimproved Evans Parkway

Northbrook Estates Subdivision, Silver Spring

Kensington/Wheaton Policy Area

APPLICANT: Department of Parks

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning Board should convey a recommendation for approval of the request for abandonment to the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT).

DISCUSSION

This memorandum presents Transportation Planning staff's review of the Department of Parks' request for abandonment of an unimproved portion of Evans Parkway in the Northbrook Estates Subdivision, Silver Spring. The purpose of this review is to present the Planning Board with a recommendation on the subject request by the Applicant and to request Board approval to transmit the recommendation to MCDOT for a Public Hearing to be held by the County Executive's office on Monday, October 20, 2008. As this is a Department of Parks proposal, we will be reporting testimony given at that hearing to the Planning Board on the 23rd. The Hearing Examiner record is open for two weeks after the 20th and the Planning Board comments will be entered into their record in time for consideration for County Council action.

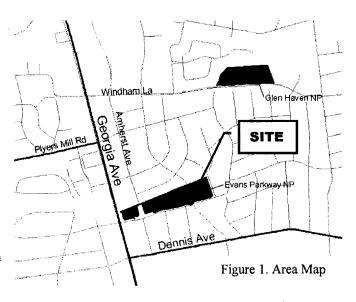
The subject section of the Evans Parkway right-of-way is located within the Kensington/Wheaton Policy Area at its intersection with Clinton Avenue and Etna Place. The right-of-way is approximately 5,331 square feet in area in a triangular shape and stands unimproved as a roadway. The area functions as part of Evans Parkway Neighborhood Park and is bordered to the north by a play structure, to the south by the roadway and the remaining right-of-way of Evans Parkway, to the east by a stormwater culvert, and to the west by a parking area that serves the park. An asphalt walkway leads from Evans Parkway to the play area. Evans Parkway is built to the roadway dimensions of a Secondary Residential Street, although sidewalks are absent in this section of road.

Single family detached lots front on the south side of the segment right-of-way of Evans Parkway to remain (shown on Attachment 1). No changes are proposed to the roadway and access to these homes would not be changed.

A street network map showing the site location is shown in Figure 1. A more detailed site map is shown as Attachment 1. The referral from the County Executive's office for abandonment request AB-717 is included as Attachment 2.

FINDINGS

We support the request by the applicant to abandon this segment of Evans Parkway.



Evans Parkway will remain as a secondary residential road connection between Georgia Avenue and Dennis Avenue and its function would not be changed as a result of this abandonment. We would approve of this parcel becoming part of the park, and look forward to the installation of sidewalk along the park frontage, consistent with county design standards for a Secondary Residential Street. A local shared use path is also planned to connect Evans Parkway to Bucknell Drive through the park. That path is being implemented as part of the Evans Parkway facility plan process.

We find that this area of right-of-way meets section 49-63(c)(1) of the county Road Code since "the right-of-way is no longer necessary for present public use or anticipated public use in the foreseeable future." We therefore recommend that the Planning Board should convey a recommendation for **approval of the request for abandonment** of a portion of Kensington Boulevard to the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT).

DP:tc Attachment

cc: Mike Cassedy

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ATTACHMENT 1



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150 Feet

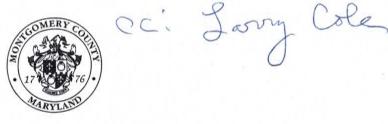


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ATTACHMENT 2



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Isiah Leggett
County Executive

Arthur Holmes, Jr. Director

August 20, 2008

Mr. Royce Hanson, Chairman Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission 8787 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20910



RE:

Request for Comments on Proposed Abandonment AB717 – Abandonment - Portion of Evans Parkway Northbrook Estates Subdivision, Silver Spring

Dear Mr. Hanson:

The purpose of this letter is to request M-NCPPC comments on the proposed abandonment of a portion of unimproved Evans Parkway in the Northbrook Estates Subdivision in Silver Spring. The abandonment request was made by the Department of Parks, M-NCPPC, the Applicant. The subject right-of-way consists of approximately 5,331 square feet and is adjoined by property owned by the Applicant. For your reference I have enclosed a copy of the letter of request along with other information concerning this matter.

I would greatly appreciate receiving your comments by October 20, 2008.

If either you or your staff need additional information or have questions, please call me at 240-777-7254.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Cassedy

Enclosures

Larry Cole, Transportation Planning

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

BY OCTOBER 20, 2008

AB717 PORTION OF UNIMPROVED EVANS PARKWAY

NORTHBROOK ESTATES SUBDIVISION

SILVER SPRING

This abandonment case was requested by the Montgomery County Department of Parks, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. The portion of Evans Parkway consists of approximately 5,331 square feet and is unimproved. The subject right-of-way is adjoined by property owned by the Applicant. Please see the attached Tax Map and ADC road map.

A public hearing will be held on

Monday, October 20, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. Executive Office Building, Lobby Conference Room 101 Monroe Street Rockville, MD 20850

Comments can be made by letter, fax or e-mail to

Michael Cassedy Department of Public Works and Transportation 101 Monroe Street, 10th Floor Rockville, MD 20850

Phone 240-777-7254 Fax 240-777-7259

 $E\text{-}mail\,\underline{michael.cassedy}\\ @montgomery countymd.gov\\$



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Subject:	Abandonment of Portion of Evans Parkway Northbrook Estates Subdivision, Silver Spring	209-08	АВ
Originating Department:		Department Number	Effective Date
	Transportation	AB 06-08	08/19/08

AB717

 Pursuant to §49-62 of the Montgomery County Code (2004) as amended, the County Executive or his Designee shall conduct a Public Hearing

> at 1:00 p.m. on Monday October 20, 2008 101 Monroe Street, EOB Lobby Conference Room Rockville, Maryland 20850

to consider an application received from the Department of Parks, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, the Applicant, seeking abandonment of a portion of Evans Parkway in the Northbrook Estates Subdivision in Silver Spring.

 After the aforesaid Hearing, the Hearing Officer shall report his or her findings and recommendations to the County Executive for further consideration as prescribed by County Code.

Approved as to Form and Legality
Office of the County Attorney

Eileen Basaman

Associate County Attorney

APPROVED

Thomas J. Street

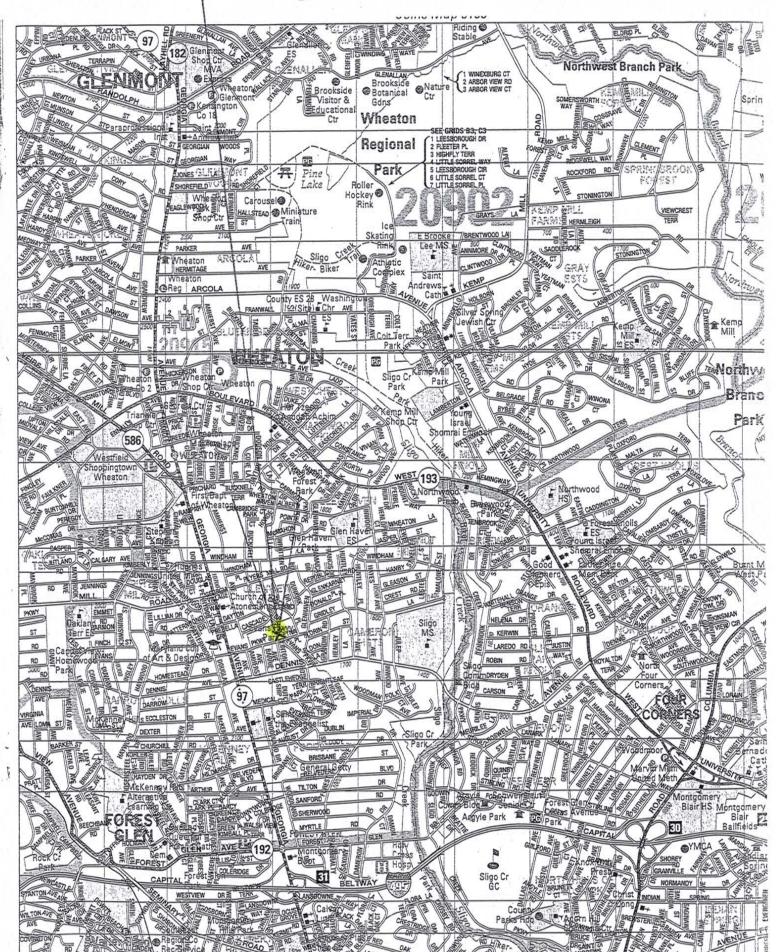
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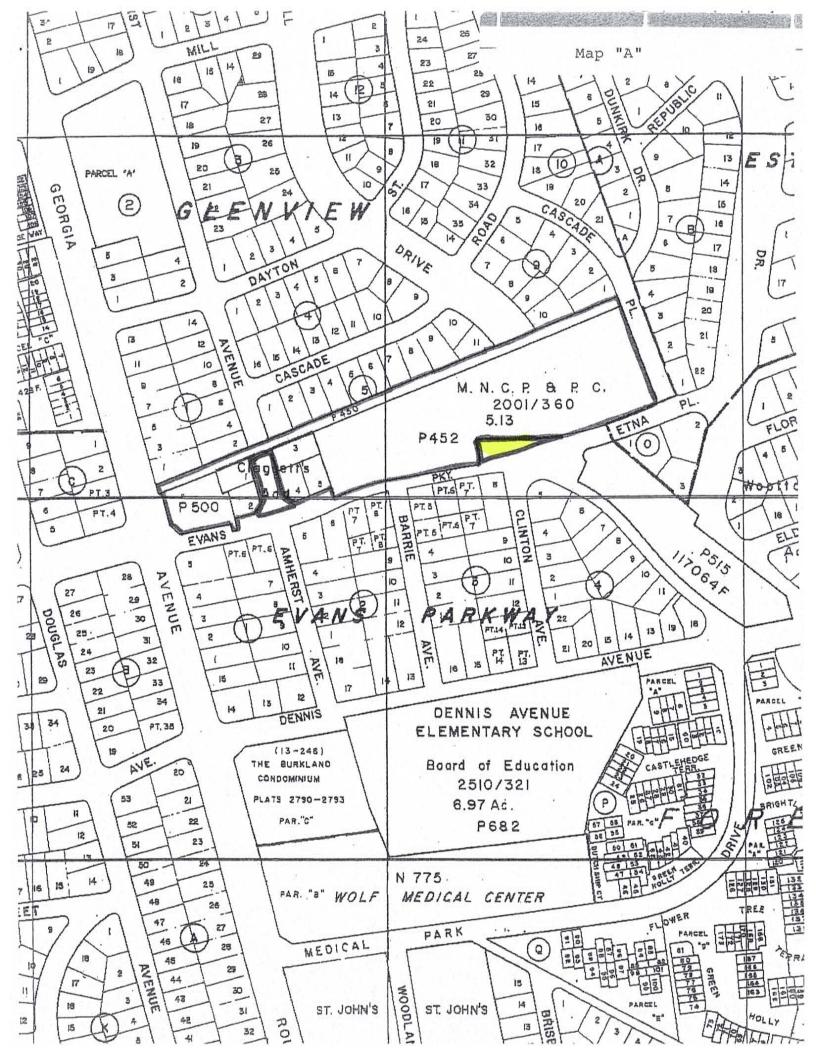
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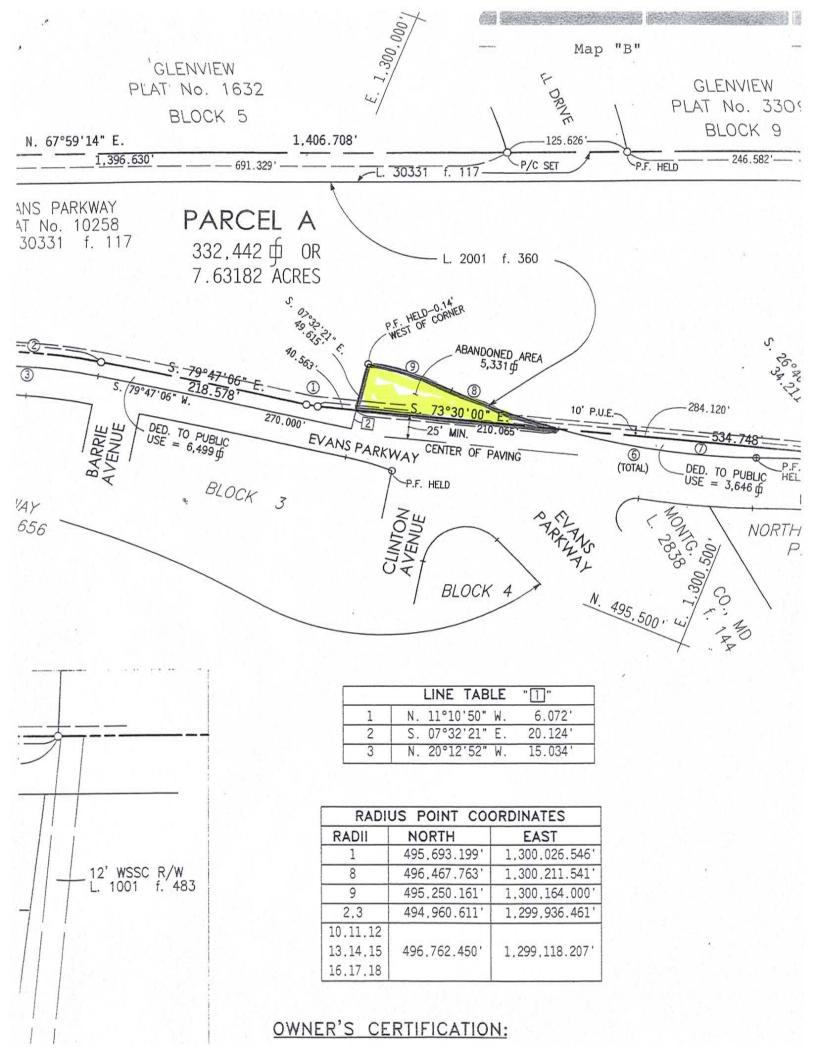
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July 2, 2008

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The Honorable Isiah Leggett
Montgomery County Executive
Executive Office Building
101 Monroe Street, 2nd Floor
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Re:

Abandonment Request for a portion of Evans Parkway

Silver Spring, Maryland

Dear Mr. Leggett:

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission owns the property shown outlined in green on Map "A", attached. This property, known as Evans Parkway Neighborhood Park, is scheduled for major renovation in the not too distant future.

To facilitate the planned renovation work, the Commission intends to record a subdivision plat to unify the eight parcels which make up the park, plus portions of two previously dedicated but unbilt road rights-of-way, into a single parcel. One of the road rights-of-way, a portion of dedicated but unbilt Amherst Avenue, shown in blue on Map "A", was previously abandoned in 1982 by Council Resolution No. 9-1658 and is clear for incorporation into the park. The second road right-of-way, a portion of dedicated but unbilt Evans Parkway, shown in red on Map "A", needs to be officially abandoned to accomplish the Commission's objective. This correspondence is the Commission's official request that Montgomery County's Department of Transportation take whatever steps are necessary to effect the abandonment of this portion of Evans Parkway.

In anticipation of submitting this abandonment request, the Commission had the abandonment area surveyed to identify its exact limits. Map "B", attached, which is a portion of our proposed subdivision plat for unifying the Commission owned properties and the unbilt road rights-of-way into one parcel, shows the proposed abandonment area as containing 5,331 square feet.

The Commission understands that as a government agency any normal application and/or processing fees for this abandonment request will be waived.

Thank you for your help and attention to this matter.

Sincerely, William P. Mines

William E. Gries

Land Acquisition Specialist

cc: Michael Cassidy, DOT

