

SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

DATE: September 17, 2002

SUBJECT: Petition No. 400-01-65 – Request by Linda Cordova, Salt Lake City Property Manager, to close Keysor Place (445 South from 250 East to 300 East) on the MHJ/Library Block (Block 37). The property is located in a Public Lands (PL) zoning district.

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Document Type	Budget-Related Facts	Policy-Related Facts	Miscellaneous Facts
Ordinance	None. The City will retain ownership of the property as part of the 10 acre Library Block Complex.	The proposal is presented as a new ordinance. State law requires public hearings before both the Planning Commission and the City Council to consider the potential impact of losing the public benefit of the street.	The Administration has clearly stated the positive aspects of the proposal. All necessary City departments and divisions have reviewed the proposal and recommended approval of the petition to close Keysor Place.

KEY ELEMENTS

- A. Property Management initiated this petition as part of their efforts to consolidate all the parcels on Block 37 for the Library development. This action will complete the City's process to consolidate the individual parcels on Block 37.
- B. Keysor Place has not existed as a street since the 1960's when the street and all residential uses were removed as part of the original redevelopment of the MHJ/Library Block project, the City owns all adjacent property to the proposed street closure. The City's plan for redeveloping the area would eliminate the need for the street.
- C. Public Utilities requires that any existing infrastructure within the street property be properly disconnected. If this has not already occurred, it will occur as part of the Library and open space development.
- D. Future development of this property is subject to compliance with all relevant City standards and ordinances. This portion of the Library project will be used as part of the Library open space, which is being planned and developed as a City project.
- E. The Planning Commission held a public hearing and passed a favorable recommendation to close and abandon Keysor Place.
- F. Keysor Place is not designated in the City's master plans as a potential component of the bicycle or trail system or as a mid-block walkway.
- G. The 1990 East Central Master Plan identifies the following open space and recreational policies:

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- a. Create an open space system in East Downtown that enhances visual and aesthetic qualities and creates a sense of unity.
- b. Mixed use projects should be developed together with public benefits such as pedestrian linkages, plazas and other facilities designed to facilitate art and the performing arts.

H. The 1975 Central City Master Plan identifies this area for cultural facilities, parks or open space land uses.

CHRONOLOGY:

Please refer to the Administration's transmittal for a complete chronology of events relating to the proposed text amendment.

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| • November 15, 2001 | Petition delivered to Planning |
| • March 1, 2002 | Petition assigned to Janice Lew |
| • May 1, 2002 | Notice of the May 16, 2002 Planning Commission public hearing sent to property owners within 300 feet |
| • May 16, 2002 | The Planning Commission held a public hearing and passed a favorable recommendation to close and abandon Keysor Place. |
| • August 8, 2002 | Received ordinance from Attorney's Office |

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