

**MEMORANDUM**

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**COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**TO: City Manager**

**SUBJECT: Alley Vacation Request South of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Between 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Street (Part of New Old Chicago redevelopment Second Addition Site)**

**Date: June 5, 2013**

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The City has received a request from Renaissance Rock Island (specifically GROWTH) to vacate the north segment of a north/south alley south of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Streets (see attached vacation plat). This existing gravel alley is proposed to be vacated because it will be replaced with a new improved alley as part of the New Old Chicago Redevelopment Second Addition Subdivision Plat also being considered by City Council.

The new alley will be located to the east of the subject alley and will result in a “straight-line” connection with a previously dedicated alley segment that was part of the First Addition of the New Old Chicago Redevelopment Subdivision. The City Engineer has approved the vacation plat. It is expected that the vacated alley right-of-way will become part of the new City park located to the west of the new residential development.

Recommendation:

That the request be approved because it would eliminate an “S” curve in the current alley configuration and provide additional property for the adjacent City park.

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**Ben Griffith, Planning and Redevelopment Administrator**

**Jeff Eder, Community and Economic Development Director**

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**Approved: Thomas Thomas, City Manager**

