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**MEMORANDUM**

**COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**TO:** Thomas Thomas, City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Purchase of 950 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue

**DATE:** 8/21/13

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Following City Council's approval of this property purchase in June, a title issue was found that must be resolved in order to gain clear and insurable title to the property.

In 2001, the adjacent property owners to the north at 2926 11<sup>th</sup> Street filed an Affidavit of Adverse Possession claim against the previous owners of the property. The claim was filed to gain 20 feet of the property to the south and 30 feet to the west of their 2926 location. Please reference the provided location map.

Before the City can take clear insurable title to the property, the adjacent owners, Tom and Irita DeCrane, must sign off on the claim. Staff has contacted the DeCranes and they are agreeable to releasing the claim if the property is conveyed as per the 2001 Affidavit of Adverse Possession document.

Staff recommends moving forward with conveying the property as described in the original claim as it will resolve the title issue and allow pending development projects to move forward on the property.

**RECOMMENDATION**

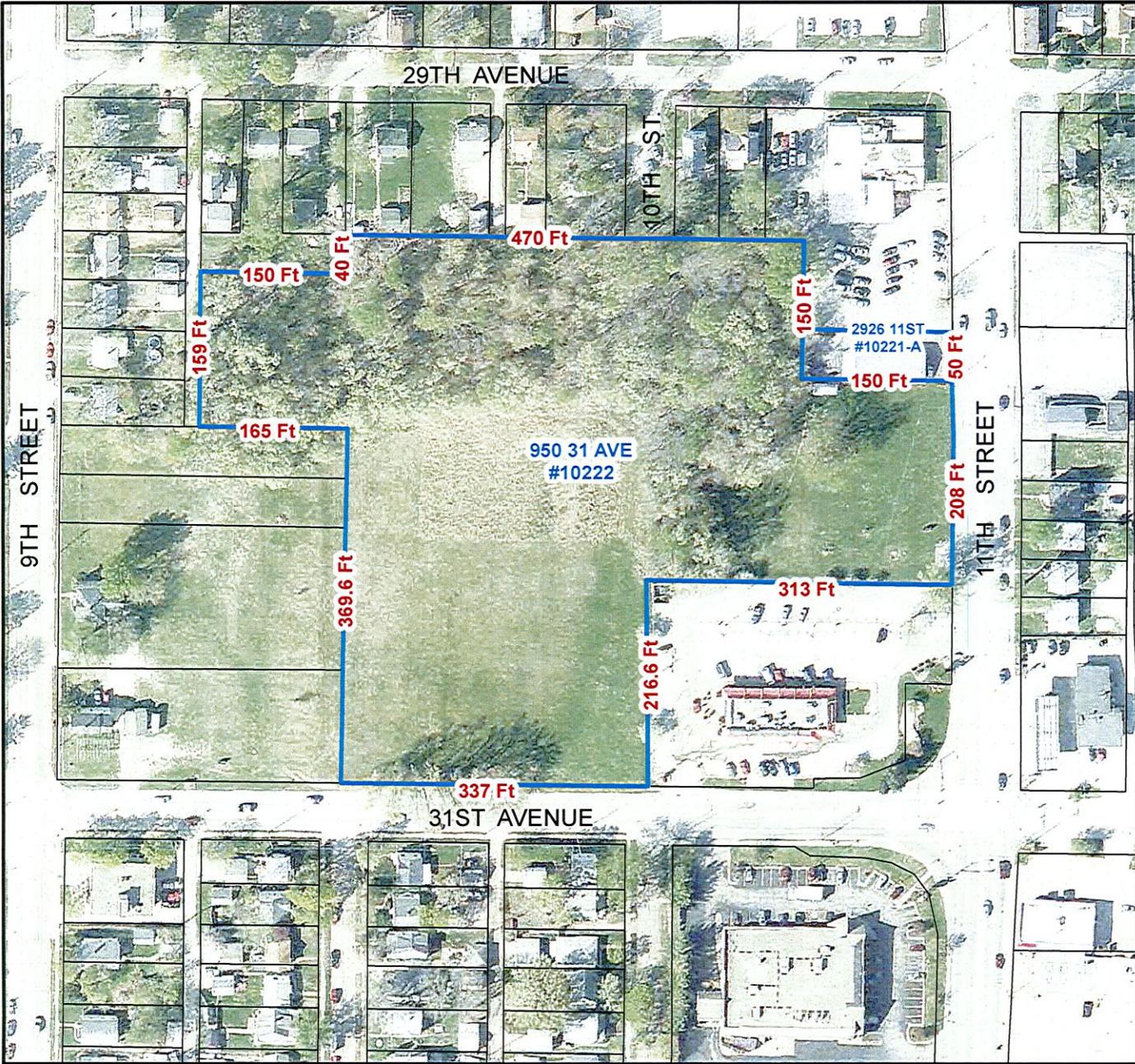
The Community and Economic Development Department recommends that Council approve the conveyance of the property described in the 2001 Affidavit of Adverse Possession Claim to Tom and Irita DeCrane, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents, and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

**Submitted by:** Mary Chappell, Development Programs Manager  
Jeffery Eder, Community & Economic Development Director

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**Approved:** Thomas Thomas

# LOCATION MAP



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**Legend**

-  Parcels
-  Subject Properties



0 50 100 200 300 Feet

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