

MEMORANDUM

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

TO: John C. Phillips, City Manager

SUBJECT: Sale of City Owned Property at 1319 6th Avenue

DATE: 9/15/11

Staff has been working with Salvador Abarca regarding the purchase of the city lot to the east of his property at 1319 6th Avenue. The City acquired the 24' x 100' lot via a donation in May of 1973. Mr. Abarca is asking to purchase the lot as he has been maintaining the property for many years. He would like to create a garden and use the additional land as a play area for his grandchildren. In addition, he hopes to eventually place a fence around the property. A copy of his letter of request and a location map have been provided for your review.

City property disposition policies state a letter must be sent to the property owner on the opposite side of the city parcel to see if there is any interest in the property. The adjacent property owner on the east side was contacted and expressed no interest in the lot.

Staff recommends the sale of this lot as it will return a narrow parcel to active use and to the tax rolls. Mr. Abarca is prepared to cover all of the involved costs associated with the sale of the lot. The total cost to purchase is estimated at \$600.00

Recommendation

Staff recommends that City Council approve the sale of the city lot at 1319 5th Avenue to the adjacent property owner based on the above conditions, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents and refer to the City Attorney for and ordinance.

Submitted by: Mary Chappell, Land & Development Programs Coordinator
Greg Champagne, Community & Economic Development Director

Approved:

Thursday, May 05, 2011

Mary M. Chappell

Land and Development Program Coordinator

Community and Economic Development Department

1528 Third Avenue

Rock Island, IL 61201-8678

Dear Mary,

I received your letter informing me of the process to proceed with my interest in purchasing the vacant lot at 1319 6th Avenue, Rock Island, which is adjacent to my property at 1317 6th Avenue. This letter is to reaffirm my interest in purchasing the lot and to outline how I intend to use the property. There are several reasons for my interest. I would like to dig and maintain a garden on this lot. When my grandchildren come to visit me they would have more space to play in and, by maintaining and beautifying this property, they will have a secure and pleasant area to enjoy the outdoors in and my neighborhood would benefit aesthetically. Purchasing this property is also a matter of safety for me and my family. Not long ago my car was stolen from my driveway and found a few blocks away, abandoned and totaled. By buying this property, I will be able to legally take care of this vacant lot and in the future erect a fence that will not only improve my home but provide greater security for my possessions and my family members. This would be a great and wonderful thing and I look forward to hearing from you and from the City Council about whether I am able to proceed with my dreams and plans for the lot. Thank you for your time and consideration.

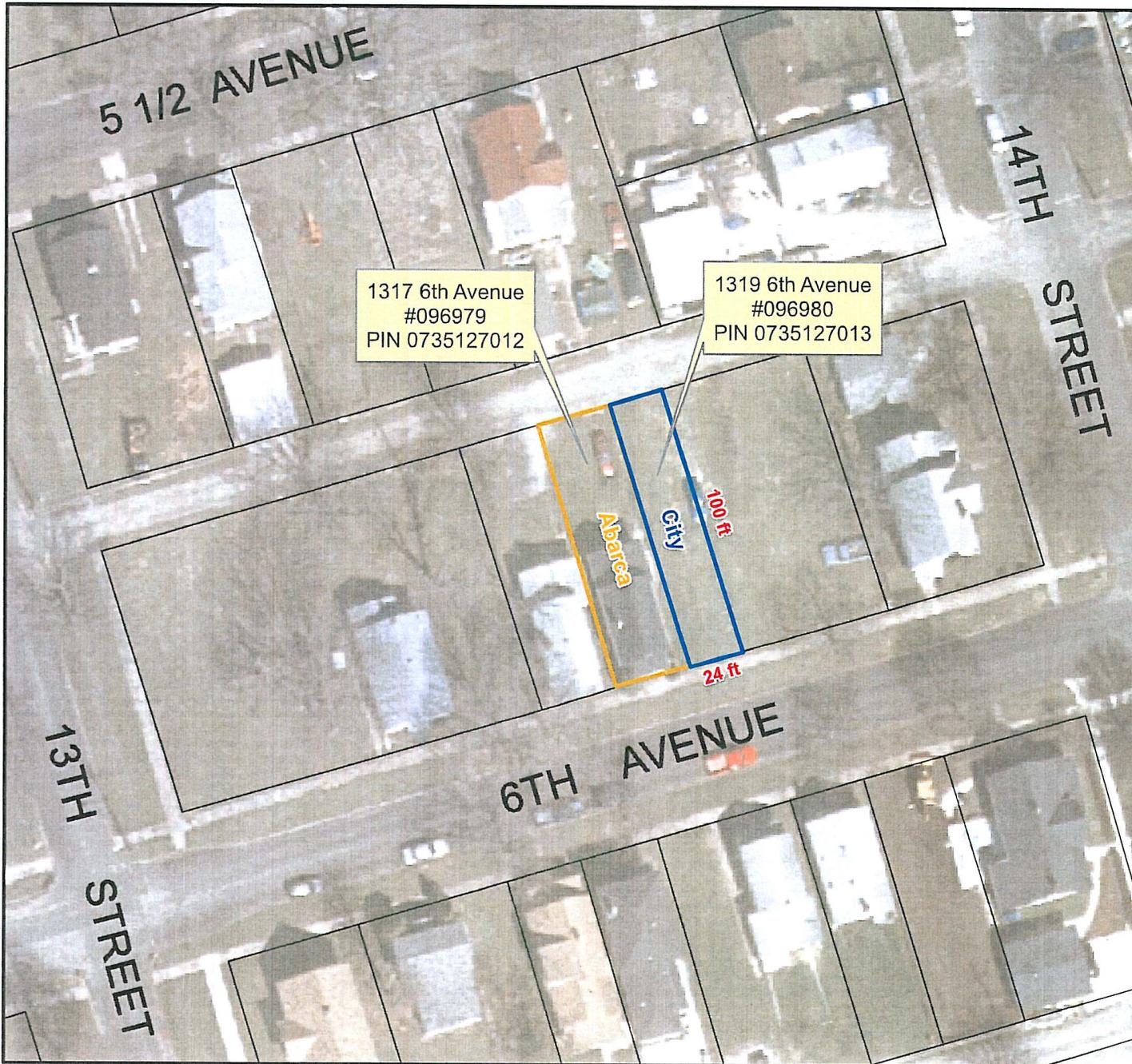
Sincerely,

Salvador Abarca

1317 6th Avenue

Rock Island, IL 61201

LOCATION MAP



AERIAL LOCATION MAP

1319 6th Avenue

 Subject Property

* Note: Aerial Flown April 2005



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Feet

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