



**City of Auburn
City Council Information Sheet**

Council Workshop or Meeting Date: Workshop, August 7th, 2023

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Subject: PAL Update/Order discontinuance of 250+/- Chestnut Street as a city street/LWCF Land Swap

Information: Schematic Design/PAL Update (14,258 SF) by Austin Smith from Simons Architects and Megan McDevitt from Woodard and Curran.

City Staff is requesting the city to discontinue 250' +/- of Chestnut Street/Public Way, as a City Street, to provide a more robust site plan that puts youth safety playing outdoors at the pinnacle for total development of the new PAL Center (Updates Attached). The discontinuance of the "town way" will follow the Title 23, Part 3, Chapter 304 §3026-A, 1-6 as required and applies. Chestnut street was recorded as a named street in Council Records 11-350 (9/10/1923) & 11-485 (2/16/1925).

The street has been designed to be discontinued to create pedestrian connectivity for Union Street Gully Park that will link 6.1 acres of the upper section to the 2.7 acres of the lower section without vehicular traffic for greater safety and more flexibility for the total buildout of the PAL building and the associated features surrounding the site development.

Other associated tasks include providing continuance of public utilities as Title 23, Part 3, Chapter 304 §3026-A, (6) and identifying a portion (s) of that land to be converted to Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Property or out of LWCF property.

City Budgetary Impacts: Survey and Yellow Book Appraisal work. \$15,000

Staff Recommended Action: Move the request through public notice, and city council approval to accept the discontinuance a section (250' +/-)of Chestnut Street upon positive recommendation by City of Auburn Planning Board. Move PAL design to Design Development and move the LWCF swap forward.

Previous Meetings and History: N/A

City Manager Comments:

I concur with the recommendation. Signature: _____

Attachments: Site plan