



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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Memorandum

To: Housing Rehabilitation Review Board
From: Dawn Reinhart
Date: 03/03//2017
Re: Discussion on 500 Block of Kane St



The owner of 525 Kane St understands their rental unit is passed its life. It is at the point where they are unable to fix it up and maintain a profit. He will be forced to sell the property. The owner of 1003 Island St contacted Staff in October with the same dilemma. Staff understands that this block is greatly impacted by the floodplain. While Staff has no intentions of redeveloping on 525 Kane St or 1003 Island St, this is an opportunity to start formulating a master plan.

Staff has consulted Engineering, Water and the Parks Departments in regards to their opinion. They do see the benefit of securing the parcels for future redevelopment. There is no immediate benefit to acquiring the land as redevelopment will be delayed until a master plan is in place and redevelopment of infrastructure can occur. Parks and Engineering will assist Staff in repurposing the land into water retention areas, potential rain gardens and edible landscaping (staff would attempt to locate a sponsor such as Kane St Garden, the School District, Hillview Agriculture, etc.)

Other considerations:

- Parks will be removing the playground equipment from South Goose Green Park due to increased safety standards, unsure on the time frame.
- Parks has expressed their interest in renovating Goose Green Park, they are waiting for funding to start the planning process.
- Planning is working with Impact 7 to develop a mix income affordable housing development on the former Kane St Gardens (733 Kane St)