

**Addenda  
Minnetonka City Council Meeting  
Meeting of October 4, 2021**

**ITEM 10D – Resolution opening a portion of Oric Avenue**

The attached correspondence was received after distribution of the packet.



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**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Will Manchester, Public Works Director  
**DATE:** Oct. 4, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** Change Memo for Oct. 4, 2021 City Council Meeting

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**Subject:** FW: Opening the right of way on Oric Ave. for use as an access trail to Lake Rose Park North

**From:** B.B.

**Sent:** Saturday, October 2, 2021 8:22 AM

**To:** Brad Wiersum; Deborah Calvert; Susan Carter; Brian Kirk; Rebecca Schack; Bradley Schaeppi; Kissy Coakley

**Subject:** Opening the right of way on Oric Ave. for use as an access trail to Lake Rose Park North

Dear Mayor Wiersum and Members of the City Council:

My name is Bernard Bartfeld and I write in support of the of City Council Resolution to open the right of way on Oric Ave (10/4/21 City Council Agenda Item D). I also support compensating the property owner for the cost of the arborvitaes she had to plant adjacent to the right of way to ensure her privacy and prevent trespass to her property after the right of way is opened.

I live just kitty-corner from the right of way. It has traditionally been our neighborhood's path to Lake Rose Park North. Safe, easy access to the park is one of the big reasons I decided to move into the neighborhood in 2006. Before the property owner blocked the right of way, I used it to walk to the park at least once a week. I have also used it to access Lake Rose itself, so I could walk on it when it was frozen over. The new trail along the water and the remediation of buckthorn and other invasive species has made the park even more appealing. Over the years, the park has greatly contributed to my neighbors' and my quality of life, and I very much miss its beauty.

The Oric Ave. right of way to Lake Rose Park North has become even more important to my neighbors and me since the Covid-19 lock-down, with many of us working from home. The only other access is through Randall Lane, which requires either a drive or a long, unsafe walk in the traffic of Excelsior Blvd., which has no sidewalks. For the safety and happiness of myself, my neighbors and the rest of Minnetonka, I hope that we will once again be able to walk into the park from Oric Ave.

I therefore urge the City Council to open the Oric Ave. right-of-way.

Sincerely,

Bernard Bartfeld  
15520 Oric Ave.  
Minnetonka