



Memorandum

TO: Vail Town Council

FROM: Community Development Department

DATE: October 16, 2018

SUBJECT: Proposed Meditation Garden in the Vicinity of 19 Vail Road (vail Chapel),
Permission to Proceed

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

Pastor Tim Wilbanks, President of the Vail Religious Foundation, requests permission to proceed through the Design Review process for a prayer/meditation garden to be located on Town of Vail property (Tract J, Vail Village Filing No. 1), adjacent to the Vail Interfaith Chapel at 19 Vail Road. The applicant requests permission to proceed through the Design Review Board process and, if approved, enter into a license agreement with the Town of Vail for the improvement. The proposed improvement would be located on the northwest part of tract

It should be noted that the Vail Town Council is not being asked to approve the improvements, their location or design, but rather to authorize the applicant to move forward with a planning application that utilizes town owned property for semi-private uses.

II. BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL

The Vail Interfaith Chapel was constructed in 1968 with the dedication of the Chapel occurring in November of 1969. In 1998, the Planning and Environmental Commission (PEC), following an approval from the Town Council to proceed through the process, approved a conditional use permit for an expansion that encroaches onto the adjacent town owned property. As part of this review, it was discovered that an existing portion of the original chapel also encroaches onto town property.

There has been confusion in the past related to Tract J, the Town-owned property immediately to the south of the Chapel property. Tract J is not part of the Streamtract parcel but is rather a separate parcel, zoned General Use, as shown on the map below.



This map, without the zoning layer, shows the relationship of the Chapel parcel, Tract J and the Streamtract.



Please refer to the applicant's narrative (Attachment A), site photos (Attachment B) and an exhibit that demonstrates the existing encroachments into Tract J (Attachment C), included for reference.

The project is not currently scheduled for review by the Design Review Board. Review is anticipated later this fall.

III. ACTION REQUESTED

The Community Development Department requests that the Town Council evaluate the proposal to utilize Town of Vail property for the purpose of a prayer/meditation garden. This utilization of Town of Vail property would be subject to the terms of a license agreement and could be discontinued if required to do so.

The Community Development Department recommends that the Vail Town Council instructs Town Staff to:

- Sign the development application on behalf of the property owner and permit the project to proceed through the development review process for the proposed improvement.

IV. ATTACHMENTS

- A. Applicant's narrative
- B. Property photos
- C. Exhibit of existing encroachments