



# City Council Report

**Date:** October 2, 2017  
**To:** City Council  
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**Subject:** Abandon portions of right-of-way at Riverview Park  
2100 West Rio Salado Parkway  
Council District 1

## Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to consider staff's recommendation to abandon five small portions of right-of-way (ROW) at Riverview Park to accommodate new directional signage for the Chicago Cubs' training facility located at 2100 West Rio Salado Parkway. Four of the areas are located on Rio Salado Parkway, and the fifth area is located near the intersection of Riverview Auto Drive and Cubs Way.

## Background

Right-of-way is dedicated to the City of Mesa for the construction of roads to be used by the public. When a portion of the ROW is no longer needed, or conflicts with new development, the City Council may abandon the ROW to accommodate development. Per Mesa Zoning Ordinance 11-41-8(C)1.F, signs are not permitted in the ROW. To abandon ROW, City Council must approve a Resolution to abandon such ROW, and the ROW will revert back to the City's ownership.

## Discussion

The Cubs' monument signs were part of the original stadium design but were never constructed or installed. The Contractor and the Cubs organization agreed that the signs would be re-considered at a later date after all costs were reconciled. Earlier this year, the Chicago Cubs approached the Parks Department and requested the signage be constructed and installed.

**Alternatives**

An alternative is to not abandon the portions of ROW in question. Choosing this alternative will result in the Chicago Cubs not being able to enhance the directional signage at Riverview Park.

**Fiscal Impact**

There is no fiscal impact to the City with this request.

**Coordinated With**

The Engineering, Parks, Water Resources, Energy Resources, Planning and Development Services, and Transportation Department, along with outside utility companies, concur with this request.