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Monday, August 20, 2018

Re: <u>Bill 18-0394 A bill for an ordinance vacating a portion of the alley bounded by Cedar</u>
Avenue, South Birch Street and Leetsdale Drive, with reservations.

Dear Members of Council,

I write to provide a brief update regarding tonight's first reading of Bill 18-0394. This firm represents Garrett Gidley (260 Leetsdale Dr.), who maintains his opposition to this vacation ordinance request.

Following the initial May 1, 2018 LUTI Committee meeting on this matter, counsel for vacation requestors David and Susan White invited Garrett to propose settlement terms. Garrett did so in a detailed and comprehensive proposal dated May 10, 2018. The Whites and their counsel (the Whites' counsel now also represents the Hamrick family (222 Leetsdale Dr.) and Paul Balstad (229 S. Birch St) for the purposes of settlement attempts among the neighbors) failed to respond to this proposal until more than three months later on Friday August 17, 2018, a mere three days before tonight's first reading. Attached to the August 17, 2018 response and counteroffer was a map dated June 26, 2018, which contained outdated and incorrect information. For your convenience, please see the attached **Exhibit 1** (an updated approximation of current property boundaries). We find it extremely problematic that the Whites, Hamricks, and Balstad provided us with only a single weekend to review and respond to this inaccurate material before tonight's first reading. We have also learned that Amy Kuark and Andrew Heher (4234 E. Cedar Ave.) have similarly been kept in the dark about the mechanics of a possible vacation.

As such, the LUTI Committee's two main concerns that existed on May 15, 2018 – alley access and how title might vest upon vacation – remain unaddressed.

In the most recent communications over the weekend with counsel for the Whites, Hamricks, and Balstad, we have emphatically reiterated that Garrett is not interested in a windfall of cash or property. Garrett simply wants safe access to his property through the alley, just as the Whites and the Hamricks are able to enjoy, and which Garrett would be able to construct but for the fact that his access to the public right of way has been blocked by his neighbors' illegal encroachments. See the attached **Exhibit 2** (the approximate extent of Garrett's proposed easement). Garrett's only current vehicle access is off of Leetsdale Dr., and is the nearest driveway to the busy and dangerous Leetsale Dr.-Alameda Ave. intersection, and automobile collisions frequently occur at his driveway entrance. See the attached **Exhibit 3** for documentation of some of these recent collisions.

Garrett and I will be in attendance at the first reading of Bill 18-0394 this evening. We ask that you reject this proposed Bill, or reserve a public access easement so that Garrett can construct and use a narrow driveway through the alley. This easement would provide a solution to all questions of access that troubled the Committee. We are happy to answer any of your questions during tonight's meeting.

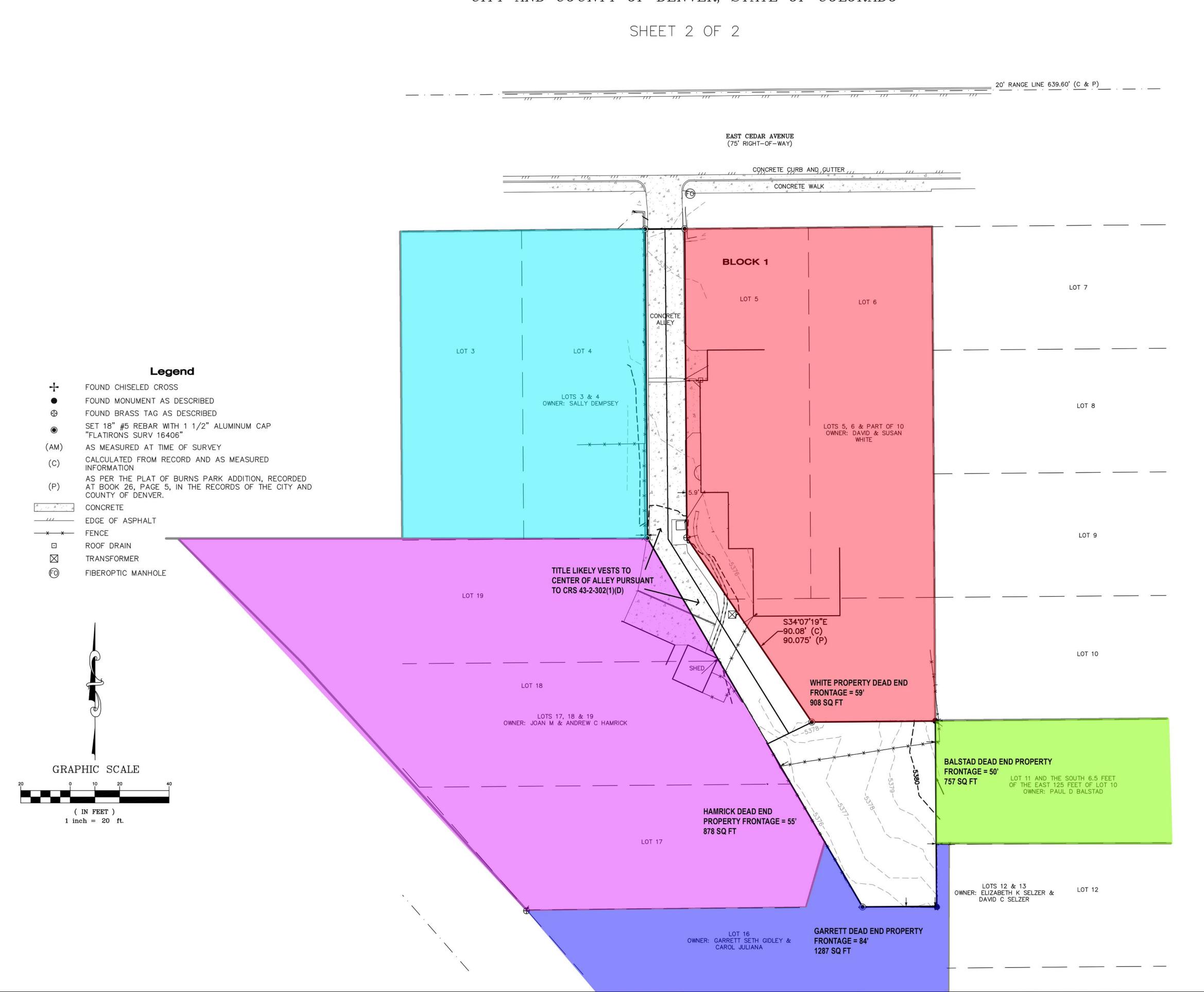
Sincerely,

KAPLAN & ASSOCIATES LLC Joshua R. Kruger, Esq. Associate Attorney

IMPROVEMENT SURVEY PLAT

Exhibit 1

THE ALLEYWAY WITHIN BLOCK 1, BURNS PARK ADDITION SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 67 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER, STATE OF COLORADO



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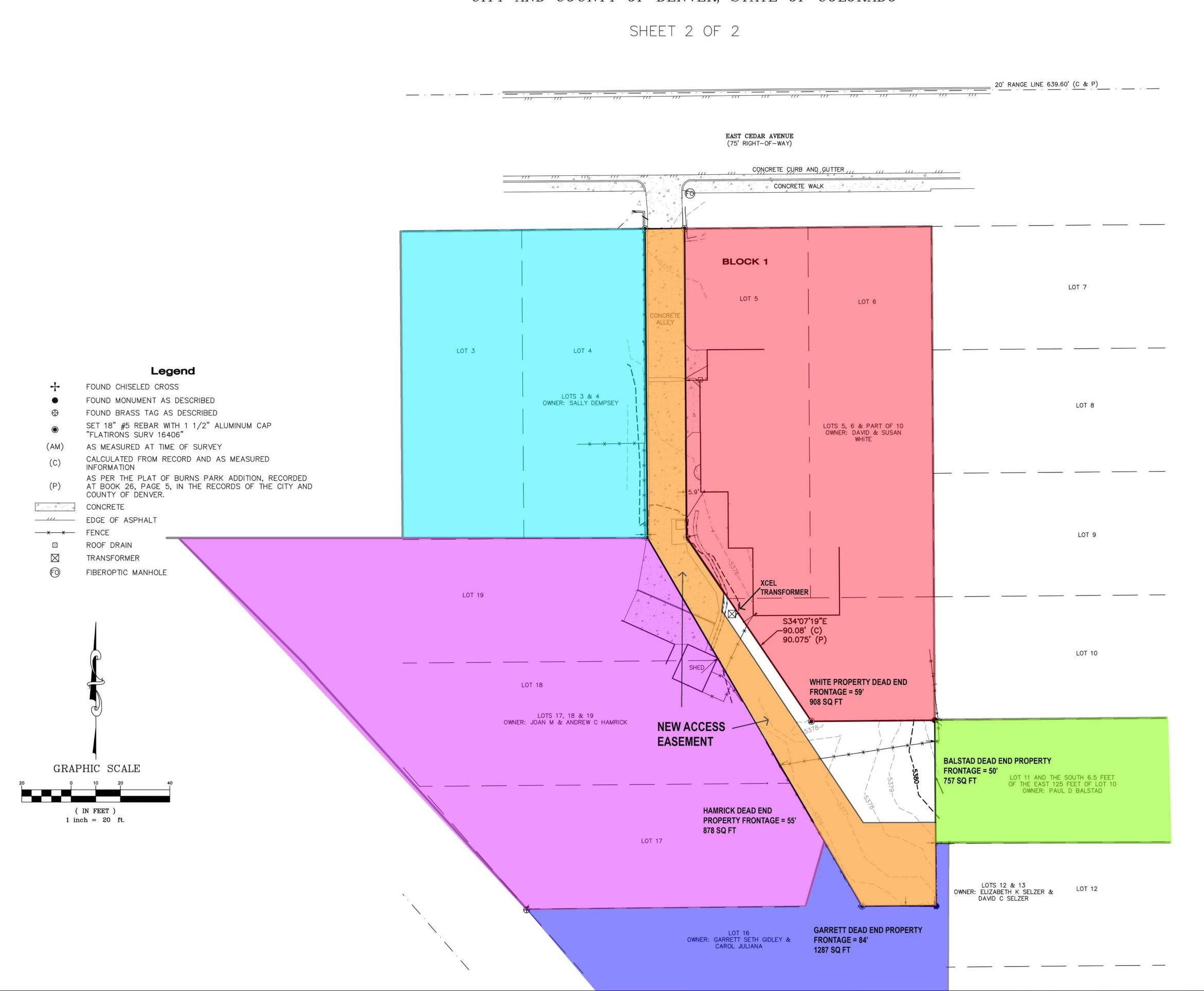
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