

TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION
Meeting Date: July 12, 2010

SUBJECT: Request from The Swannanoa Valley Historical & Preservation Association, Inc., for the release of easement in alleyway.

AGENDA INFORMATION

Agenda Location:	New Business
Item Number:	9-B
Department:	Board of Aldermen
Contact:	Wendell Begley, Chair, Swannanoa Valley Museum Jill Jones, Executive Director, Swannanoa Valley Museum
Presenter:	Ron Sneed, Town Attorney

BRIEF SUMMARY: The real property upon which the present museum sits, together with the alleyway lying east of the museum and a portion of the parking area behind the museum, was conveyed by the Town to the Swannanoa Valley Historical & Preservation Association, Inc., in September, 2000. The Town reserved easements for pedestrian and vehicular traffic and parking in all portions of the property that were paved. The museum wishes to expand and enlarge the building by constructing a new main entrance into the paved alleyway that lies east of the building between the Museum and the Dripolator. The museum has requested that the town release the reserved easement to accommodate their capital improvement plans, which would result in permanent closure of pedestrian or vehicular access.

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION: To release and convey to the Swannanoa Valley Historical & Preservation Association, Inc., that portion of the property lying between the existing museum building and the property of Joseph Laudenslayer that houses the Dripolator and Cutting Crew.

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Deed to the Swannanoa Valley Historical & Preservation Assoc., Inc., dated 9/20/2000
Copy of portion of survey showing alley
Instrument to release easement
Renderings of proposed new entrance to museum (front & rear elevations)

MANAGER'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Town staff has found no reason from a utility or service standpoint to be concerned about potential new construction and release of this easement, however care should be taken to ensure that construction does not obstruct any underground utilities, which might exist in the area, particularly any services associated with the adjacent Arts Center (a Town-owned building).