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City Plan Commission

February 4, 1957.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen — Recently this office made a recommendation to your Honorable Body to set aside a strip of land from the east boundary of the Oakwood Playfield for widening the existing 9 foot alley between Oakwood and Sanders to a width of 20 feet. This property was under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks and Recreation. This proposal was referred back to the City Plan Commission to make a report relative to a 1 foot "spite strip" which is located adjacent to the existing 9 foot alley in this block.

Investigation discloses that the original title holder of this parcel is deceased and that this strip is not

listed on the tax rolls. Discussions have been held with the Corporation Counsel's office relative to steps that might be taken to obtain this property under public ownership. That office advises that the only positive way to do this is through condemnation proceedings. It is the further opinion of the Corporation Counsel that the municipality has obtained some rights to this parcel of land through using it for public travel.

It is extremely doubtful if anyone will claim the title to this property or contest its use as a public alley. It also appears that because of the uncertainty of the title and the cost of acquiring this property through condemnation procedure, that it would be difficult to justify proceeding in this fashion. In the event that some of the heirs of the former

owner would contest the use of this property as a public alley, it is the opinion of the Corporation Counsel that the city might receive a favorable opinion from the courts to the effect that this property is a part of a public alley because of its long usage for that purpose.

The City Plan Commission therefore recommends that your Honorable Body take the action, as recommended in our communication of June 23, 1955, to set aside sufficient land from the Oakwood Playfield to make the north/south alley between Oakwood and Sanders a uniform width of 20 feet, as shown on City Plan Commission drawing No. 600-459.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES A. BLESSING,
 Director-Secretary.

By Councilman Wise:

Resolved, That sufficient land be and is hereby allocated from the Oakwood Playfield to make the north-south alley between Oakwood and Sanders Ave., a uniform width of 20 ft. in accordance with City Plan Commission Plan No. 600-459.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Lincoln, Rogell, Smith, Wise, Youngblood, and President Pro Tem Beck—6.

Nays—None.

Detroit Housing Commission

January 10, 1957.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—We have recently received approval to prepare the Final Project Report for the Lafayette Project, Michigan R-12.

A land acquisition appraisal report is an integral part of this final project report. The Detroit Housing Commission, at its meeting of Thursday, January 3, 1957, approved the entering into a contract for a land acquisition appraisal with Mr. Frank R. Walsh for the sum of \$17,000.00, the work to be accomplished within 60 days.

Will you, therefore, approve the entering into of this proposed land acquisition contract with the aforementioned party and authorize the City Controller to honor vouchers when submitted.

Respectfully submitted,
HARRY J. DURBIN,
 Director-Secretary.

By Councilman Rogell:

Resolved, That the Detroit Housing Commission be and the same is hereby authorized to enter into a land acquisition appraisal contract for the Lafayette Redevelopment with Mr. Frank R. Walsh for the sum of \$17,000, and be it further

Resolved, That the City Controller be and he is hereby authorized to honor vouchers when presented, in

accordance with the foregoing communication.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Lincoln, Rogell, Smith, Wise, Youngblood, and President Pro Tem Beck—6.

Nays—None.

Reconsideration

Councilman Youngblood moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopted.

Councilman Rogell moved to suspend Rule 23 for the purpose of indefinitely postponing the motion to reconsider, which motion prevailed as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Lincoln, Rogell, Smith, Wise, Youngblood, and President Pro Tem Beck—6.

Nays—None.

Councilman Lincoln then moved that the motion to reconsider be indefinitely postponed, which motion prevailed.

The regular order was resumed.

Detroit Housing Commission

January 21, 1957.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—Under date of December 12, 1956, the Housing Commission approved the entering into of a land acquisition appraisal contract for the Mack-Concord Conservation Project, Mich. R-1, with Messrs. H. Normile Baylis and Daniel J. Horgan, a partnership listed under the firm name of the Detroit Real Estate Company. This action was subsequently approved by your Honorable Body.

However, prior to the actual signing of the appraisal contract, one of the partners, H. Normile Baylis, died, thus dissolving the partnership.

The Housing Commission at its meetings of Thursday, January 17, recommended entering into a new appraisal contract with the surviving partner, Daniel J. Horgan who proposed to carry out the terms of the original contract according to Federal specifications for the sum of \$18,000.00.

We request approval of your Honorable Body to enter into this land acquisition appraisal contract with Mr. Daniel J. Horgan for the sum of \$18,000.00 and authorize the City Controller to honor vouchers when submitted.

Respectfully submitted,
HARRY J. DURBIN,
 Director-Secretary.

Approved:

J. H. WITHERSPOON, Controller.

By Councilman Rogell:

Resolved, That the Detroit Housing Commission be and the same is hereby authorized to enter into a land acquisition appraisal contract with Mr. Daniel J. Horgan for the sum of \$18,000, and be it further

Resolved, That the City Controller be and he is hereby authorized to