

Detroit Housing Commission

March 12, 1953.

Re: Vacation of Streets and Alleys,
Parcel 12, Gratiot Project.
Site of Neuro-Psychiatric Clinic.
Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen — We have received a request from the State of Michigan for the vacation of Monroe and Macomb Streets and adjoining alleys in Parcel 12 of the Gratiot Project.

Present plans call for ground breaking ceremonies for the construction of the Detroit Neuro - Psychiatric Clinic and Hospital not later than the week of March 23-28, and the vacations requested will assist in the subsequent building program.

We are enclosing a Parcel Plan of the Gratiot Project, previously approved by your Honorable Body, showing the location of Parcel 12 and the streets and alleys in question.

We, therefore, respectfully request the vacation of Monroe and Macomb Streets and the adjoining alleys from Rivard Street west to the easterly limits of the proposed Hastings Expressway with provision being made for the retention of easements in keeping with the Redevelopment Plan for the Gratiot Project Area.

In order to expedite this work, we respectfully request waiver of reconsideration.

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

By Councilman Smith:

Resolved, That all that part of Macomb and Monroe Aves., west of Rivard Street, and all that part of the east-west alleys south of Macomb and Monroe Avenues, as platted in plat of the subn. of the Louis Moran Farm as recorded in Liber 55, Pages 243 and 244 of Deeds, Wayne County Records, and in plat of that part of Claim No. 181, North of Jefferson Ave. for the heirs of Antoine Rivard, as recorded in Liber 12, Pages 348, 349, 350, and 351 City Records and Probate File No. 988, Wayne County Records, lying west of the west line of Rivard Street, as now established, and east of the east line of the Hastings Expressway, as proposed, said last described line also being the west line of the Neuro-Psychiatric Clinic and Hospital Site. Be and the same are hereby vacated as public streets and alleys to become a part and parcel of the adjoining property, subject to the following provisions:

1) An easement or right-of-way is hereby reserved in and over said vacated streets and alleys for the City Departments whose installations are affected by the vacation thereof until such time as the removal or re-routing of such installations is necessary.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Councilmen Beck, Connor, Garlick, Kronk, Rogell, Smith, Van Antwerp, Youngblood, and President Miriani—9.

Nays—None.

Department of Public Works

April 17, 1953.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee of the Whole referred to this office for investigation and report the petition of Walter Inscho, et al (No. 992) requesting the conversion into an easement of Wilcox Ave., between Artesian and Brace Avenues. The vacation of said street and the conversion of it into an easement was previously approved by the City Plan Commission.

We wish to advise that our investigations are completed.

As per our directive, on April 17, 1953, the petitioners deposited with the Permit Division of the Department of Public Works the sum of \$216.00. Receipt No. 44411, said amount being the estimated cost of installing new curb and sidewalk, where required, at the intersection of the street to be vacated.

All other City departments and privately owned utility companies reported that they will be unaffected by the conversion of said street into an easement.

We recommend the adoption of the attached resolution.

Respectfully submitted,
CARL D. WARNER,
Commissioner.

By Councilman Smith:

Resolved, That all that part of Wilcox Ave., 25 ft. wide as now established, between Artesian and Brace Aves., as platted in Hitchman's Warrenlawn Sub. as recorded in Liber 39, Page 93 of plats, Wayne County Records lying south of and adjoining the south line of lots 22, 23, 66, and 67 of last mentioned subn., excepting that portion of said Wilcox Ave. which lies south of and adjoins the north-south alleys between lots 22 and 23, and between lots 66 and 67, (petition of Walter Inscho, No. 992), be and the same is vacated as public street and is hereby converted into public easements of the full width of the street which easements shall be subject to the following covenants, agreements, uses, reservations and regulations which shall be observed by the owners of the lots abutting on said street and by their grantees and assigns, and their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever, to wit:

First, said owners hereby grant to and for the use of the public an easement or right-of-way over said vacated public street hereinabove described, for the purpose of installing, maintaining, repairing, removing or replacing any sewer conduit, tele-

phone, telegraph, electric light or other poles or things usually placed or installed in a public alley in the City of Detroit, with the right to ingress and egress at any time to and over said easements for the purposes above set forth;

Second, said owners for their heirs and assigns further agree that no buildings or structures of any nature whatsoever (except necessary line fences) shall be built or placed upon said easements, unless permission therefor is obtained from the City Engineer;

Third, that if at any time in the future the owners of any lots abutting on said vacated street shall request the removal and/or relocation of any existing poles or other utilities in said easements, such owners upon whose property the poles or other utilities are located shall pay all costs incident to such removal and/or relocation, unless such charges are waived by the utility owners.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Beck, Connor, Garlick, Kronk, Rogell, Smith, Van Antwerp, Youngblood, and President Miriani—9.

Nays—None.

Department of Public Works

April 17, 1953.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—We return herewith two petitions and a letter, requesting the forced construction of sidewalks at the following described locations:

Walter J. Pawley (5251), 18910 Alstead—

Lot 822, exc. 7 Mile Rd. as wd., W.S. Moross bet. Alstead and Rockcastle, Side on Alstead only; 100 lineal feet.

Lots 828-834 incl., S.S. Alstead bet. Canyon and Moross, Fronts only; 276.63 lineal feet.

Lot 835, S.S. Alstead bet. Canyon and Moross, Front and Side on Canyon; 140 lineal feet.

Mrs. E. Ternes (5409), 19126 Tyrone Ave.—

Lots 902-906 incl. and S. 10 ft. of vac. alley adj., exc. 7 Mile Rd. as wd., N.S. Chester bet. Kingsville and Moross, Side on Moross only; 110 lineal feet.

Lot 896 and N. 10 ft. of vac. alley S. and adj. and E. 9 ft. of vac. alley W. and adj.; 9 ft. Easement only; S.S. Cheshire bet. Moross and Kingsville; 9 lineal feet.

E. 41.12 ft. of Lots 899, 898, 897 and W. 9 ft. of vac. alley adj., Fronts and Side on Cheshire; 160.12 lineal feet.

Ralpn Seltzer, et al (5250), 2200 Natl. Bank Bldg.—

Lots 51 and 52, E.S. Braille bet. Patton Ct. and Capitol; construct public walkway bet. sd. lots on sides of sd. lots; 140 lineal feet.

Lots 29 and 30, W.S. Patton bet. Capitol and Patton Ct.; construct public walkway bet. sd. lots on sides of sd. lots; 140.92 lineal feet.

There is approximately 1,076.67 lineal feet of concrete sidewalks to be constructed; the approximate cost of this new local improvement would be \$2,325.61, the cost and expense to be assessed against the lots or parcels of real estate to be benefited by such local improvement, in proportion to the probable benefits to be derived therefrom.

As these are original sidewalks and can only be ordered constructed by a formal resolution as a forced account under the provisions of Chapter 264, as amended May 3, 1949, of the Compiled Ordinances, we recommend the adoption of the attached resolution.

Respectfully submitted,
NEAL CUTLIFF, Secretary.

Department of Public Works

April 20, 1953.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—We return herewith the petition of Mr. J. M. Rosenberg, (5170), wherein he requests forced construction of sidewalks on the west side of West Parkway between Joy Road and Chicago Boulevard.

Our inspector has checked the affecting conditions in this block and reports that, at the present, the situation is as follows: Only three houses in entire block. No new construction undertaken as yet. Unpaved street. Rouge River runs through this street east to west. Grade very bad (will be established shortly by City Engineer, however). Trees to be removed. Large banks of earth to be cut down. Low spots requiring fill sand.

This Department is able to cope with the grade problem but due to the necessity for tree removal and extensive grading operations, we cannot undertake the work at a flat price per sq. ft. as in ordinary instances. The cost of the above-mentioned operation would have to be charged for extra to the individual property owners, including the petitioner.

We therefore recommend the adoption of the attached resolution with the proviso that this Department be permitted to hold up the new work construction orders until such time as there are more buildings erected in this block and a definite grade is established by the City Engineer.

Respectfully submitted,
NEAL CUTLIFF,
Secretary.

By Councilman Smith:

The Common Council of the City of Detroit deems it necessary to construct or reconstruct cement or concrete sidewalks, crosswalks, or driveways, upon the descriptions of property heretofore described in the above set forth communications, therefore;

Resolved, That The Department of Public Works be and is hereby instructed to serve notices upon the