

**City Council
Historic Designation
Advisory Board**

October 25, 1993

Honorable City Council:

Re: Extension of the period of study for the proposed West Corktown Historic District.

The Advisory Board has resumed its study of the proposed designation of the West Corktown area after the matter was laid on the table by the Advisory Board for some years because conflict with the old Master Plan made it impossible to proceed.

With the resumption of active study, it has become apparent that the long period during which this matter was inactive means that community information efforts and community discussion done previously are largely forgotten and must be repeated.

To allow for these essential community efforts, an extension of the study period is necessary. A resolution of extension is attached for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM M. WORDEN
Staff Director

By Council Member Hood:

Be It Resolved, That in accordance with the provision of the 1984 Detroit City Code, Chapter 25-2-4(1)(a) and 25-2-4(b), the City Council hereby extends the period of study of the proposed West Corktown Historic District by the Historic Designation Advisory Board, and that such period of study shall be extended through December 31, 1994.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Council Members Butler, Cleveland, Eberhard, Everett, Hill, Hood, Kelley, Ravitz, and President Mahaffey — 9.

Nays — None.

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Honorable City Council:

Re: Petition #2608, Zion Lutheran Church requesting historic designation.

The congregation of Zion Lutheran Church petitioned Council seeking historic designation in December 1988, and that request has now risen to the top of the list of pending requests for designation. The Advisory Board is prepared to carry out a study of this proposal if City Council so desires, and a draft resolution directing such a study is attached for your consideration.

Reasonable grounds appear to be present in the fact that this building is listed on the State Register of Historic Sites.

If Council directs a study, two ad hoc members must be appointed to the Advisory Board in connection with that study. This staff is consulting with the pastor of Zion Lutheran Church to identify two suggested appointees.

If there are questions, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM M. WORDEN
Staff Director

By Council Member Hood:

Whereas, The City Council has received a request to designate Zion Lutheran Church at 4305 Military Avenue as an historic district, and

Whereas, The City Council finds that there are reasonable grounds for such a request,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the City Council hereby directs the Historic Designation Advisory Board, a study committee, to conduct studies to determine whether the above-mentioned property meets the criteria for historic designation and to issue appropriate reports in accordance with the Michigan Local Historic Districts Act and Chapter 25-2 of the City Code.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Council Members Butler, Cleveland, Eberhard, Everett, Hill, Hood, Kelley, Ravitz, and President Mahaffey — 9.

Nays — None.

City Engineering Department

October 18, 1993

Honorable City Council:

Re: Petition No. 3663. Conner Park Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. Alley to Easement, easterly part of the east-west public alley in the block bounded by Beniteau, Conner, the Ford Fwy., and Harper.

Petition No. 3663 of "Conner Park Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses" requests the conversion of the easterly part of the east-west public alley, 18 feet wide, in the block bounded by Beniteau and Conner Avenues, the Edsel Ford Freeway, and Harper Avenue.

A temporary public alley closing was previously granted by your Honorable Body on March 13, 1991 (J.C.C. pages 530-31; Petition No. 873). The permitted use has served the interim needs of the congregation. However, the petitioner has completed plans to redevelop the site by constructing a new meeting facility. It is necessary to vacate the referenced portion of public alley to consolidate the development parcel.

The requested conversion was approved by the Community and Economic Development Department and the Department of Public Works — Traffic Engineering. The petition was referred to

the City Engineering Department for investigation (utility clearances) and report. This is our report:

City departments and privately-owned utility companies have reported no objection to the conversion of public right-of-way into utility easement. Provisions protecting utility installations are part of the resolution.

An appropriate resolution, granting the petition, is attached for consideration by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully submitted,
CLYDE R. HOPKINS
 Director

By Council Member Everett:

Resolved, All that part of the east-west public alley, 18 feet wide, in the block bounded by Beniteau and Conner Avenues, the Edsel Ford Freeway, and Harper Avenue lying southerly of and abutting the south line of the east 1.00 foot of Lot 35; also lying southerly of and abutting the south line of Lots 29 thru 34; also lying northerly of the abutting the north line of Lot 28 of "E. W. Guenther's Subdivision of Lot 1 and part of Lot 2 of (the) Subdivision of St. Jean Farm, Private Claim 26, for the Estate of Henry Plass", City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan as recorded in Liber 39, Page 60, Plats, Wayne County Records;

Be and the same is hereby vacated as a public alley and is hereby converted into a public easement of the full width of the alley, which easement shall be subject to the following covenants and agreements, uses, reservations and regulations, which shall be observed by the owners of the lots abutting on said alley and by 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 alley herein above described for the purposes of maintaining, installing, repairing, removing, or replacing public utilities such as water mains, sewers, gas lines or mains, telephone, electric light conduits or 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 easement for the purpose above set forth,

Second, said utility easement or right-of-way in and over said vacated alley herein above described shall be forever accessible to the maintenance and inspection forces of the utility companies, or those specifically authorized by them, for the purpose of inspecting, installing, maintaining, repairing, removing, or replacing any sewer, conduit, water main, gas line or main, telephone or light pole or any utility facility placed or installed in the utility easement or right-of-way. The utility companies shall have

the right to cross or use the driveways and yards of the adjoining properties for ingress and egress at any time to and over said utility easement with any necessary equipment to perform the above-mentioned tasks, with the understanding that the utility companies shall use due care in such crossing or use, and that any property damaged by the utility companies, other than that specifically prohibited by this resolution, shall be restored to a satisfactory condition,

Third, said owners for their heirs and assigns further agree that no buildings or structures of any nature whatsoever including, but not limited to, concrete slabs or driveways, retaining or partition walls (except necessary line fence) shall be built or placed upon said easement, nor any change of surface grade made, without approval of the City Engineering Department,

Fourth, that if the owners of any lots abutting on said vacated alley shall request the removal and/or relocation of any existing poles or other utilities in said easement, such owners, shall pay all costs incidental to such removal and/or relocation, unless such charges are waived by the utility owners,

Fifth, that if any utility located in said property shall break or be damaged as a result of any action on the part of said owners or assigns (by way of illustration but not limitation) such as storage of excessive weights of materials or construction not in accordance with Section 3, mentioned above, then in such event said owners or assigns shall be liable for all costs incidental to the repair of such broken or damaged utility, and

Provided, That if it becomes necessary to remove the paved alley return (into the Edsel Ford Freeway Service Drive) at the entrance, such removal and construction of new curb and sidewalk shall be done under permits, inspection, and specifications of the Michigan Department of Transportation (if necessary) with all costs borne by the petitioner, their heirs or assigns; and further

Provided, That the City Clerk shall within 30 days, record a certified copy of this resolution with the Wayne County Register of Deeds.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Council Members Butler, Cleveland, Eberhard, Everett, Hill, Hood, Kelley, Ravitz, and President Mahaffey — 9.

Nays — None.

City Engineering Department
 October 18, 1993

Honorable City Council:
 Re: Petition No. 2600. Linwood —
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 Jehovah's Witnesses. Alley to