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17 degrees 21 minutes 55 seconds West 135.44 feet), distance of 138.09 feet, and South 27 degrees 05 minutes 5 seconds West 10.20 feet to the Point of Beginning. Together with a right to access for vehicular and pedestrian traffic as received in a certain Deed from Detroit Sulphite Pulp and Paper Company to Toledo, Canada Southern and Detroit Railway Company dated July 8, 1907 and recorded on December 8, 1907 in liber 878, page 83, Wayne County Records.

Not adopted as follows:

Yeas — Council Members S. Cockrel, Collins, Reeves, and Tinsley-Talabi — 4.

Nays — Council Members Jones, Kenyatta, Watson, Conyers, and President K. Cockrel, Jr. — 5.

Planning & Development Department

June 7, 2007

Honorable City Council:

Re: Departmental Report and Recommendation. Petition No. 0342 of Aeron Poelnitz, et al., requesting vacation of the alley in the area of North LaSalle Gardens and Fourteenth Street.

The Planning and Development Department (P&DD) presented the above-referenced petition No. 342 to your Honorable Body at the public hearing of April 9, 2007. Due to concerns raised by several of the abutting property owners, the City Council requested that the City Planning Commission (CPC) continue dialog between the residents, the LaSalle Block Club, and the petitioner to see if some consensus could be reached regarding this residential alley vacation request. The Continued Public Hearing regarding Petition No. 342 resumed on June 7, 2007.

The mission of the Planning and Development Department is to promote the vacation of residential alleys in the City of Detroit wherever possible based upon the guidelines and procedures outlined in the Detroit Code, Section 50-6. The central concern for the City of Detroit is to ensure that when a residential alley is proposed for vacation, that all property access needs are properly addressed so that no abutting property owners are denied access to their property. In this instance, the vacation of the one leg of the alley as proposed will not deny access to any of the abutting property owners.

However, the abutting property owners who objected to the alley vacation contended that the vacation of the one leg of the T-shaped alley as proposed would

negatively impact circulation patterns due to the unique one-way street configuration in the LaSalle Gardens area. Investigation by the P&DD and CPC did confirm that traffic patterns would change if this alley vacation was approved, and residents could be inconvenienced by the proposed alley vacation.

Therefore, based upon the unique character of this particular T-shaped alley, and the resulting inconvenience that would be caused by approval of this request, we recommend, in the over-all best interest of this block, that the subject request for residential vacations of the above referenced alley be denied. Attached is a resolution for the action of your Honorable Body.

Respectfully submitted,

DOUGLASS J. DIGGS

Director

By Council Member Collins:

Whereas, Petition No. 342, was submitted to the City by Aeron Poelnitz requesting the vacation of the North portion of the N-S alley in the block bounded by N. LaSalle Gardens, 14th, S. LaSalle Gardens and LaSalle Boulevard; and

Whereas, That due to concerns raised by residents at a public hearing held on April 9, 2007, it became evident that several abutting property owners objected to the proposed alley vacation; and

Whereas, The Detroit City Council requested the City Planning Commission to investigate the conditions surrounding resident objections; and

Whereas, Upon completion of their investigation, the City Planning Commission concluded that the vacation of this alley leg would cause inconvenience for the adjacent neighbors, and recommended that the subject alley vacation be denied; and

Whereas, The Planning and Development Department also investigated the unique character of the one-way street configuration and traffic patterns around the subject alley, and concurred with the City Planning Commission that the proposed alley vacation would inconvenience the abutting property owners on S. LaSalle Gardens; Now therefore, be it

Resolved, That Petition No. 342 by Aeron Poelnitz, requesting the vacation of the North portion of the N-S alley in the block bounded by N. LaSalle Gardens, 14th, S. LaSalle Gardens and LaSalle Boulevard, be denied, which will result in this residential alley being left open.

A Waiver of Reconsideration is required.

