

Department of Public Works
City Engineering Division
Honorable City Council:
Re: Petition No. 2317 Planning and Development Department — Cultural Center Parking Lot Project (together with) Detroit Institute of Arts — Founders Society, MetroMatrix Human Services (Barat House), First Phillippian Grace Church, and Scarab Club Alley to Easement east-west public alley in the block bounded by John R, Brush, Farnsworth and Frederick

Petition No. 2317 of "Planning and Development Department" requests the conversion of the east-west public alley, 20 feet wide, in the block bounded by John R and Brush Streets, Farnsworth and Frederick Avenues into a private easement for public utilities. The purpose of the public alley closing is to develop a new "Cultural Center" parking lot. The pro-

ject involves development agreements between "Detroit Institute of Arts - Founders Society", "MetroMatrix Human Services (Barat House)", "First Phillippian Grace Church", and "Scarab Club."

The requested conversion was approved by Solid Waste Division - OPW, and Traffic Engineering Division - DPW. The petition was referred to the City Engineering Division - DPW for investigation (utility review) and report. This is our report:

The petitioner(s) plan to use the paved alley return entrance(s) (into John R and Brush Streets) and requests such remain in their present status.

City departments and privately owned utility companies reported no objections to the conversion of public rights-of-way into a private easement for public utilities. Provisions protecting utility installations are part of the resolution.

I am recommending adoption of the attached resolution.

Respectfully submitted,
SUNDAY JAIYESIMI
City Engineer

By Council Member Hood:

Whereas, Petition No. 2317 of "Planning and Development Department" requests the conversion of the east-west public alley, 20 feet wide, in the block bounded by John R and Brush Streets, Farnsworth and Frederick Avenues into a private easement for public utilities. The purpose of the public alley closing is to develop a new "Cultural Center" parking lot. The project involves development agreements between "Detroit Institute of Arts - Founders Society", "MetroMatrix Human Services (Barat House)", "First Phillippian Grace Church", and "Scarab Club"; and

Whereas, The city received copies of four letters that connote the terms and conditions of said agreement(s) between Alley the DIA-Founders Society and all other property owners abutting and/or having interests in said public alley as follows:

Agreement between DIA-Founders Society and MetroMatrix Human Services (mmHS) — mmHS Address: 120 Parsons — Detroit, MI 48201 — Phone: (313) 331-1000

March 21, 1997
Detroit City Council
1340 City County Building
Detroit, MI 48225

Re: City of Detroit-DIA Founders Society Vacation

work on the alley vacation is being held in abeyance until our position is expressed to City Council.

Please be advised that Matrix is satisfied with the agreement reached between our two organizations and we look forward to the alley vacation which is necessary prior to the ground breaking on this project. We now look forward to being a part of another project that will move Detroit forward. We request that the City of Detroit proceed with the plan to vacate the alley south of Barat House.

I am pleased that the Detroit City Council is concerned about the well being of Barat House and the girls in residence and will so inform the Matrix community. As you know, Barat Child and Family Services has a NOF proposal pending to assist with necessary Barat House renovations. We hope you look favorably on this proposal. If you need any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Signature: David B. Suttner, Ed.D., J.D.

Legal Counsel for mmHS

cc: M.F. Lundy, President of mmHS

DIA-Founders Society

D. Lewis

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a league of youth, family and adult services (formerly League of Catholic Women)

February 1, 1997

Joseph P. Bianco

Detroit Institute of Arts-Founders Society

5200 Woodward Avenue

Detroit, Michigan 48202

Re: Founders Society/Parking Lot Matter

Dear Mr. Bianco:

In connection with the parking lot facility (the "Parking Facility") under development by The Detroit Institute of Arts-Founders Society ("Founders Society"), the Metro Matrix Human Services, Inc. as successor to The League of Catholic Women of Detroit, ("Metro Matrix") operating a facility known as the Barat House, agrees as follows:

a. Metro Matrix hereby consents to the vacation of the alley located to the south of, and adjacent to, the Barat House (the "Farnsworth Alley") and agrees to execute such petitions to the City of Detroit, consents and documents as may be necessary to accomplish such vacation of the Farnsworth Alley. Metro Matrix agrees to cooperate fully with The Founders Society in the vacation process for the Farnsworth Alley.

b. Metro Matrix agrees, that subsequent to the vacation of the Farnsworth Alley, the City of Detroit and the Founders Society will have the right to develop the vacated Farnsworth Alley for access purposes in the vacation with the Parking Facility.

c. Metro Matrix agrees to quit claim and convey any right, title and interest it may have in the entire Farnsworth Alley to the City of Detroit by deed or other appropriate instrument.

d. The obligations of Metro Matrix to consent to the vacation of the Farnsworth Alley and to convey and quit claim its interest in the Farnsworth Alley shall be subject to Metro Matrix securing an access easement over the section of Farnsworth Alley described on Exhibit A, in form and substance satisfactory to Metro Matrix.

Very truly yours,

METRO MATRIX

HUMAN SERVICES, INC. as
successor to THE LEAGUE OF
CATHOLIC WOMEN
OF DETROIT

Signed By: Marilyn F. Lundy
Its: President

DJL/nw

cc: City of Detroit, Planning and
Development Department
Agreement between DIA-Founders

Dear Council Committee Clerk:

Please advise the City Council and the Detroit Law Department that metroMatrix Human Services (Matrix), formerly the League of Catholic Women, requests that the Barat alley be vacated per the plan submitted by the Detroit Institute of Arts-Founders Society. Barat House is located at 5250 John R street in Detroit. It is operated as a home for girls by Barat Child and Family Services, an agency of Matrix.

For the past several months has been in negotiations with the DIA-Founders Society relative to our vacating the alley to the South of Barat House and relinquish parking spaces on the south side of the alley. This would allow the DIA-Founders Society to convert the alley into a grand entry way for their new Cultural Center parking lot.

I am pleased to say that the many outstanding issues, which included parking, lighting, landscaping, fencing, delivery trucks, etc. have been resolved and a good faith agreement reached between Matrix and the DIA-Founders Society. The agreement has been signed between the two parties relative to vacating the alley and the parking lot.

We have been informed that because of concerns expressed by Matrix to the City Council regarding the above issues.

Society and First Phillippian Grace Church
Church Address: 255 Farnsworth —
Detroit, MI 48202

January 27, 1997

Joseph P. Bianco

The Detroit Institute of Arts—

Founders Society

5200 Woodward Avenue

Detroit, Michigan 48202

Re: Founders Society/Parking Lot Matter

Dear Mr. Bianco:

In connection with the parking lot facility (the "Parking Facility") under development by The Detroit Institute of Arts-Founders Society ("Founders Society"), the First Phillippian Grace Church ("First Phillippian") agrees as follows:

a. First Phillippian hereby consents to the vacation of the alley located to the north of, and adjacent to, First Phillippian (the "Farnsworth Alley") and agrees to execute such petitions to the City of Detroit, consents and documents as may be necessary to accomplish such vacation of the Farnsworth Alley. First Phillippian agrees to cooperate fully with the Founders Society in the vacation process for the Farnsworth Alley.

b. First Phillippian agrees, that subsequent to the vacation of the Farnsworth Alley, the City of Detroit and the Founders Society will have the right to develop the vacated Farnsworth Alley for access purposes in conjunction with the Parking Facility.

c. First Phillippian agrees to quit claim and convey any right, title and interest it may have in the entire Farnsworth Alley to the City of Detroit by deed or other appropriate instrument.

Very truly yours,

FIRST PHILLIPPIAN
GRACE CHURCH

Signed by:

Wilson Watkins

Its: Pastor

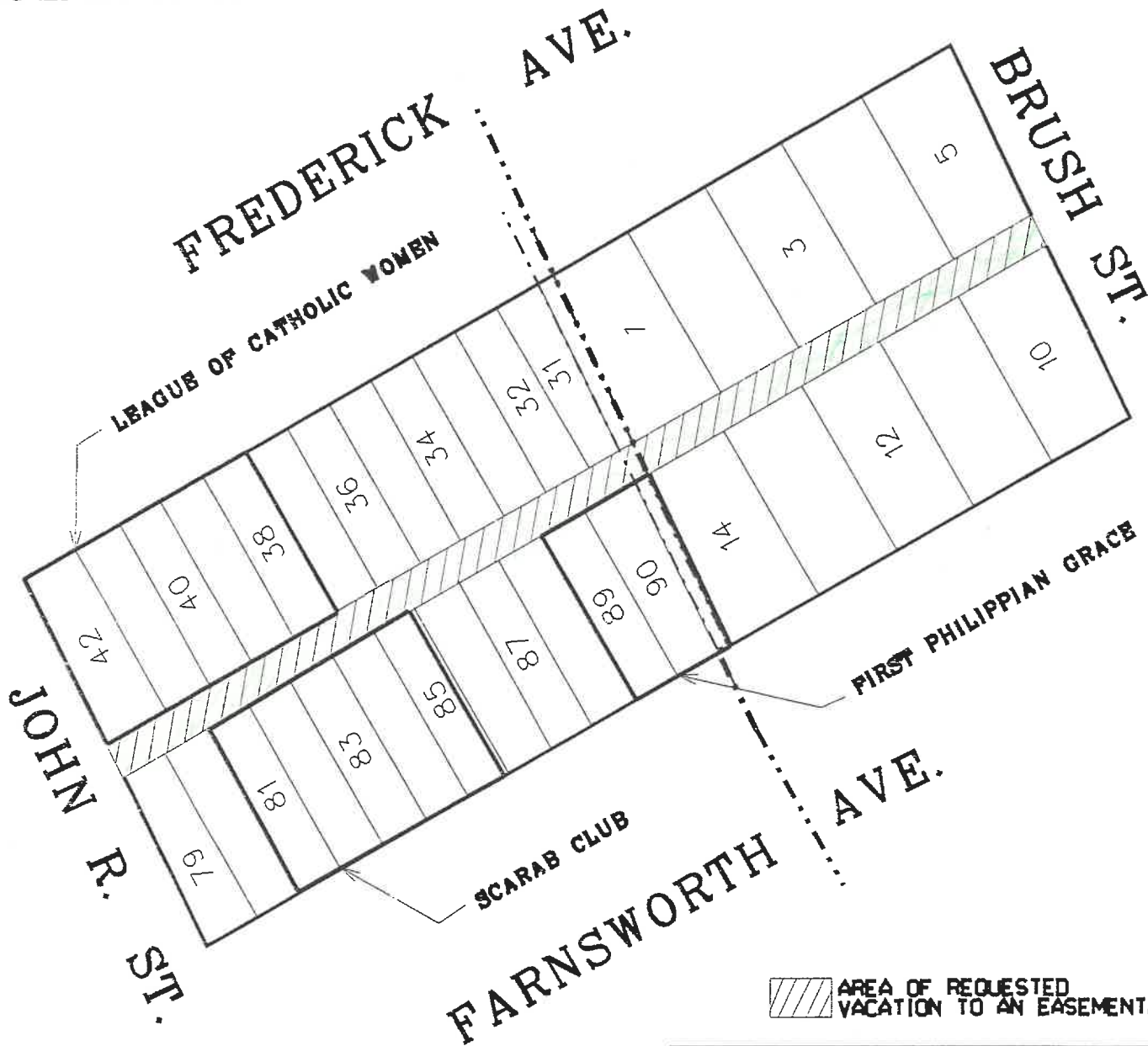
DJL/nw

Enclosure

Agreement between DIA-Founders
Society and The Scarab Club—Club
Address: 217 Farnsworth —
Detroit, MI 48202

May 21, 1997
J.C.C. pp. 1220-1224

PETITION NO. 2317
 C/O: JAMES MARUSICH
 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPT.
 150 MICHIGAN, 9TH FLOOR
 DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226
 PHONE: (313) 224-3517.



 AREA OF REQUESTED VACATION TO AN EASEMENT.

NOTE: PETITIONER DOES NOT HAVE WRITTEN CONSENT OF PROPERTY OWNERS. SHOWN ON DRAWING IN HEAVY OUTLINE.

BRUSH SUB'N OF THAT PART OF
 OF THAT PART OF THE BRUSH FARM SUB'N
 (LOTS 14-10 & 1-5)

FARNSWORTH'S OF PARK LOTS 38 AND 39
 (LOTS 42-31 & 79-90)

FOR OFFICAL USE ONLY

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CARTO NO. MAP 30A
 SCALE: 100' = 1"

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DESCRIPTION		DRWN	CHKD	APPD	DATE
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27-23-92					

REQUESTED CONV. TO EASEMENT OF THE
 E/W PUBLIC ALLEY, 20 FT. WD. IN THE BLOCK
 BOUNDED BY JOHN R., BRUSH, FARNSWORTH
 AND FREDERICK AVE.

CITY OF DETROIT
 CITY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
 SURVEY BUREAU

JOB NO. 21-21

DRWG. NO. x2317a.dgn