

**City of Detroit**  
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**DEPARTMENTAL REFERENCE COMMUNICATION**

May 10, 2006

To: The Department or Commission listed Below

From: Janice M. Winfrey  
Detroit City Clerk

The following petition is herewith referred to you for report and recommendation to the City Council.

In accordance with that body's directive, kindly return the same with your report in duplicate within four (4) weeks.

**/PUBLIC WORKS - CITY ENGINEERING DIVISION/**

**0456 Southwest Detroit Business Association, for vacation of alleys located at 8701 W. Vernor at Odd Fellows Hall; entrance at Lawndale and west of parking lot.**

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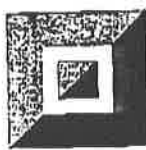
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**SOUTHWEST DETROIT**  
BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

May 9, 2006

The Honorable Kenneth Cockrel  
President, Detroit City Council

Dear President Cockrel,

This letter is a request to the Honorable City Council to vacate two alleys. The first alley is located on the south side of our building, located at 8701 W. Vernor, better known as the Odd Fellows Hall. (The Odd Fellows Hall was awarded a Cool Cities grant by Governor Granholm). The alley is between our building and our parking lot. The parking lot is located immediately behind our building with an entrance off of Lawndale. The second alley is directly west of the parking lot (see site map attached).

Both alleys are in poor condition. The alley behind the Odd Fellows Hall was in such bad condition that it was removed completely during the construction phase. The alley west of the parking lot has not been maintained and is almost non-existent. We propose to replace both alleys with asphalt (1100C & 1100 L) and make them a contiguous part of our parking lot. Gates will be placed at the west entrance and south entrance (see site map). Access to all utilities will be available on the east side of the parking lot that will remain open at all times. We will continuously maintain the parking lot and both alleys.

Several months ago we attempted to get information on how to have the alleys vacated. Our local City Hall manager, Mr. Felipe Martinez, has assisted us greatly in gaining information on how to proceed and as of last Friday we had a clear understanding of what to do. Unfortunately the process on how to proceed has consumed our lead-time. We are on a fast track schedule to complete the Odd Fellows Hall by June 1. It is urgent that we get a decision quickly, as we are ready to install the parking lot and hopefully the alleys.

The City will benefit from the alley improvements as we will maintain them. Further, the improvements will help beautify the site and the City. There will be no loss of access to utilities.

Any assistance you can provide that will gain a quick decision in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

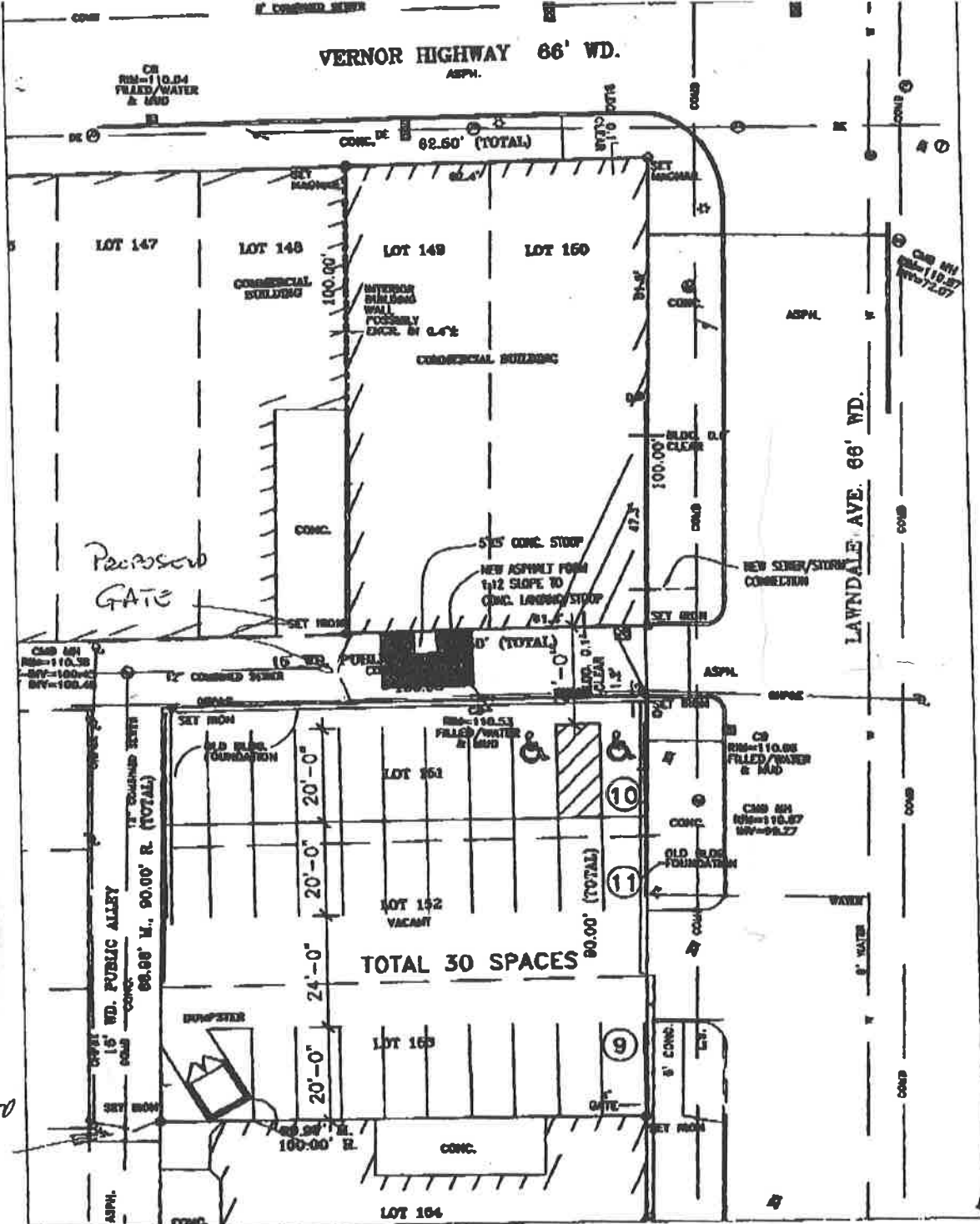
Very truly yours,

  
Kathleen H. Wendler  
President

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S. VERNOR  
ON CORNER

Proposed  
GATE

**SITE PLAN**  
SCALE - 1"=20'  
PLS 10000

**ODD FELLOWS BUILDING**  
8701 West Vernor, Detroit, Michigan 48209

ALLEY REQUESTED  
TO BE VACATED

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