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DEPARTMENTAL REFERENCE COMMUNICATION

Friday, March 23, 2007

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.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

1381 *Verna L. Slater, request for encroachment onto City of Detroit property and permit to construct driveway to access garage onto property located at Littlefield and Seven Mile Road.*

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The Detroit City Council
1340 Coleman A Young Municipal Center
2 Woodward Avenue
Detroit, MI 48226

Dear Honorable Kenneth Cockrel, President;

I am a senior citizen, who owns a property on Littlefield at Seven Mile Road in Detroit, my property is abutting a sixteen (16) feet vacated alley which is 'Public Property'.

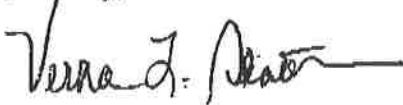
My situation is, I have a garage located at the rear of my property and the entrance to it faces and abutts the vacated alley, the only way to gain access to it is by entering through the vacated alley which is only partially graveled, and the entrance is usually blocked by parked cars using the service of the businesses that's also abutting the vacated alley, which makes it ^{ALMOST} impossible for me to enter my garage.

However, I do not have enough footage/land on my property to construct a driveway to access the garage. Therefore I request the Council Members assist me in the necessary means to obtain (by grant or deed) one-half (1/2) of the vacated alley in order to have a driveway constructed along the side of my property, and have access to my garage without the difficulty of trying to enter through the vacated alley.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

I can be contacted by phone at - (313)341-7356, (313)522-5391 or by mail at - 19134 Littlefield Street, Detroit 48235.

Sincerely,



Verna L. Slater

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April 17, 2007

Honorable City Council
1340 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
Detroit, Michigan 48226

RE: Departmental Report
Petition No. 1381 - Verna L. Slater, encroachment onto City of Detroit property

The Planning and Development Department (P&DD) is hereby submitting this report to your Honorable Body regarding the above-referenced petition.

The current official City maps and records indicate the existence of an L-shaped alley in the block bounded by the West Seven Mile, Littlefield, Cambridge and Outer Drive. Ingress and egress to the residential alley is from Littlefield and Cambridge. However, it appears that the business on West Seven Mile has illegally expanded its parking lot/entry drive into the public alley and effectively closed off the Littlefield access needed by Ms. Verna Slater in order to get in and out of her garage. She is requesting for the City to restore access to her garage.

We recommend that this matter be referred to the Department of Public Works/City Engineering Division (DPW/CED) since it involves issuance of a violation to a commercial interest and, as such, is within the jurisdiction of that department. P&DD has discussed this case with DPW and they are moving forward to address the petitioner's concern.

If there are any questions or information that you may need to facilitate the process, please feel free to contact our office at (313) 224-3519.

Respectfully submitted,



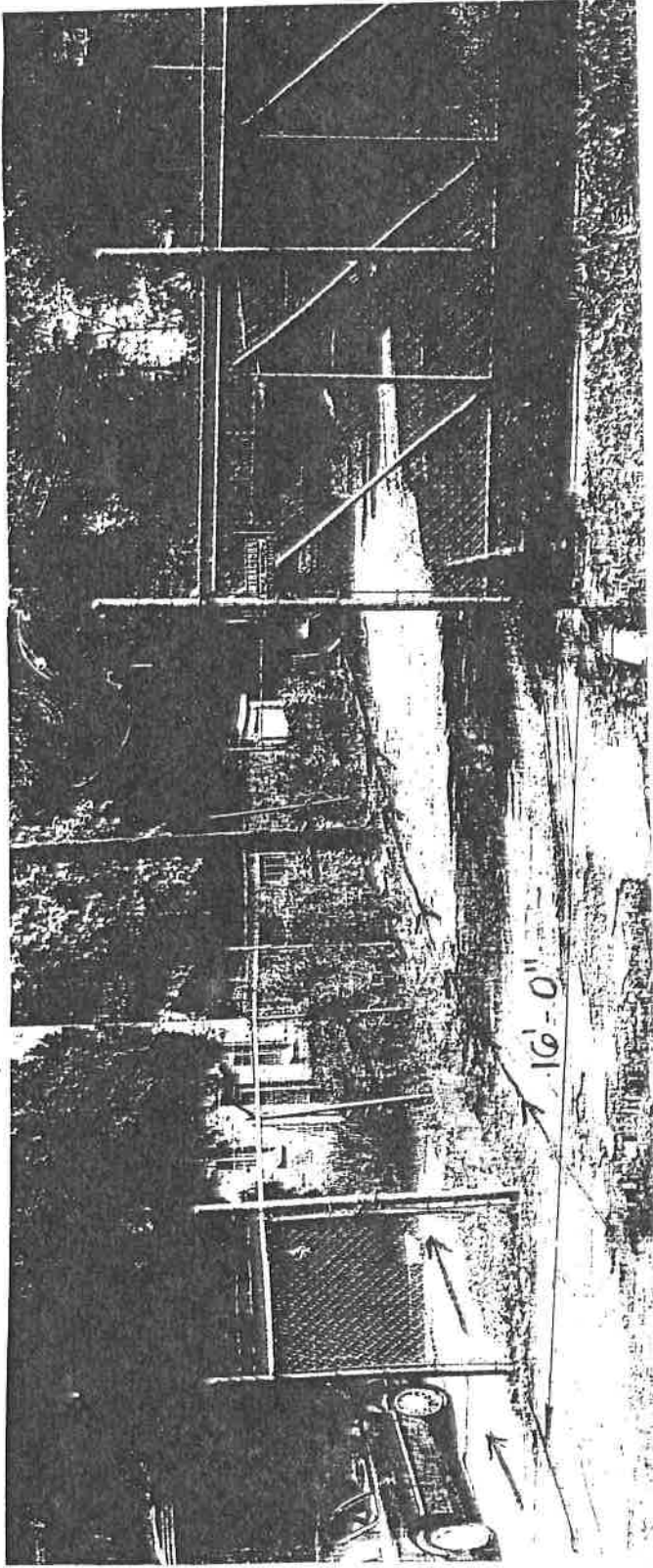
Douglass J. Diggs, Director
Planning and Development Department

Attachment:

DJD/CBN/rwp

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R. Whitaker, Research and Analysis
R. Bolger, City Planning Commission
V. Slater, Petitioner

19134 LITTLEFIELD
(V. SLATER)



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