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**DEPARTMENTAL REFERENCE COMMUNICATION**

*Thursday, August 02, 2007*

*To: The Department or Commission Listed Below*

*From: Janice M. Winfrey, Detroit City Clerk*

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The following petition is hcrewith 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.

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DPW - CITY ENGINEERING DIVISION

**1977** *Central Institutional Missionary Baptist Church, request closures of alley to alleviate illegal dumping in alley, in area of Grand River, Archdale, Fenkell, and Oakfield.*

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Central Institutional Missionary Baptist Church  
15170 Archdale  
Detroit, MI 48227  
(313) 836-2933  
Attn: Darryl Hamilton

June 28, 2007  
Honorable City Council  
Attn: Office of the City Clerk  
200 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center  
Detroit, MI 48226

Dear Honorable City Council,  
My name is Darryl Hamilton and I am a Trustee of Central Institutional Missionary Baptist Church. Soon we will be in the process of installing fencing around our parking lot. Recently, one of our members gave me some information that may possibly change how that is done.

We have been the victims of illegal dumping on our lot and we have been ticketed. Our pastor called and reported the dumping prior to us being ticketed and that may have spared us the \$1,000.00 fine. We believe installing the fence will prevent any future dumping or tickets. But what about the adjacent alleyway?

From time to time we have found tires or trash bags, etc in the alley. We believe that once we enclose our lot that may actually create an atmosphere for illegal dumping. The restaurant behind us (A&W/Long John Silver's) faces Grand River and has a five foot high cement wall on three sides of it. Once we install our fence parallel to theirs, it could become an easy place to leave unwanted items. The restaurant hides them from Grand River and our church hides them from Fenkell. We don't want the unwanted items there and we don't want the responsibility of clearing it to avoid being ticketed.

This is why I am contacting you. One of our members has taken pictures of our lot, the alley and the surrounding businesses. They drew a map of the area (copy enclosed) and spoke to some people within our city government. The feeling is, if we were able to close a portion of the alley, we could prevent future problems. We believe this could be done without inconveniencing any one.

Our lot parallels the restaurant behind us. Both lots cover the same distance. There are no openings in either side of the restaurant's wall. Their traffic won't be affected by the closure. Once we install our fence, our traffic would use Archdale. Most of our people don't use the alley as it is. If we extend the fencing across the alley to the restaurant wall only those east of the wall would have an issue. Possibly.

There is a Bank east of the restaurant. Although the bank has two openings into the alley, their traffic generally enters on Grand River and exits on Grand River. East of the bank is one of Purple Heart's buildings. They use the Grand River entrance exclusively. North of them is a residence facing Oakfield St. They have an opening into the alley, but it is not near where we propose closing and it would not interfere with them accessing their residence. None of these three east of the closure would be adversely affected.

Therefore, I am asking if this something we should pursue or is there something/things I am in error about? I was told to contact and I will greatly appreciate any assistance you can provide us in this matter.

Thank you and God Bless You,

  
Darryl Hamilton, Trustee of Central Institutional Missionary Baptist Church

REST, BANK, PURPLE HEART, RESIDENT  
6060Y  
TEMPORARY 6YR CLOSURE  
WHOLE ALLEY

SOUTHFIELD X-WAY SERVICE DRIVE

