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City Clerk

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DEPARTMENTAL REFERENCE COMMUNICATION

Thursday, August 26, 2010

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.

DPW - CITY ENGINEERING DIVISION

University Cultural Center Association, for an encroachment in the alley located mid-block between Garfield and Forest Avenues relative to planned pedestrian axis for redevelopment of Sugar Hill Arts District. (Note: Petition No. 3888)



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May 28, 2010

Detroit City Council c/o City Clerk Two Woodward Avenue Detroit, Michigan 48226

Re:

University Cultural Center Association

Detroit, Michigan

Sugar Hill Redevelopment Kahn Project No. 03058-A0.000

Dear City Council:

This letter is to request permission for an encroachment in the alley located mid-block between Garfield and Forest Avenues. The alley runs west from John R. and turns north adjacent to the existing N'Namdi Gallery and Church's Chicken properties. A previous encroachment request is in process under Petition No. 3888 for a small portion of the alley. This encroachment request is for the remainder of the alley.

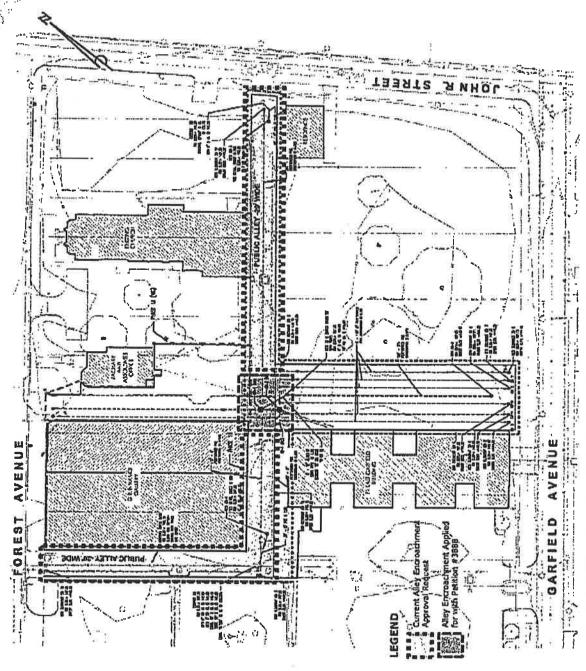
The existing alley is an integral part of a planned pedestrian axis for the redevelopment of the Sugar Hill Arts District. The Arts District project area includes a two block area bounded by Woodward Avenue, Forest Avenue, John R and Canfield Avenue. Garfield Avenue unites the two blocks as the center of the district and a pedestrian axis located in the middle of the block will be highly visible to pedestrians and further unite the district.

Several services for the project site are proposed for the alley. Services include site drainage piping and overflow storm water drainage into the existing storm sewer located in the alley. Drainage of storm water will be a combination of typical overland drainage to the existing combined storm and sanitary sewer and drainage through permeable pavers to an existing cistern for use as site irrigation in the Sugar Hill project.

The vision for the Sugar Hill Arts District is one that will convey an image of creative opportunities and artistic display while also being a stable, safe, welcoming neighborhood that encourages the creative class to take root. The Master Plan prepared by Albert Kahn Associates contains urban design and streetscape recommendations for Garfield, Forest and John R, as well as for the spaces and connections in-between each block that provide opportunities for pedestrian access, public gathering, venues for artistic display, renewable energy, green design and sustainable development practices.

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Sugar Hill Arts District Redevelopment Project Alley Encroachment Requests May 27, 2010

ALBERT KAHN ASSOCIATES, INC. 7430 SECOND AVENUE DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48202-2798 C/O MANDY PRENTIS PHONE NO. 313 202 7000 FAX NO. 313 202 7001



FOREST AVE. 70 FT. WD.



GARFIELD AVE. 60 FT. WD.



- AREA OF ENCROACHMENT (With drainage piping, overflow storm water drainage, color concrete & permeable concrete pavers)

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REQUEST TO ENCROACH INTO 20 FT WD. E/W AND N/S ALLEYS IN AREA BOUND BY VOODWARD, FOREST, JOHN R. AND GARFIELD

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