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Honorable City Council:

RE: Petition No. 2629, New GAR, LLC, request a permanent street closure on Adams Street on the North side of the G.A.R. Building (1942 West Grand River Ave.) between Cass and Grand River Avenue.

Petition No. 2629 of New GAR LLC request to vacate and convert to easement a part of Adams Avenue, 60 feet wide, lying east of Grand River Avenue, 100 feet wide and west of Cass Avenue, 71 feet wide.

The petition was referred to the City Engineering Division – DPW for investigation (utility review) and report. This is our report.

The requested closure of Adams Avenue was made to facilitate an expansion of a patio and garden extending from the buildings north façade into Adams Avenue.

Department of Public Works – Traffic Engineering Division (TED) objects to the vacation and conversion to easement of the requested portion of Adams Avenue, because the closure would restrict direct access to Grand River Avenue from Adams Avenue.

The Planning and Development Department comments the G.A.R Building is a local Historic District and the changes to the exterior would require approval of the Historic District Commission.

Whereas Department of Public Works – Traffic Engineering Division (TED) objects to the vacation and conversion to easement of the requested portion of Adams Avenue, and
Whereas, the Petitioner has no consent by the adjoining owner (Olympia Entertainment),
and

Whereas, the Historic District Commission has not approved the proposal;

Therefore, City Engineering Division – DPW recommends **DENIAL** of this petition request.

Respectfully submitted,


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City Engineering Division – DPW

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Cc: Ron Brundidge, Director, DPW
Mayor's Office – City Council Liaison

Michael Duggan. MAYOR