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Friday, September 18, 2015

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FROM: *Mr. Andre Gilbert II, Junior Assistant City Council Committee Clerk*

SUBJECT: ***Petition #837, Detroit Collaborative Design Center, request approval to erect five (5) signs in the public right-of-way between the sidewalk and the street in the Fitzgerald neighborhood.***

FAX TO THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENT(S):

Mr. Richard Doherty, City Engineer

DPW - City Engineering Division

(313) 224-1464

Attachment

City of Detroit
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Janice M. Winfrey
City Clerk

Vivian A. Hudson
Deputy City Clerk

DEPARTMENTAL REFERENCE COMMUNICATION

Friday, September 18, 2015

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

837 *Detroit Collaborative Design Center, request approval to erect five (5) signs in the public right-of-way between the sidewalk and the street in the Fitzgerald neighborhood.*

September 14, 2015

The Honorable City Council
Attn: Office of The City Clerk
200 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
Detroit MI 48226

Re: City Council Petition Request for Fitzgerald Neighborhood Signs in the Right of Way

To Whom It May Concern,

We would like to request approval to erect five (5) signs in the public right-of-way between the sidewalk and the street in the Fitzgerald neighborhood. The signs are neighborhood identity ground signs. They are designed by the Detroit Collaborative Design Center (DCDC) at the University of Detroit Mercy (UDM) in collaboration with the Fitzgerald neighborhood, constructed by DCDC and the Brightmoor Woodworkers at the Detroit Community Schools, and will be installed by a licensed contractor. The design, dimensions and specifications of the signs are attached.

The installation will take place in Fall 2015 in the Fitzgerald neighborhood, bounded by McNichols Road to the north, M-10 to the west, Fenkell Avenue to the south and Livernois Avenue to the east. The exact locations are illustrated in the attached maps and images. The **adjacent addresses** and property information are listed below:

15926 James Couzens Fwy. - Properties adjacent to sign location are vacant. No response in person or via phone number posted.

10001 W. McNichols Rd. – CVS general manager provided verbal consent and support for the sign.

16598 Wyoming St. – Letter of support submitted from adjacent property, Consulting Engineering Associates. The previous sign was recently vandalized and destroyed.

16812 Greenlawn Ave. – Letter of support submitted from adjacent residents.

15458 Greenlawn Ave. – Adjacent properties are vacant, nearest occupied home is owned by the Detroit Land Bank Authority.

Additional attachments include emails of approval from the Traffic Engineering Department and the Planning and Development Department and letters of support signed by property owners adjacent to the right-of-way locations, as appropriate and indicated above. The signs meet City code requirements and have been approved by the Buildings, Safety Engineering and Environmental Department. The Department of Public Works has also expressed support and approval for the project and a Right of Way permit is pending.

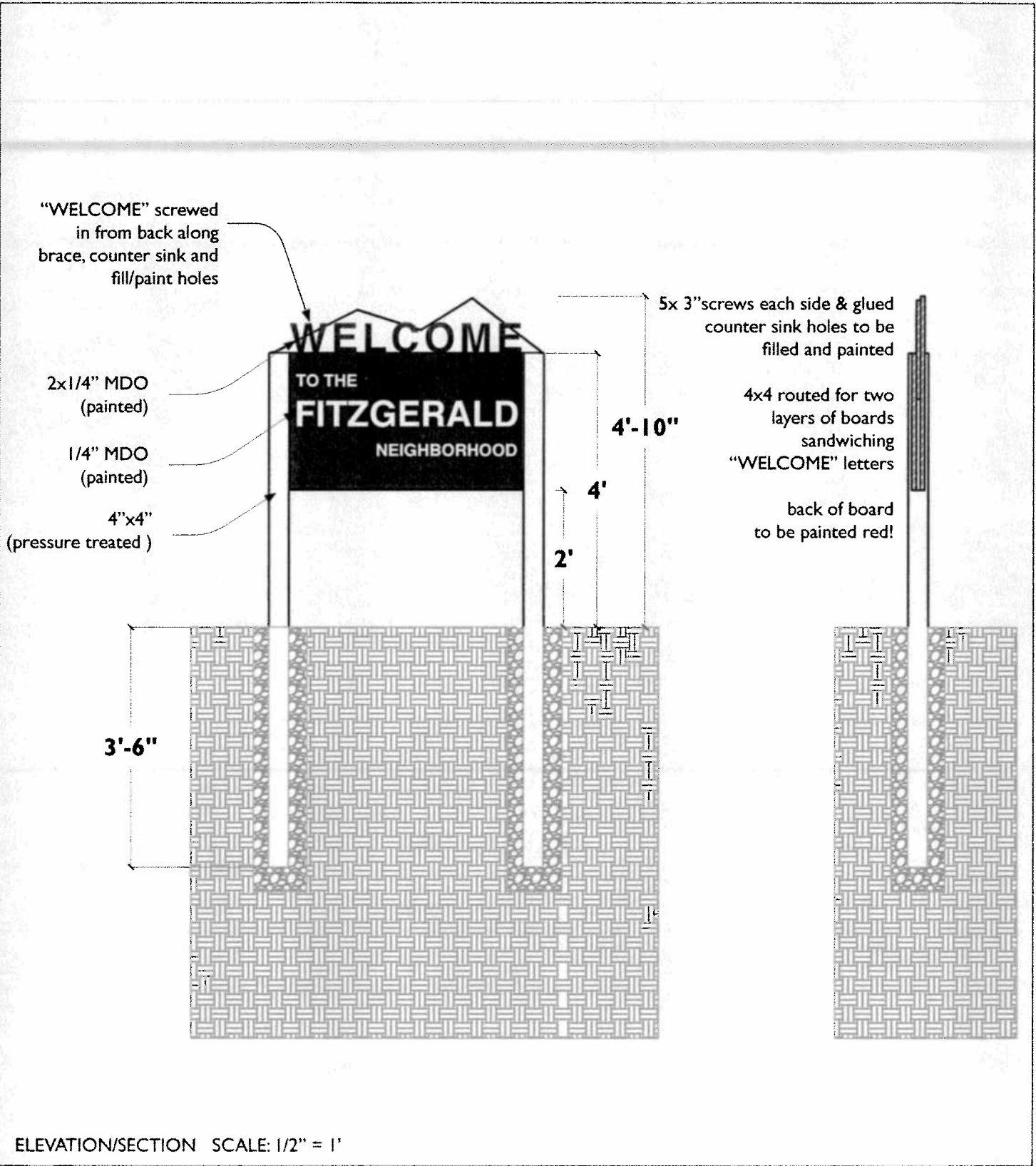
These signs contribute to neighborhood revitalization and community spirit and have been developed in partnership with the community. Many of the surrounding neighborhoods already have signs in place. We hope you will approve this request.

Sincerely,



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Fitzgerald Community Welcome Signs
PROPOSED DESIGN



Fitzgerald Community Welcome Signs
PROPOSED LOCATIONS

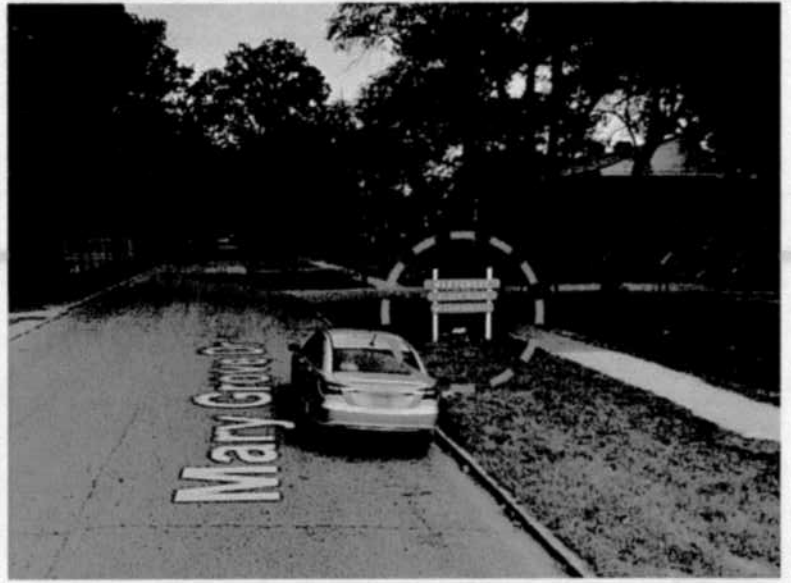
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2 McNichols @ Wyoming



3 Marygrove @ Wyoming



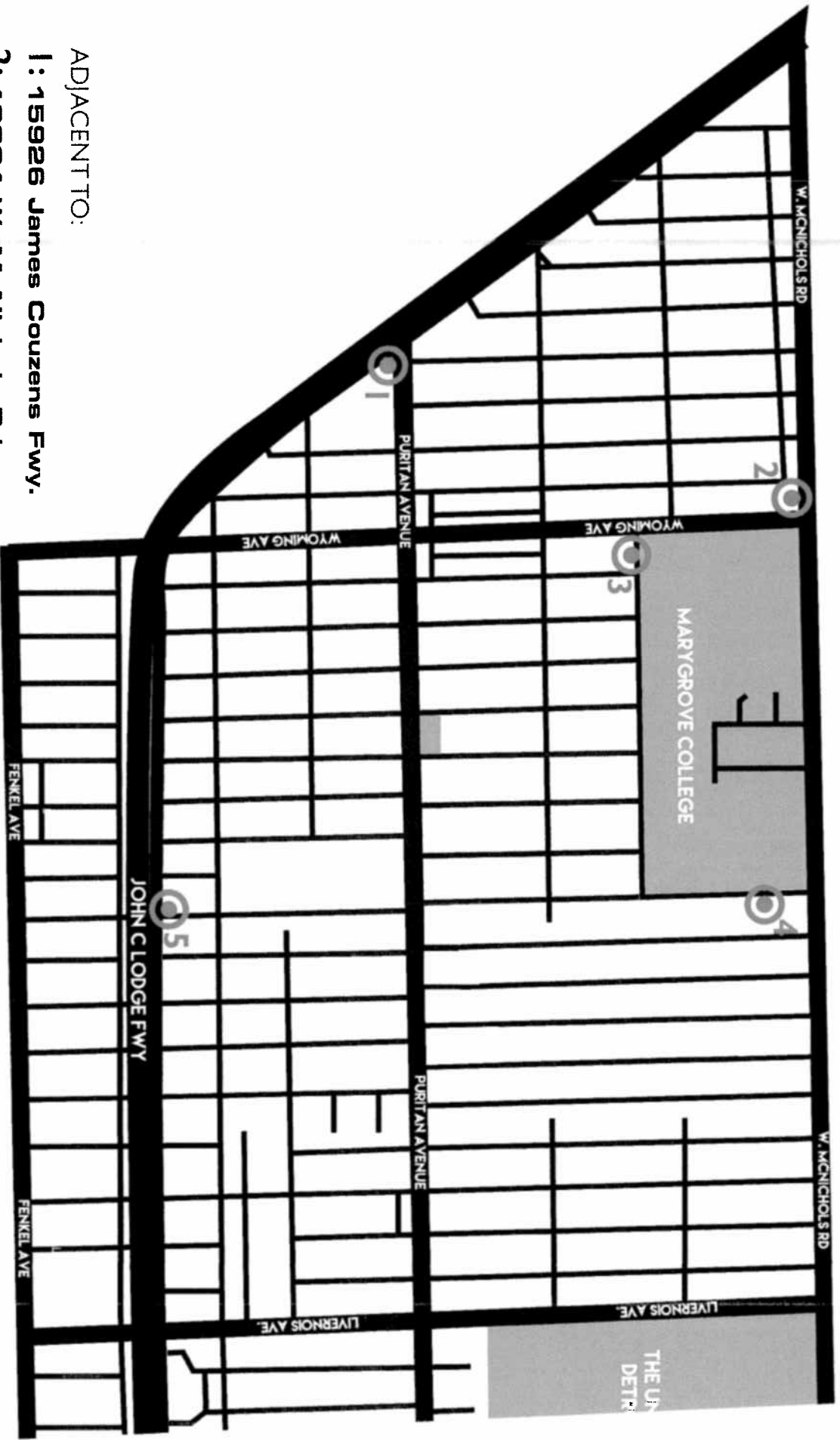
4 Greenlawn @ McNichols



5 Greenlawn @ John C Lodge Service Dr



**Fitzgerald Community Welcome Signs
PROPOSED LOCATIONS**



ADJACENT TO:

- 1: 15926 James Couzens Fwy.**
- 2: 10001 W. McNichols Rd.**
- 3: 16598 Wyoming St.**
- 4: 16812 Greenlawn Ave.**
- 5: 15458 Greenlawn Ave.**

Name: Kenneth Shapiro

Address: 16580 Wyoming Detroit MI 48221

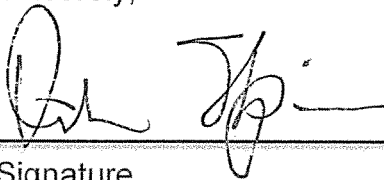
To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to issue a statement of support for the Fitzgerald neighborhood sign adjacent to my property at 16580 Wyoming, Detroit MI 48221.

I understand that the sign will be erected in the public right of way and that the sign is part of a project led by the Detroit Collaborative Design Center (DCDC) at the University of Detroit Mercy (UDM), in collaboration with the Fitzgerald community.

If any maintenance or other issues come up with the sign, I agree to contact the DCDC at 313-993-1037 or olearycm@udmercy.edu.

Sincerely,



Signature

9/3/15

Date

Kenneth Shapiro

Print Name

Name: Latasha Cox

Address: 16812 greenlawn

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to issue a statement of support for the Fitzgerald neighborhood sign adjacent to my property at 16812 Greenlawn, Detroit MI 48221.

I understand that the sign will be erected in the public right of way and that the sign is part of a project led by the Detroit Collaborative Design Center (DCDC) at the University of Detroit Mercy (UDM), in collaboration with the Fitzgerald community.

If any maintenance or other issues come up with the sign, I agree to contact the DCDC at 313-993-1037 or olearycm@udmercy.edu.

Sincerely,

Latasha Cox

Signature

9-1-15

Date

Latasha Cox

Print Name

From: Martin Gomez margom@detroitmi.gov
Subject: Proposed locations to install Community signs
Date: August 26, 2015 at 2:34 PM
To: clearycm@udmercy.edu



Ms O'leary

By looking at you pictures of the proposed locations, all seem to be in order. the Traffic Engineering Department is approving the request, except for Livernois. I will call you back with the determination of yes or No.



From: Khalil S. Mogassabi KMogassa@detroitmi.gov
Subject: Re: Fitzgerald Community Signs
Date: September 14, 2015 at 11:45 AM
To: Richard Doherty DohertyRi@detroitmi.gov, Ceara O'Leary olearycm@udmercy.edu
Cc: Jose Abraham AbrahamJ@detroitmi.gov, Ron Brundidge BrundidgeR@detroitmi.gov, Maurice Cox coxm@detroitmi.gov, James Knoll KnollJ@detroitmi.gov, Keith McCrary McCraryK@detroitmi.gov, Sunny Jacob SunJac@detroitmi.gov, Michael Twyman TwymanM@detroitmi.gov, heximech@udmercy.edu, piteradw@udmercy.edu

Rich,
We recommend moving forward with the signs proposal as presented. We did have a telephone conversation w/ Ms.Ceara O'Leary regarding the signs on Friday. Ceara provided clarification and the requested information (thank you, Ceara).
Thanks.

Khalil

||| Ceara O'Leary <olearycm@udmercy.edu> 9/14/2015 10:52 AM >>>
Hi all,

Thanks so much for reviewing the Fitzgerald Neighborhood signs and helping us navigate the permitting process. The PDF included in Mr.Doherty's email is outdated, so I wanted to provide a bit more background information.

We are now looking at FIVE right-of-way sites for the Fitzgerald neighborhood signs, which are indicated in the map I have attached here. The signs were identified as a neighborhood need through a community process. The final design, color and wording for the signs (also attached here) were developed in collaboration with community representatives, and the design reflects their desire for a traditional neighborhood sign (much like those in other nearby neighborhoods) with a modern/minimal aesthetic. The materials specified are highly weatherproof and regularly used for exterior signs and the design meets city code requirements. We would love landscaping to surround the signs but neither we nor the community have the bandwidth to maintain a flower bed and did not want to assume that the City has the capacity either. The signs will be installed by a local licensed contractor and fabricated in partnership with the Brightmoor Woodworkers.

We are trying to pursue all proper permission processes. So far Traffic Engineering, BSEED, adjacent property owners and staff at encroachment and right-of-way divisions have issued their approval and support. The Fitzgerald Neighborhood Signs are part of a project funded by the Surdna Foundation. We hope we will hear back on this final round of permissions soon, as we have a grant deadline and fabrication of the signs is underway.

Looking forward to your response,
Ceara

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| On Sep 11, 2015, at 10:12 AM, Richard Doherty
<DohertyRi@detroitmi.gov> wrote:

| Khalil,
| Attached is the submittal we received. Please coordinate with Ms.
| O'Leary at:

| Ceara O'Leary
| Senior Project Manager/Designer

