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OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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DEPARTMENTAL REFERENCE COMMUNICATION

Tuesday, August 14, 2018

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 DPW - CITY ENGINEERING DIVISION

497 *Wayne State University, request for vacatin of public alley and Easement for rights-of-way located in the Cass Avenue, West Forest Avenue, Second Boulevard and West Hancock Avenue block.*



**WAYNE STATE
UNIVERSITY**

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August 10, 2018

Honorable City Council of the City of Detroit
% Office of the City Clerk
Room 200
Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
2 Woodward Avenue
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Subject: Vacation of Public Alley and Easement Rights-of-Way in Cass Avenue, West Forest Avenue, Second Boulevard and West Hancock Avenue Block

Honorable City Council:

Wayne State University proposes to begin development of the new "Hilberry Gateway Performance Complex" involving building renovation, construction and relocation. This project proposes to fully renovate approximately 23,000 square feet of existing Hilberry Theatre and construct a 71,300 square foot addition. The new complex includes a 400 seat theatre, a 150 seat performance laboratory, new back of house production facilities, combined lobby and box office, as well as the 380 seat Gretchen Valade Jazz Center. Construction of this project will require the relocation of the historic Mackenzie House, currently adjacent to the Hilberry Theatre.

In order to accomplish these objectives, the University hereby formally petitions your Honorable Body to vacate certain public alley and easement rights-of-way in the easterly portion of the block bounded by Cass Avenue, West Forest Avenue, Second Boulevard and West Hancock Avenue, City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan. These public alley and easement rights-of-way to be vacated are more particularly described as follows (Please reference attached plat map drawing):

Outright vacation of that part of the north-south 18 foot public dedicated alley right-of-way first west of Cass Avenue (80 feet wide), between the northerly line of West Forest Avenue (70 feet wide) and the extended northerly line of Lot 27, "Canfield's Subdivision of Outlot 191 of the Subdivision of the Cass Farm", City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 13, Page 27 of Plats, Wayne County Records; lying east of and adjoining the easterly line of Lot 26; lying east of and adjoining the easterly line of the east-west 18 foot public dedicated alley; lying west of and adjoining the westerly line of Lots 27 through 31, inclusive; all of the above mentioned subdivision.

Vacation and conversion to public easement of that part of the north-south 18 foot public dedicated alley right-of-way first west of Cass Avenue (80 feet wide), between the southerly line of West Hancock Avenue (70 feet wide) and the extended southerly line of Lot 1, "Cass Farm Company Limited Subdivision of Blocks 103, 105, 107 and 109 of the Cass Farm", City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 18, Page 81 of Plats, Wayne County Records; lying west of and adjoining the westerly line of Lots 1 through 4, inclusive; lying east of and adjoining the easterly line of Lot 5; all of the above mentioned subdivision.

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Outright vacation of the 20 foot public easement running along the north line of Lot 28, "Canfield's Subdivision of Outlot 191 of the Subdivision of the Cass Farm", City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 13, Page 27 of Plats, Wayne County Records; lying west of and adjoining the westerly line of Cass Avenue (80 feet wide); lying east of and adjoining the easterly line of the north-south 18 foot public dedicated alley first west of Cass Avenue (80 feet wide); all of the above mentioned subdivision.

Wayne State University is prepared to work with the City and utility agencies on all infrastructure disposition matters and is hopeful that your Honorable Body will give favorable consideration to our request, so that this most important performing arts theatre renovation, construction and relocation project can both improve the University Campus, as well as, further the revitalization efforts within the City of Detroit.

Respectfully submitted,



William R. Decatur
Vice President for Finance and Business Operations,
Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

Attachment

Cc: Richard Doherty, City Engineer, City Engineering Division, Department of Public Works, City of Detroit.

Patrick O. Lindsey, Vice President, Government and Community Affairs, Wayne State University.

Pamela R. Galloway, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Wayne State University.

Harry E. Wyatt, Jr., Associate Vice President, Facilities Planning and Management, Wayne State University.

Frances C. Ahern, Senior Director, Design and Construction Services, Facilities Planning and Management, Wayne State University.

Ashley S. Flintoff, Director, Planning and Space Management, Facilities Planning and Management, Wayne State University.

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