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DEPARTMENTAL REFERENCE COMMUNICATION

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

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

1307 *Scott Craig, request to vacate & convert to easement the north south alley bounded by Essex, Phillip, Avondale and Marlborough.*



CITY OF DETROIT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
CITY ENGINEERING DIVISION

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Petitioner:
Scott Craig
446 Marlborough, Detroit MI 48215
(818) 919-2893

On behalf of the above mentioned petitioner the Department of Public Works: City Engineering Division is submitting a petition request for the below mentioned action. The petitioner has received a project consultation from the Department of Public Works: City Engineering Division and has been advised the following:

Type of action recommended:

Petition to vacate and convert to easement the north-south alley bounded by Essex Avenue, Phillip Street, Avondale Street, and Marlborough Street.

Based on the scope of the project the following requirements have been outlined:

- No further requirements noted.

Sincerely,

Jered Dean
Manager II
Maps and Records Bureau

Scott Craig
446 Marlborough
Detroit, MI 48215

Detroit City Council

To whom it may concern, My name is Scott Craig. I live at 446 Marlborough, which I purchased from DLBA as a full rehab. I also own the lots behind my house at 443, 447 and 451 Philip. I'm currently in the process of purchasing 433, 439 and 455 from the city of Detroit/DLBA. I'm also currently in the process of buying the vacant home next-door to me at 450 Marlborough from the City of Detroit P&DD c/o DBA and the privately owned lot next to that at 454 Marlborough.

I'm requesting that the city officially vacate the abandoned alley that runs behind Marlborough St and Philip St, from Essex Ave to Avondale St. This block has very few homes on either street. Roughly 12 occupied homes total and a handful of vacant homes. The alley hasn't been used for a very long time. It is overgrown with trees and has seen massive amounts of illegal dumping. I believe allowing the home owners to take over this land will eliminate the dumping and give the homeowners a reason to keep this land free of trees and brush for utility access. My personal interest revolves around fencing in my adjoining properties to keep the packs of vicious wild dogs off my property. I have children and the wild dogs are a true menace. On top of that people's pets often get loose in this neighborhood, one or more per day as observed on the web app 'Nextdoor' and the pets around here are usually Pitbull or Rottweiler and very aggressive. At the moment I can't even let my children play in my own backyard. It's disheartening to say the least. The illegal dumping has to stop also, without cleaning up the alley and blocking access I'm not sure what to do.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Scott Craig
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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENT(S)

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