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Petitioner:
Buildings, Safety Engineering, and Environmental Department
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On behalf of the above-mentioned petitioner the Department of Public Works: City Engineering Division is submitting a petition request for the action below. 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:

The proposed project includes the activation of an existing alleyway for the creation of shared public spaces to celebrate neighborhoods and promote the installation of art. The improvements noted within this submittal include the infrastructure elements to renew the alleys; making them accessible and safe for pedestrians.

The scope of work necessary for this project will include the following:

- Alley vegetation clearing and disposal of debris
- Drainage improvements with the installation of new catch basins and adjusting existing manholes to grade.
- Removal and replacement of alley pavements with a new decorative concrete pavement.
- Installation of solar powered lighting.
- Installation of a DTE electrical service.

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Re: E-Plans Review for the Arts Alleys Project
Yellow Brick Road Arts Alley

On behalf of the City of Detroit's Office of Art, Culture, and Entrepreneurship (ACE), OHM Advisors is submitting construction plans for review and approval by the various City Departments. The proposed project includes the activation of an existing alleyway for the creation of shared public spaces to celebrate neighborhoods and promote the installation of art. The improvements noted within this submittal include the infrastructure elements to renew the alleys; making them accessible and safe for pedestrians.

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Utility Easement Usage

In the early 2000s, the existing public alley bounded by Freud Street on the south and Newport and Lakeport streets on the west and east was vacated as part of City redevelopment efforts. Since that time, the alley ownership has reverted to adjacent private property owners. The property on the west side of the alley is held currently by the City of Detroit Planning and Development Department. As part of the project design phase, ACE gained approval to utilize the rear of these parcels for the construction of a pedestrian pathway and associated art installations.

The parcels along the east side of the alley are owned by private property owners. Through community engagement, it has been determined that the failed pavements will be removed and replaced with ground cover and turf grass. To help ensure that utility companies have continued access through this space, the fencing will be held at the former property line.

This property will remain under private ownership under this arrangement. The PDD owned land will be protected through the recoding of pedestrian ingress/egress easement. This will overlap the existing public utility easement which was recorded during the prior alley vacation.

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Adjacent Improvements

The plans depict improvements on a number of adjacent properties. Specifically, there will be fencing improvements to better define the alleyway.

Prior Development Team Meeting

This submission is a continuation of the process initiated last year that culminated in a Preliminary Plan Review meeting, held on November 20, 2023. The plans have included several changes from this initial plan set:

1. The work within the northern east-west alley parallel to E Jefferson Avenue has been removed. The removes any work from the existing historical district.
2. The existing failed concrete will be removed. As noted earlier, per resident feedback, this space will be retained as lawn space. We note that this is located above a DWSD sewer. Per direction received at the November 20, 2023, meeting, we understand this to be an allowable restoration given that the land is privately-owned. This green space will not be utilized for drainage as the proposed concrete pathway located to the west will include catch basins to directly manage any runoff generated from the surface.

Questions and Review

The Arts Alley Projects are funded as part of the City of Detroit's ARPA Allotment which requires that the improvements are obligated no later than December 31, 2024. ACE appreciates any assistance in expediting reviews. If there are any questions, please contact me with any questions at 313-481-1253 or via e-mail at Zachary.hampton@ohm-advisors.com.

Sincerely,
OHM Advisors

Zachary Hampton, P.E.
Project Manager

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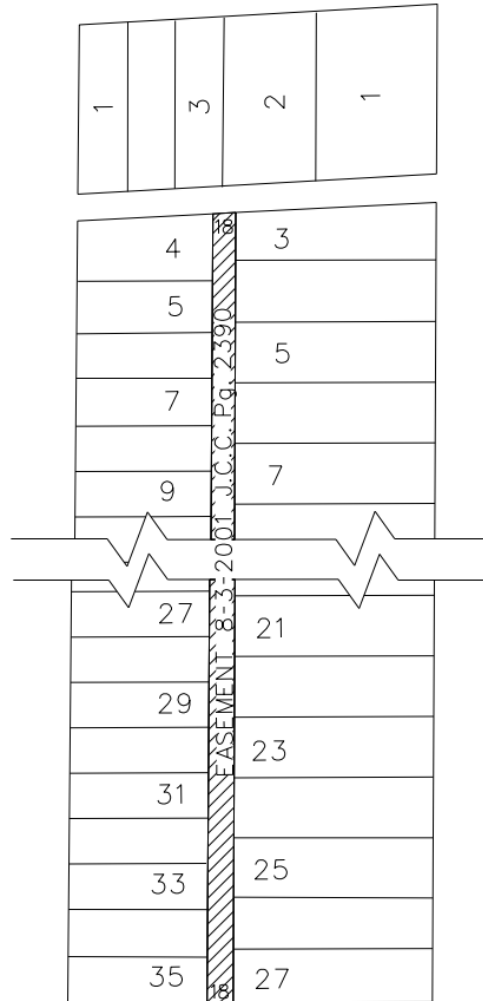
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JEFFERSON AVE. 120 FT. WD.



NEWPORT AVE. 50 FT. WD.

LAKWOOD AVE. 80 FT. WD.



FREUD ST. 60 FT. WD.



- REQUEST ENCROACHMENT (NEW CONCRETE PAVEMENT, BENCHING, BOLLARDS, SIGNS, ART PANELS, KIOSK, ASSOCIATED STORM AND LANDSCAPING)
 (FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

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