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DEPARTMENT PETITION REFERENCE COMMUNICATION

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.

Petition No.	2026-132
Name of Petitioner	Crystal Marie Events, LLC
Description of Petition	Petition request to vacate with an easement the east-west public alley, 20 ft. wide bounded by Grandy Ave. 61 ft. wide, E. Alexandrine Ave. 50 ft. wide, Joseph Campau Ave. 69 ft. wide, and Leland St., 50 ft. wide.
Type of Petition	Alley Vacation/Encroachment/Utility Vacation
Submission Date	07/01/26
Concerned Departments	Media Services, Building & Safety Engineering, Police Department, Fire Department, Municipal Parking Department, Transportation Department, Health Department, General Services Department
Petitioner Contact	Crystal Marie Young The Leland Green / Crystal Marie Events, LLC McDougall-Hunt Neighborhood, Detroit, M



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To: Clerk's Office
From: The Department of Public Works
City Engineering Division
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Petitioner:
Crystal Marie Events, LLC
2809 Leland St.
Detroit, MI, 48208

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:

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June 3, 2026

Department of Public Works
Maps and Records Bureau
City of Detroit

RE: Alley Vacation/Easement Petition – East/West Alleyway Between Grandy and Leland Streets, McDougall-Hunt Neighborhood

Dear Maps and Records Bureau,

I am writing to formally request the vacation and conversion of the 20-foot wide east/west public alleyway located between Grandy and Leland Streets into a private easement, in connection with my Special Land Use application for The Leland Green a community outdoor recreational center currently in development in the McDougall-Hunt neighborhood.

Purpose of Alley Use

The primary purpose for securing access to this alleyway is to provide a controlled vehicle access point for the loading and unloading of materials, equipment, and supplies used in the programming and operations of The Leland Green. As the project progresses through development and into active programming, this access point will be essential for the safe and efficient movement of goods and vehicles directly to and from the site.

Blight Prevention and Community Safety

Beyond operational necessity, securing this alleyway serves a critical community safety function. Open, unmonitored alleyways in Detroit neighborhoods are frequently targeted for illegal dumping, which creates significant blight, public health hazards, and exposure to municipal code violations and blight ticket citations. By converting this alleyway to a controlled easement with a vehicle access gate, we will:

- Actively deter and prevent illegal dumping activity in and around the project site;
- Reduce the risk of blight citations against the property and adjacent parcels;
- Contribute to the overall cleanliness, safety, and aesthetic improvement of the McDougall-Hunt neighborhood; and
- Align with the City of Detroit's ongoing blight elimination and neighborhood revitalization goals.



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The Leland Green is designed to serve as a positive community anchor in McDougall-Hunt, providing outdoor recreational programming and green space for residents. Maintaining a clean, secure perimeter is central to that mission and to the long-term sustainability of the project.

I respectfully request that this petition be reviewed and advanced through the alley vacation process at your earliest convenience. I welcome any additional information or documentation needed to support this application and am available to discuss further at your convenience.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

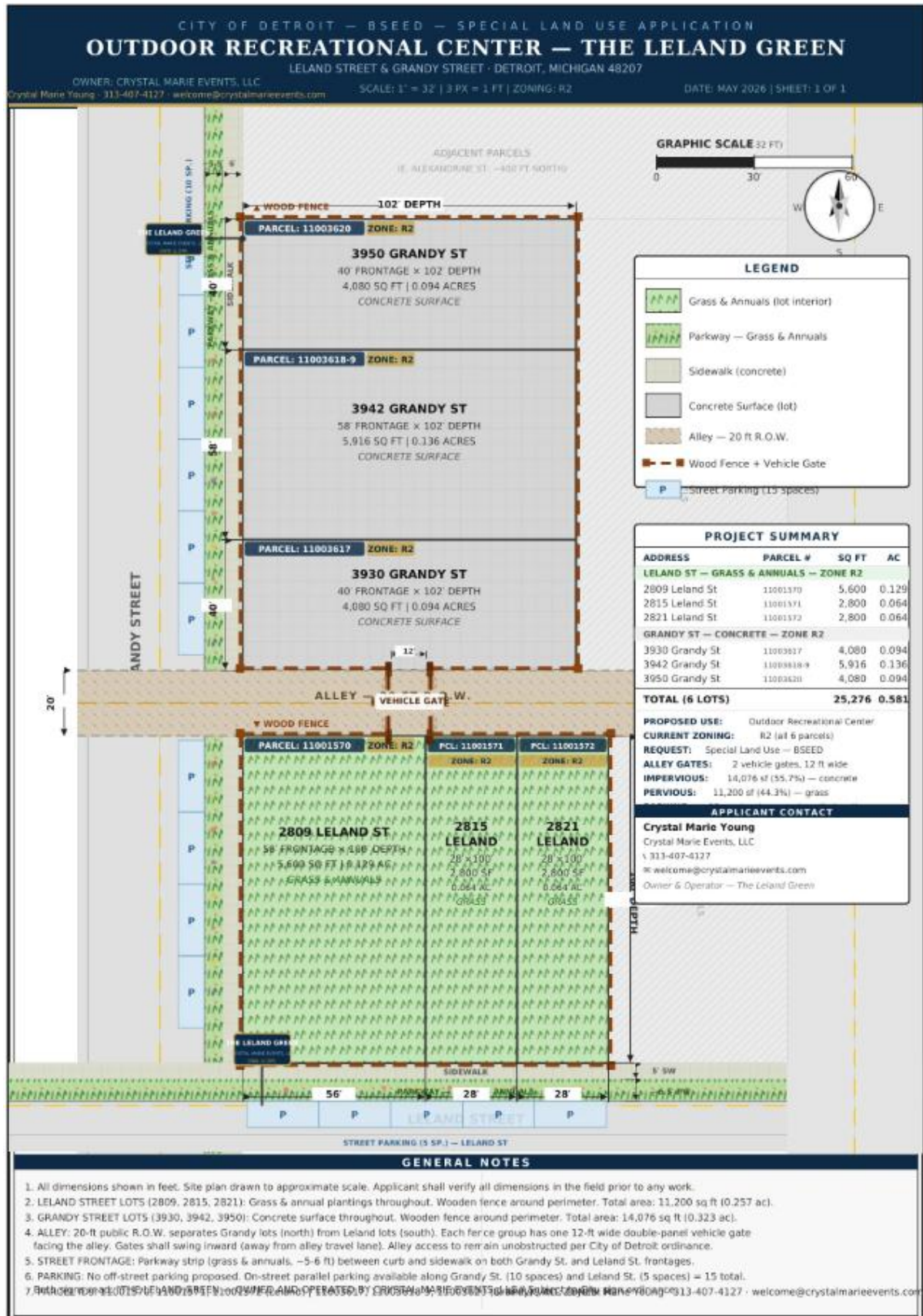
Crystal Marie Young

The Leland Green / Crystal Marie Events, LLC
McDougall-Hunt Neighborhood, Detroit, MI



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