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| FROM | NAME & TITLE | DOUGLAS B MCCOACH, III, DIRECTOR <i>DBM</i> | CITY of BALTIMORE MEMO |  |
| | AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS | DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 417 E. FAYETTE STREET, 8 th FLOOR | | |
| | SUBJECT | CITY COUNCIL BILL #08-0128/ CITY STREETS- CLOSING - TWO 10-FOOT ALLEYS | | |

TO

DATE:
July 3, 2008

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400
100 N. Holliday Street

At its regular meeting of June 26, 2008, the Planning Commission considered City Council Bill #08-0128, for the purpose of condemning and closing (1) a 10-foot alley laid out in the rear of the property known as No. 2320/2340 N. Calvert Street and (2) a 10-foot alley laid out in the rear of the properties known as Nos. 111 and 113 E. 24th Street, as shown on Plat 346-A-61A in the Office of the Department of Public Works; and providing for a special effective date.

In its consideration of this Bill, the Planning Commission reviewed the attached agenda, summary and previous staff report which recommends approval of City Council Bill #08-0128 and adopted the following resolution, eight members being present (eight in favor)

RESOLVED, That the Planning Commission concurs with the recommendation of its departmental staff, and recommends that City Council Bill #08-0128 be passed by the City Council.

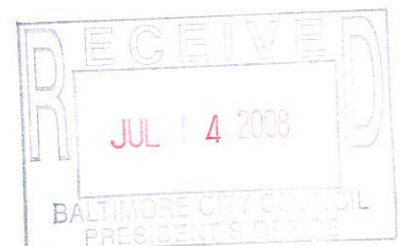
If you have questions, please contact Mr. Gary W. Cole, Deputy Director at 410-396-8337.

DBM/GWC/ttl

Attachments

cc:

Mr. Andy Frank, Deputy Mayor
 Mr. Demuane Millard, Mayor's Office
 Ms. Angela Gibson, Mayor's Office
 The Honorable "Rikki" Spector, City Council Commission Representative
 Ms. Nikol Nabors-Jackson, DHCD
 Ms. Deepa Bhattacharyya, Law Department
 Ms. Jennifer Coates, Councilmanic Services
 Mr. Paul Barnes, DPW
 Ms. Marcia Collins, DPW



PLANNING COMMISSION

STAFF REPORT

February 21, 2008

REQUEST: Street Closing/10 foot and 8 foot Alleys South of 24th Street and East of Hargrove Alley

RECOMMENDATION: Approval subject to compliance with Department of Public Works requirements.

STAFF: Kenneth Hranicky

PETITIONER: 2315 Saint Paul Street, LLC

OWNER: Mayor and City Council of Baltimore

SITE/GENERAL AREA

Site Conditions: The requested street closings are two alleys, an 8 foot and 10 foot alley, located in the rear of 2320/2340 N. Calvert Street (Block 3821) and to the east of Hargrove Alley. The 8 foot alley measures approximately 8 feet by 38 feet and the 10 foot alley measures 10 feet by 100 feet. The alleys are bounded by lots that serve as a surface parking lot.

General Area: The proposed street closing is in the Barclay neighborhood where there is a mix of residential, office residential, and other business uses. Much of the surrounding area is zoned O-R-2. The street closing in question is in the Barclay Urban Renewal Area and in the Mt. Vernon historic district.

HISTORY

- Ordinance #78-927, approved December 13, 1978, established the Barclay Urban Renewal Plan
- Ordinance #89-251, approved March 23, 1989, was the last amendment to the Urban Renewal Plan.

CONFORMITY TO PLANS

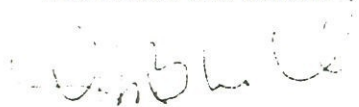
This site lies within the Barclay Urban Renewal Plan boundaries and complies with its provisions. The street closing also complies with the Comprehensive Master Plan's Earn Section, Goal 1, Objective 1: Retain and Attract Businesses in all Growth Sectors.

ANALYSIS

2315 Saint Paul Street, LLC has requested the street closing. They will consolidate these alley beds with their surround property and continue to use the area for surface parking. No construction is being proposed. The surrounding lots are currently being used for surface parking.

The applicant owns the property bordering the proposed street closing. It is staff's opinion that these alleys are no longer needed for public purposes and that they can be closed, declared surplus right-of-way, and be disposed of.

Barclay Leadership Council, Charles Village Community Benefits District and the East Baltimore Midway/Barclay Community Development Corporation, Inc. have been notified of this action.



Douglas B. McCoach, III
Director



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Planning Commission
February 21, 2008



**STREET CLOSING/10 FOOT AND
8 FOOT ALLEYS SOUTH OF
24TH STREET AND EAST
OF HARGROVE ALLEY**