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Item No. 4

TO:	City Plan Board	DATE:	February 15, 2007
FROM:	Planning Division Staff		

SUBJECT:Petition 195SVA-06 PB, City of Gainesville/Public WorksDepartment.Vacate, Abandon and Close the westerly 100 feet of
Northeast 8th Place, west of Northeast 20th Street.

Recommendation

Planning Division staff recommends approval of Petition 195SVA-06 PB with the condition that a utility easement be retained over the vacated area.

Explanation

The purpose of this request is to vacate a portion of the right-of-way of Northeast 8th Place, west of Northeast 20th Street. The right-of-way to be vacated is approximately the westerly 100 feet of Northeast 8th Place, running between Lots 5 and 6 of Block "A," and Lots 1 and 2 of Block "D" of the plat of the Thomas and Steenburg Subdivision, Plat Book "B", page 91 of the Public Records of Alachua County, Florida. The right-ofway is not paved, is not open for public use, and is surrounded by other lots owned by the Bartley Temple. Upon vacation of the right-of-way, Bartley Temple would be responsible for maintenance and liability. The right-of-way is an unimproved "paper street."

The City Plan Board shall consider the following criteria in determining whether the public interest would be best served by the proposed action:

1. Whether the public benefits from the use of the subject right-ofway as part of the City street system.

The public gains minimal benefit from the subject right-of-way because it is a paper street.

2. Whether the proposed action is consistent with the City's comprehensive plan.

This proposal is consistent with the City's Concurrency Management Policy 1.2.1, concerning vacating streets only under certain conditions. The closure of the subject right-of-way will not foreclose reasonably foreseeable future bicycle/pedestrian use, will not foreclose non-motorized access to adjacent land uses or transit stops, and there is no reasonably foreseeable need for any type of transportation corridor for the area in the future.

3. Whether the proposed action would violate individual property rights.

Staff finds that the proposed action does not violate any individual property rights. Although it appears that Lots 1 and 2 of Block "D" and Lots 5 and 6 of Block "A" will be made landlocked or inaccessible, they are actually owned by Bartley Temple. Lots 5 and 6 are part of the developed area of the church property. Acquisition of the right-of-way would connect the developed portion of the church site with church property north of the right-of-way.

4. The availability of alternative action to alleviate the identified problems.

The subject right-of-way is currently not being used as a public thoroughfare. No alternative action is needed.

5. The effect of the proposed action on traffic circulation.

There will be no impact on traffic circulation since the subject right-ofway cannot be used as a public thoroughfare.

6. The effect of the proposed action on crime.

There should be no negative impact associated with this petition.

7. The effect of the proposed action upon the safety of pedestrians and vehicular traffic.

The safety of pedestrians and vehicular traffic will not be impacted by this proposal.

8. The effect of the proposed action on the provision of municipal services including, but not limited to emergency services and waste removal services.

The proposed action will not adversely impact municipal services in the area. Trip circulation in the area will not be altered since the proposed vacated right-of-way is not being used as a public thoroughfare.

9. The necessity to relocate utilities, both public and private.

There are no utilities located within the subject right-of-way. No relocation of utilities should be necessary.

10. The effect the proposed action will have on property values in the immediate and surrounding areas.

The proposed street vacation should not have any negative impact on the property values in the surrounding neighborhood.

11. The effect of the vacation on geographic areas that may be impacted.

The proposed street vacation should have no impact on the geographic area in which it is located.

12. The effect the vacation on the design and character of the neighborhood.

The proposed street vacation should not have any negative impact on the design and character of the neighborhood. The right-of-way is not being used as a public thoroughfare.

The recommended approval of Petition 195SVA-06PB, is based on the recommendations/conditions from the following departments:

- 1. BellSouth: Bell South has no facilities on Northeast 8th Place. Bell South has no objection to the proposed closing.
- 2. GRU: See GRU Real Estate Department comments below.
- **3. GRU Real Estate:** Retain public utility easement over all 100 feet for future water/wastewater needs. No utility conflicts.
- 4. Police: No involvement.

- **5. Public Works:** Approvable as submitted. Petition was initiated by Public Works with the request to retain a public utility easement.
- 6. Fire: Approvable as submitted.
- 7. Planning Division: Street vacation is approvable as submitted as long as the same owner owns property abutting tax parcels 10772, 10789, and 10790.
- 8. Building: It appears that Lots 1,2, 5 and 6 will be landlocked with the proposed street vacation. Based on the write up on the application it appears that substandard lots are being created.
- 9. City Arborist: No involvement.

Condition:

Approvable with the condition that an overall utility easement be retained.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Hilliand

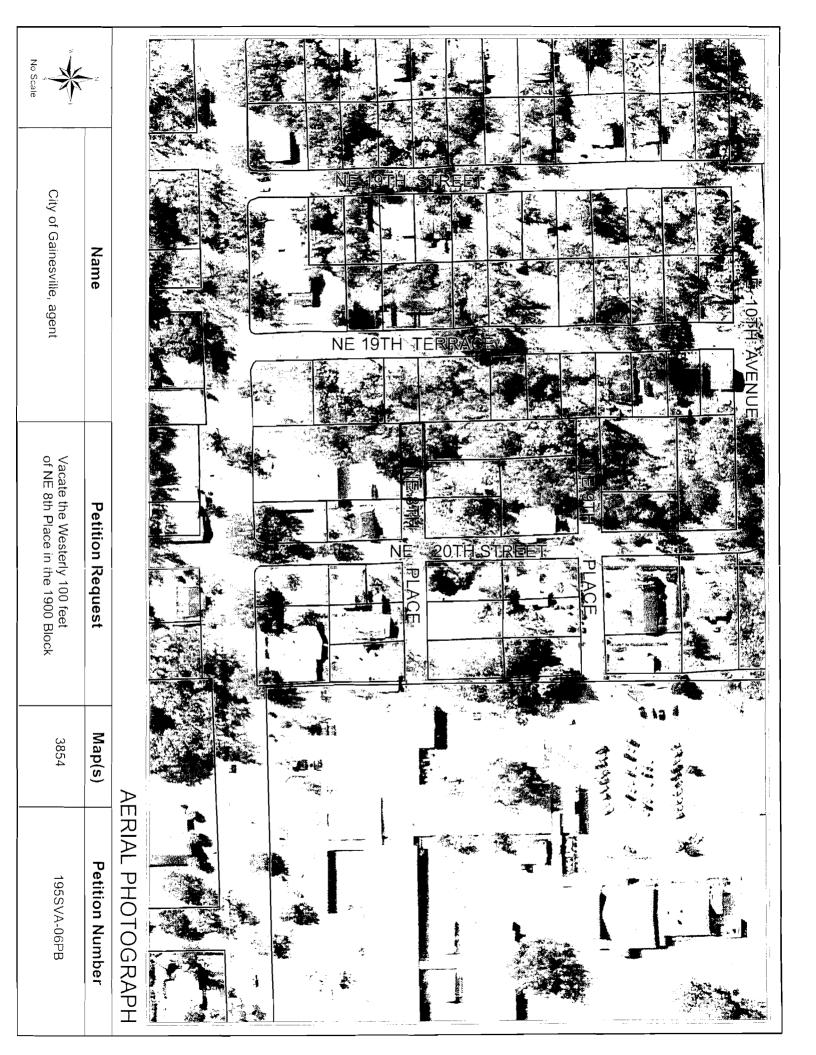
Ralph Hilliard Planning Manager

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	NE 10TH AVENUE
Land Use Designations	R-L R-L R-L
SFSingle Family (up to 8 du/acre)RLResidential Low Density (up to 12 du/acre)RMResidential Medium Density (8-30 du/acre)RHResidential High Density (8-100 du/acre)MURMixed Use Residential (up to 75 du/acre)MULMixed Use Low Intensity (8-30 du/acre)MUMMixed Use Medium Intensity (12-30 du/acre)MUHMixed Use High Intensity (up to 150 du/acre)MUHMixed Use 4 (up to 75 du/acre)UMU1Urban Mixed Use 1 (up to 75 du/acre)UMU2Urban Mixed Use 2 (up to 100 du/acre)OOfficeCCommercialINDIndustrialEEducationRECRecreationCONConservationAGRAgriculture	R.LR.LR.LR.LR.LR.LR.LR.LER.LR.LR.LR.LR.LR.LR.LER.LR.LR.LR.LR.LR.LR.LER.L
PF Public Facilities PUD Planned Use District	R-L R-L R-L R-L
Division line between two land use districts City Limits Area under petition consideration	
	EXISTING LAND USE

Ä	Name	Petition Request	Map(s)	Petition Number
w s s No Scale	City of Gainesville, agent	Vacate the Westerly 100 feet of NE 8th Place in the 1900 Block	3854	195SVA-06PB



<u>Petition 1958VA-06PB</u> - Public Works, agent for the City of Gainesville, to vacate, abandon and close the westerly 100 ft of Northeast 8th Place located west of Northeast 20th Street.

Jason Simmons, Planner gave the Staff presentation and stated this right-of-way area is currently being used by the Bartley Temple Church as a parking lot and it would be the Church's responsibility for the maintenance and liability of the unpaved right-of-way.

Motion By: Bob Cohen	Seconded By: David Gold		
Moved To: Approve	Upon Vote: 5 – 0		