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Inter-Office Communication

Planning Division

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Item No. 1

TO:

City Plan Board

DATE: January 21, 1999

FROM:

Bedez E. Massey,

Current Planning Division

SUBJECT:

Petition No. 218SVA-98PB: Paul West Ford, Inc. Pursuant to Sec. 30-192(b) of the Gainesville Land Development Code, to vacate, abandon and close that portion of city right-of-way lying east of North Main Street, west of tax parcel no. 8231-60, north of tax parcel no. 8231-50 and south of additional city right-of-way lying east of North Main Street and west of the North Main Street Commercial Park.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the petition be denied.

Explanation:

Currently, there is a thirty-five (35) foot wide strip of city right-of-way running parallel to the west property line of Tax Parcel Number 8231-60. This tax parcel is occupied by the Paul West Ford car dealership, located at 3333 North Main Street. With the exception of two (2) paved driveway connections, the subject right-of-way is predominantly pervious. It is abutted on the west by county right-of-way, which consists of a grassed strip approximately seven (7) feet in width; a five (5) foot wide concrete sidewalk, and North Main Street. (See Exhibits A and B.)

The petitioner is presently using the subject right-of-way, and part of the adjoining county rightof-way, for the outdoor storage and display of automobiles. As indicated on the application to vacate public right-of-way, the purpose of this request is to provide the petitioner vehicular and pedestrian access from North Main Street.

According to documentation provided by the petitioner, the City Public Works Department issued a Right-of-Way Use Permit to Paul West Ford, Inc., in May of 1998. The permit allows the petitioner to maintain two (2) existing driveway connections at the Paul West Ford car dealership for vehicular and pedestrian access to North Main Street. Copies of driveway permits from Alachua County were not provided. However, the Alachua County Public Works Department has expressed its awareness of the driveway connections, and that it has no objection to vacating the subject right-of-way.

Comments from the county and other reviewing departments are provided in Exhibit C of this report. Included among these comments are recommendations from Gainesville Regional Utilities(GRU) and BellSouth for the reservation of utility easements over the subject right-ofway. Also included is a recommendation from the City Arborist to disapprove the petition on the basis that vacating the subject right-of-way would preclude efforts to shade the North Main Street corridor.

In addition to the above, the following criteria shall also be considered in determining whether the general public welfare would be best served by the proposed action:

- 1. Whether the public benefits from the use of the subject right-of-way as part of the city street system: The subject right-of-way is not used as part of the city street system. A portion of the right-of-way is used by the petitioner to access North Main Street, which is a county right-of-way.
- 2. Whether the proposed action is consistent with the city's comprehensive plan. According to the City Arborist, vacating the subject right-of-way is inconsistent with the City's streetscape project currently being implemented along the North Main Street Corridor. As per Policy 3.1.7 of the Conservation/Open Space/Groundwater Recharge Element of the City Comprehensive Plan, "the City shall prepare a plan for the establishment and preservation of tree-lined streets. This plan shall give priority to high-visibility Gateway Streets and important activity center road segments, as well as segments included on the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (MTPO) Transportation Improvement Plan." This segment of North Main Street is not within the Gateway Street District, but it is included on the MTPO Improvement Plan. A copy of the North Main Street Tree-Planting Plan is provided in Exhibit C.
- 3. Whether the proposed action would violate individual private property rights. The proposed action would not violate individual private property rights. Private property located to the north and south of the subject right-of-way both have separate driveways which provide access from North Main Street.
- 4. The availability of alternative action to alleviate the identified problems. According to the City Arborist in Exhibit C, the subject right-of-way is needed in its entirety to execute the North Main Street Tree Planting Plan. Maintenance of the subject right-ofway will not deprive the petitioner of access from North Main Street, since access is allowed under the permit issued by the City Public Works Department in May of 1998.
- 5. The effect of the proposed action upon traffic circulation. Regardless of whether this petition is approved or denied, the petitioner will maintain access from North Main Street under the permit issued by the City Public Works Department in May of 1998. Any modifications to current driveway connections, or the provision of new ones, will require site plan review involving both the city and county. An easement will also be required to allow GRU and Bell South access to existing utilities within and near the subject right-of-way.
- 6. The effect of the proposed action upon crime. There is no evidence indicating that the proposed action will impact crime.
- 7. The effect of the proposed action upon the safety of pedestrians and vehicular traffic. Approval of the proposed action will provide the petitioner with access to land that abuts an existing sidewalk provided for pedestrian circulation. The petitioner has illegally parked vehicles within the subject right-of-way for outdoor storage and display, and there is no barrier to prevent the vehicles from encroaching into the adjacent sidewalk.
- 8. The effect of the proposed action upon the provision of municipal services including but not limited to emergency services and waste removal services. The proposed action is not expected to adversely affect the provision of municipal services. except for the Tree Planting Plan on North Main Street.

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The necessity to relocate utilities both public and private. Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) has requested that a twenty (20) foot wide public utility easement be reserved along the western portion of the subject right-of-way to access overhead utility lines. BellSouth has requested that an easement be reserved over the subject right-of-way to maintain buried cables.

10. The effect the proposed action will have upon property values in the immediate and surrounding areas. Staff is unaware of the effect the proposed action will have upon property values in the immediate and surrounding areas.

- 11. The effect of the proposed action on geographic areas which may be impacted. Based on comments provided by the City Arborist in Exhibit C, approval of the proposed action would preclude use of the subject right-of-way to the extent needed for the North Main Street Tree Planting Plan. This plan was developed to help beautify the North Main Street corridor, as well as the entire city.
- 12. The effect of the proposed action on the design and character of the area. North Main Street, between N.E. 31st Avenue and N.E. 39th Avenue, is heavily lined by automotive businesses which have outdoor storage and display areas. Most of the outdoor storage and display areas are visible from the street. While some of the automotive businesses along North Main Street comply with the street buffer requirements of the City Land Development Code due to recent site amendments, many do not. One of the goals of the North Main Street Tree Planting Plan is to address this landscape deficiency by providing trees and other plant material within the public right-of-way. If the proposed action is approved, planting within the subject right-of-way would be left to the discretion of the petitioner until development activity was undertaken requiring the Paul West Ford car dealership to comply with the City's landscaping requirements.

Sincerely,

Ralph Hilliard Planning Manager

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City of Gainesville Department of Community Development Current Planning Division Summary of Technical Review Committee Comments

Petition: 218SVA-98PB Plan Board

Meeting Date: 1/21/99 Reviewed by: Bedez E. Massey

Project Name/Description: Paul West Ford, Inc. Pursuant to Sec. 30-192(b) of the Gainesville Land Development Code, to vacate, abandon and close that portion of city right-of-way lying east of North Main Street, west of tax parcel no. 8231-60, north of tax parcel no. 8231-50 and south of additional city right-of-way lying east of North Main Street and west of the North Main Street Commercial Park.

I. Department Comments:

1. Planning: Disapprove

2. City Engineering: Approvable as submitted

3. Gainesville Regional Utilities: Approvable with conditions

4. Building: Approvable with conditions

5. Fire: No comments received

6. Police: No comments received.

7. Arborist: Disapprove

8. A.C.D.E.P.: No comments received

9. BellSouth: Approvable with conditions

10. Cox Communications: Approvable as submitted

11. Alachua County Public Works: Approvable as submitted

II. Overall Recommendation: Based on the information provided by the City

Arborist, approval of this petition would be in direct conflict with Policy 3.1.7 of the Conservation/Open Space/Groundwater Recharge Element of the City Comprehensive Plan. Therefore, the overall

recommendation is to deny the petition.

SITE PLAN EVALUATION SHEET

DEVELOPMENT PLAN & SUBDIVISION REVIEW EVALUATION CURRENT PLANNING, ROOM 158, THOMAS CENTER "B"

306 Northeast 6th Avenue 334-5023

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Review For: Plan Board	Review Date: 1/21/99	Project Planner: Bedez E. Massey
Petition No. 218SVA-98PB	Date Plan Rec'd: 11/3/98	Review Type: Street Vacation

(as submitted) (subject to below)

Description/Location/Agent: Vacate that portion of City right-of-way lying east of North Main Street, west of

Tax Parcel No. 8231-60, north of Tax Parcel No. 8231-50 and south of additional City right-of-way lying east of North Main Street and west of the North Main Street Commercial Park. Paul West Ford, Inc.

RECOMMENDATIONS/REQUIREMENTS/COMMENTS

1. The City Arborist has recently brought to the attention of the City Planning Division that a comprehensive tree planting plan has been developed for the North Main Street corridor. The plan includes the east side of North Main Street, between N.E. 31st Avenue and N.E. 39th Avenue, where the subject right-of-way is located.

According to Policy 3.1.7 of the Conservation/Open Space/Groundwater Recharge Element of the City Comprehensive Plan, the city is required to establish and implement plans for the preservation of tree-lined streets on roadway segments which are included on the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (MTPO) Transportation Improvement Plan. North Main Street, between N.E. 31st Avenue and N.E. 39th Avenue, is a part of the MTPO Plan.

The City Arborist has indicated that approval of this petition would be in conflict with Policy 3.1.7 of the City's Comprehensive Plan, and would preclude efforts to plant landscape material to the extent needed along this segment of North Main Street. As a result, the City Planning Division cannot support this petition.

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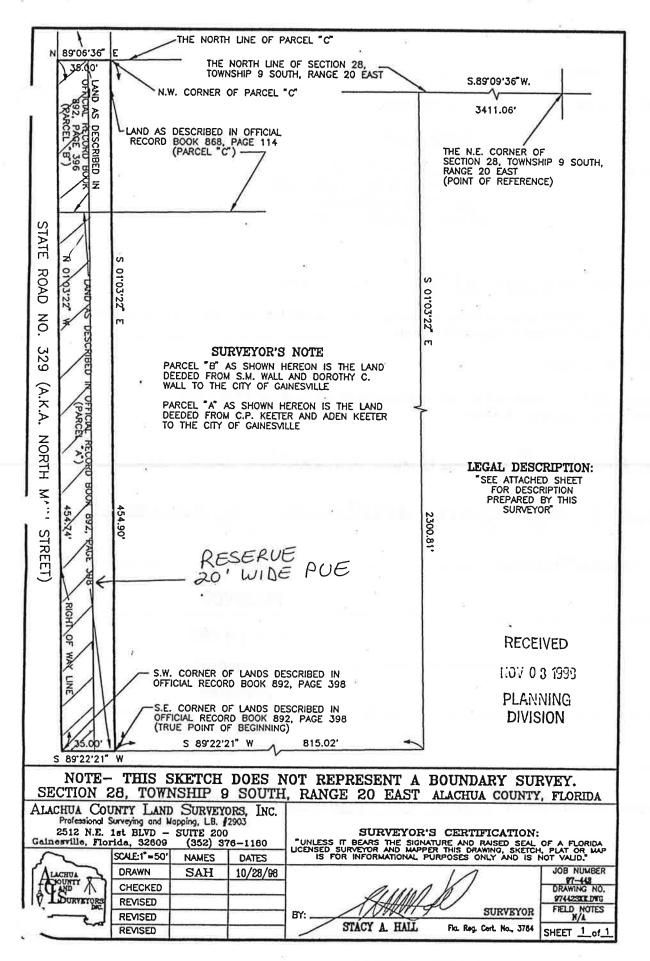
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SITE PLAN REVIEW

City Arborist

PETITION # 218SVA-98 PB (Paul West Ford, Inc.) DATE: December 8, 1998
PROJECT City ROW E of N Main St & W of the N Main St Commercial Park (Bedez)
REVIEW Street Vacation
Approved X Disapproved
Approved with the following conditions
Right now, there are no trees shading Main Street from the 31st Avenue to 39th Avenue. The hardscape bakes in the sun, and the re-radiated heat significantly increases Gainesville's urban heat load. A variety of research has shows that this kind of urban heat load is one of the main factors in global warming. Federal, State, and local ordinances are aimed at diminishing this.
The City of Gainesville plans to plant trees along Main Street to diminish urban heat load. Gainesville's Comprehensive Plan Conservation and Open Space Element 3.1.7 states "the City shall prepare a plan for the establishment and preservation of tree-lined streets. This plan shall give priority to high-visibility Gateway Streets and important activity center road segments, as well as segments included on the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization Transportation Improvement Plan."
The attached comprehensive plan for trees along Main Street relies on the City right-of-way in front of Paul West Ford as an important location in this effort. Therefore, this street vacation petition should not be approved. Without this right-of-way, there is no room for trees.
Impact on Urban Forest: Vacating this right-of-way would prevent the City from completing the Main Street tree-planting plan designed to accomplish compliance with the Conservation and Open Space Element of the 1990 Comprehensive Plan.
Submitted by City Arborist, Parks Division, City of Gainesville P.O. Box 490, Sta. 27 Gainesville, FL 32602 (352-334-2171)
Signature nig riederhofer
Comment: If at some point in the future, the petitioner finds himself in the position of bringing his site into compliance with current landscaping regulations (either through a proposal to expant the floorplans of existing buildings or to redevelop the site), and plans to plant the required 9' street buffer of trees and shrubs reconsideration of a petition to transfer this right-of-way might

be in order.

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Parks Division, Sta 27 334-2171, FAX 334-3197

MEMORANDUM

Date: December 7, 1998

To:

Ralph Hilliard, Planning Manager

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From:

Meg Niederhofer, City Arborist neg

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Subject: North Main Street Tree-Planting Plan

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The City's Comprehensive Plan Conservation and Open Space Element 3.1.7 states..."the City shall prepare a plan for the establishment and preservation of tree-lined streets. This plan shall give priority to high-visibility Gateway Streets and important activity center road segments, as well as segments included on the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization Transportation Improvement Plan."

Working with the City Beautification Board, a plan was developed for Main Street. Part of the plan has been executed. Specifically, in 1997 the City planted Live Oaks along both sides of Main Street from Second Avenue to Eighth Avenue

N	ORTH I	MAIN STREET TREE PLANTING PLAN	
2nd Ave to 8th Ave.	1997	Live Oaks planted along both sides in the strip of grass	
5		between the sidewalk and street.	
8th Ave to 16th Ave.	1998	Drake Elms, compatible with overhead power lines, were	
East side		planted on the west side in the grass strip between sidewalk	
		and street in the County maintained right-of-way.	
8th Ave to 16th Ave.	1999	Live Oaks will be planted (no overhead power lines). A few	
West side		Drake Elms will be interspersed to draw the two sides of the	
		street together.	
NW 16th Ave to 23rd	1998	Live Oaks and Drake Elms were planted in front of the old	
Ave. West side		Toyota Dealership and Radio Shack. No overhead power	
*		lines. North of the former Toyota site, the right-of-way	
		narrows. Plan is to work with private property owners in	
		1999 to locate on their land adjacent to the street.	
NW 16th Ave to 23rd	2000	Due to narrow right-of-way, the plan along this side will have	
Ave. East side		to depend on the cooperation of adjacent property owners.	
NW 23rd Ave to 31st	2000	With the permission of Alachua County Public Works, the	
Ave. West side		City planted American Ash, Crape Myrtles, Live Oaks and	
		Hollies on both sides of the drainage retention area between	
		NE 1st Blvd and 31st Ave. The plan is to continue the	
		plantings to the north to 23rd Ave.	

NW 23rd Ave to 31st	2000	A large wetland abuts the right-of-way and will not need trees.
Ave. East side		Between 23rd and the wetland we'll be working with private
		owners (e.g. Ryan's to replace Laurel Oaks that have been
		pruned by GRU with Drake Elms).
NW 31st Ave to 39th	2001	The City has a 35' ROW behind the Alachua County ROW in
Ave. East side		front of Paul West dealerships, Toyota, and Acura. Drake
		Elms and Hollies are slated for installation, due to overhead
		power lines. (Toyota removed two Heritage Longleaf Pines
		from this area two years ago. They replanted in accordance
	r.	with the required inch-for-inch Code requirement on site.
		Unfortunately, many of these trees have died because they
		continue to park cars on the City ROW. They may be asked
		to replace the trees that have died before the City planting is
		undertaken in 2001). East Palatka Holly Trees already have
		been planted in front of the Saturn dealership and Hawes
		Chrysler, when they met the street buffer requirements
·		associated with their Approved Site Plans.
NW 31st Ave to 39th	2001	Some trees have been planted associated with Approved Site
Ave. West side		Plans. Additional trees will be planted on private properties
		with willing owners. There are no overhead power lines, so
		the emphasis will be on Live Oaks, with a few Drake Elms
_	-	and Hollies to complement those on the east side of the street.

The City Beautification Board is familiar with this Plan and endorses the planting of trees on Main Street. As with all planting plans, our policy is to coordinate with the owners of property adjacent to the rights-of-way where the trees are slated to go. Often they are very enthusiastic, for example, the Radio Shack dealership at 16th and Main. Occasionally property owners have been resistant to the concept of trees planted on adjacent public property. However, when they understand the citizen groups that are promoting the projects--the City Beautification Board, local chapters of the Florida Native Plant Society, Sierra Club, and Audubon Society, and the Gainesville Garden Club, the businesses realize there is community support and agree to cooperate.

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Bell South - 9010 NW 39th Avenue, 32606

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> Edwin E. Culpepper Director/County Engineer

November 24, 1998

Ms. Bedez Massey
Department of Community Development
City of Gainesville
PO Box 490, mail station no. 12
Gainesville, FL 32602

Re: Paul West Ford Petition to vacate City right of way

Dear Ms. Massey:

In reference to a request by Paul West Ford, Inc. to vacate a 35.0 foot strip lying parallel to and adjacent to North Main Street in front of the Paul West Ford dealership, I respectfully submit the following response.

Alachua County Public Works Department has reviewed this request as it relates to being adjacent to a County right of way, and we find no objection to having the strip vacated.

Sincerely,

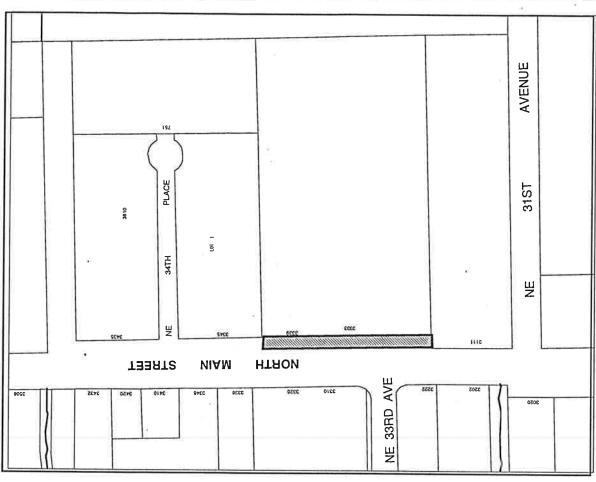
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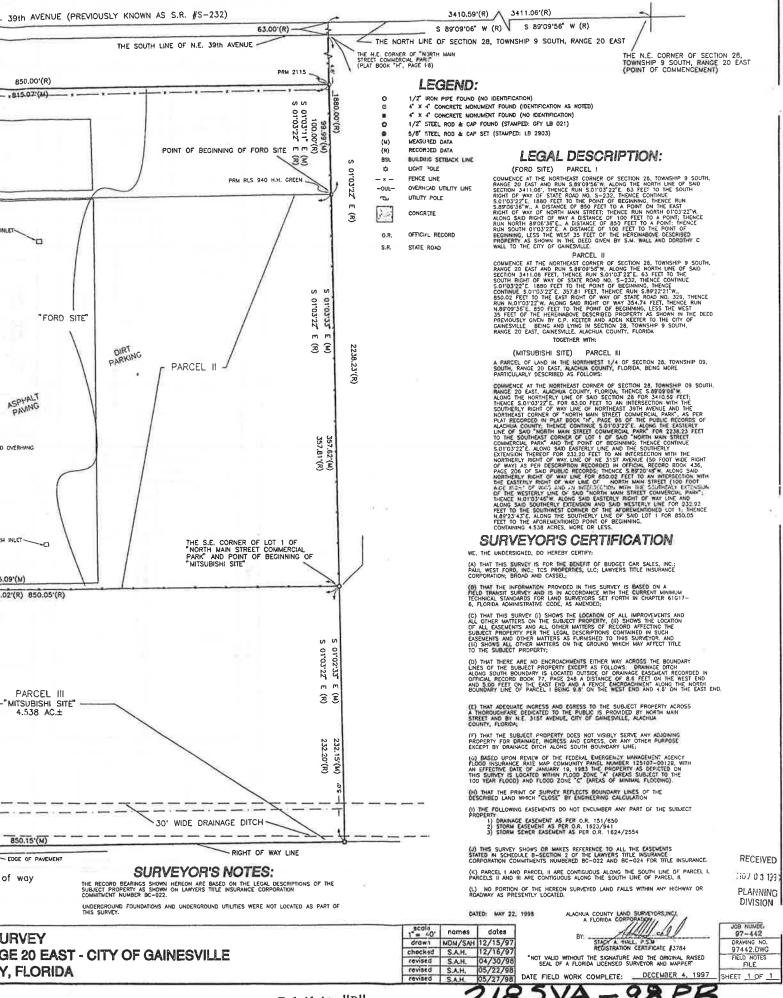


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OCTOBER 28, 1998 35 FOOT STRIP JOB NO. 97-442

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A STRIP OF LAND BEING 35.00 FEET WIDE SITUATED IN SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 20 EAST, CITY OF GAINESVILLE, ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID STRIP OF LAND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 20 EAST FOR THE POINT OF REFERENCE AND RUN S.89°09'36"W., ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 28, A DISTANCE OF 3411.06 FEET; THENCE RUN S.01°03'22"E., A DISTANCE OF 2300.81 FEET; THENCE RUN S.89°22'21"W., A DISTANCE OF 815.02 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 892, PAGE 398 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID PARCEL OF LAND BEING HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS PARCEL "A" AND THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE S.89°22'21"W., ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID PARCEL "A", A DISTANCE OF 35.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID PARCEL "A", SAID SOUTHWEST CORNER IS LOCATED ON THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD NO. 329 (A.K.A. NORTH MAIN STREET) : THENCE RUN N.01°03'22"W., ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE AND THE WEST LINE OF SAID PARCEL "A" AND ALSO ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 892, PAGE 396 OF SAID PUBLIC RECORDS, SAID PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 892, PAGE 396 BEING HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS PARCEL "B", A DISTANCE OF 454.74 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION OF SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE WITH THE WESTERLY PROJECTION OF THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 868, PAGE 114 OF SAID PUBLIC RECORDS, SAID PARCEL OF LAND BEING HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS PARCEL "C"; THENCE RUN N.89°06'36"E., ALONG SAID WESTERLY PROJECTION OF THE NORTH LINE OF SAID PARCEL "C", A DISTANCE OF 35,00 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID PARCEL "C", SAID NORTHWEST CORNER BEING LOCATED ON THE EAST BOUNDARY LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED PARCEL "B"; THENCE RUN S.01°03'22"E., ALONG THE EAST LINES OF SAID PARCELS "A" AND "B", A DISTANCE OF 454.90 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.365 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

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Ms. Bedez Massey was recognized. Ms. Massey presented a map showing the location of the petitioner's property. She pointed out the 35 foot strip of right-of-way the petitioner was requesting that the City vacate. Ms. Massey stated that the City's Technical Review Committee recommended denial of the petition. She indicated that the recommendation was based upon the criteria for street vacations as required by the Land Development Code. She noted that the recommendation was also made in consideration of the Comprehensive Plan and comments from members of the Technical Review Committee. Ms. Massey explained that the primary basis for recommendation of denial of the petition was based upon Policy 3.1.7 of the Conservation, Openspace, and Groundwater Recharge Element of the Comprehensive Plan. She presented documents from the City Arborist detailing the future tree planting plan for the Main Street corridor. Ms. Massey noted that the petitioner had two existing driveways on the site and was not in need of the right-of-way for access. She presented slides showing the site. She noted the City right-of-way was currently being used for the display of automobiles associated with the car dealership. Ms. Massey concluded her presentation and offered to answer any questions from the board.

There were no questions for staff from the board.

Chair Barrow asked if the petitioner wished to speak.

There was no presentation from the petitioner or a representative of the petitioner.

Ms. Dowling asked if the current use of parking cars on the City right-of-way was legal.

Ms. Massey replied that it was not. She indicated that, to staff's knowledge, the petitioner had not been given permission to park cars on the City right-of-way.

Ms. Dowling asked if the purpose of the petition was to allow cars to be parked in that right-of-way.

Ms. Massey explained that the petitioner stated on the application that the purpose of the request was to provide vehicular and pedestrian access to North Main Street. She noted, however, that access was already provided by a permit for driveways issued by the Public Works Department in 1998.

There was no public comment on the petition.

Dr. Fried stated that he intended to vote against the petition. He indicated that he did not believe access through right-of-way was necessary and the petitioner appeared to be using public property to his own advantage.

These minutes are not a verbatim account of this meeting. Tape recordings from which the minutes were prepared are available from the Community Development Department of the City of Gainesville

Mr. McGill stated that he also would vote against the petition. He cited the importance of implementing the proposed tree plan for the North Main Street area.

Dr. Fried asked if the Code Enforcement Division had been notified of the illegal parking on City right-of-way.

Mr. Hilliard stated that the Code Enforcement Division was aware of the situation all along North Main Street.

Motion By: Mr. Guy	Seconded By: Dr. Fried
Moved to: Deny Petition 218 SVA-98 PB.	Upon Vote: Motion Carried 7-0 Yeas: Carter, McGill, Guy, Fried, Dowling, Polshek, Barrow.