



Planning and Development Services

PB-15-122 SVA


**City Commission
January 7, 2016**

Legistar No. 150560

Presentation by Dean Mimms, AICP



AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH

 No Scale	Name	Petition Request	Petition Number
	City of Gainesville	Vacation of right-of-way to incorporate the vacated area into the Downtown Plaza	PB-15-122 SVA

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Downtown Plaza
SE 1st ST and University AVE

Petition / Background

- City's Downtown Plaza being redeveloped by CRA
- Request to vacate ROW of adjacent SE 1st ST & SE 1st AVE sidewalks
- Will allow City to subject the sidewalk area to same City park rules applicable to the Downtown Plaza, resulting in more control of the 0.2-ac sidewalk area
- No impact on pedestrian/bicycle access to & use of sidewalk area

Basis for Recommendation

1. Whether the public benefits from use of the subject right-of-way as part of city street system.
2. Whether the proposed action is consistent with Comprehensive Plan.
3. Whether the proposed action would deny access to private property.
4. The effect of proposed action upon public safety.
5. The effect of proposed action upon safety of pedestrians and vehicular traffic.

Basis for Recommendation

6. The effect of proposed action upon provision of municipal services including, but not limited to, emergency service and waste removal.
7. The necessity to relocate utilities, both public and private.
8. The effect of proposed action on design and character of the area.

Recommendation

City Plan Board to City Commission Approve Petition PB-15-122 SVA and find:

- 1) that the vacation of ROW for these sidewalks will not foreclose pedestrian or bicycle use of them and will not foreclose non-motorized access to adjacent uses or transit stops; and
- 2) that the vacation of ROW is in the public interest.

(Plan Board voted 4-2)

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Staff to City Commission & City Plan Board

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