

City of Gainesville Department of Doing Planning Division

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### CITY PLAN BOARD STAFF REPORT

PUBLIC HEARING DATE: April 26, 2018

**ITEM NO**: 3

PROJECT NAME AND NUMBER: Vacation of 8' wide alley, PB-18-35 SVA

APPLICATION TYPE: Right-of-Way vacation - Quasi-Judicial:

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of the application.

CITY PROJECT CONTACT: Jason Simmons, Planner

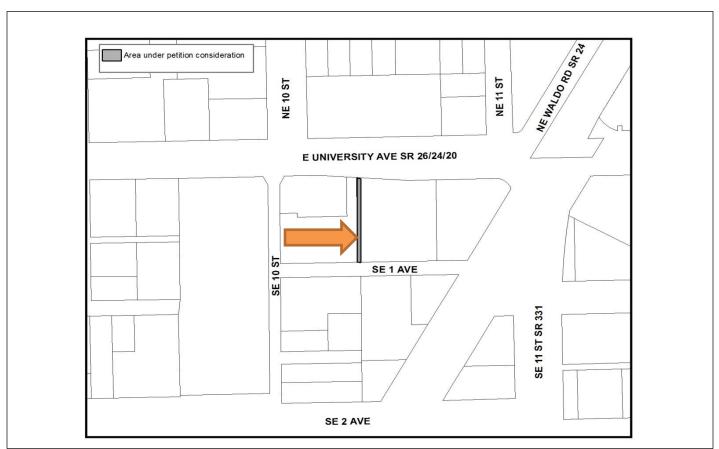


Figure 1: Location Map

#### **APPLICATION INFORMATION:**

Agent/Applicant: Kami Corbett and Foley & Lardner LLP, Inc.

Property Owner(s): E.W. Burch, Jr., ABC Liquors, Inc., and BW University and 10th LLC, owners

#### SITE INFORMATION:

Address: Located between 1007 and 1021 E. University Avenue

Parcel Number(s): 12007-000-000, 12007-001-000, 12005-000-000, & 12007-002-000

**Existing Use(s):** Vacant commercial **Zoning Designation(s):** Urban 7

#### PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION:

Kami Corbett and Foley & Lardner LLP, Inc., agent for E.W. Burch, Jr., ABC Liquors, Inc., and BW University and 10<sup>th</sup> LLC, owners. Request to vacate an 8 foot wide alley lying between lots 3 and 4, G.B. Crawford Addition, between East University Avenue and SE 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Located south of East University Avenue, east of SE 10th Street, north of SE 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, and west of SE Williston Road. Related to Petition PB-17-165 SUP.

#### STAFF REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION:

#### **DESCRIPTION**

The purpose of this request is to vacate an 8 foot wide alley that lays between lots 3 and 4 of the G.B. Crawford Addition, between East University Avenue and SE 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. The distance the alley runs between the avenues is approximately 205 feet. (as shown on the location map on page 1). The right-of-way to be vacated is approximately 0.04 acres in total. There are two sections to the alley. The southern section is approximately 105 feet long by 8 feet wide (approximately 0.02 acres in size) and is owned by the City of Gainesville. The northern section is approximately 100 feet long by 8 feet wide (approximately 0.02 acres in size) and is owned by the BW University and 10<sup>th</sup> LLC, who are a part of this application request. Although this northern section of the alley right-of-way is not owned by the City of Gainesville, there is no record of this portion of the alley ever being vacated and turned over to private landowners. The sketch to accompany the legal description that is included in Exhibit 1 indicates that this section was acquired by adverse possession by a previous landowner, prior to purchase by the current owners.

#### **REVIEW**

Vacation of this right-of-way will facilitate the redevelopment of the adjoining properties on either side of the alley. The right-of-way is primarily paved and was part of the parking and vehicular use area of the former ABC alcoholic beverage store that is adjacent to the right-of-way on the east side. The two ends of the alley right-of-way are unimproved. The driveway for the former ABC store provided through access from East University Avenue to SE 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, thus rendering the right-of-way unnecessary for providing access for the general public. The right-of-way did provide additional vehicle space for the patrons of the privately owned abutting business.

#### **Basis for Recommendation**

The City Plan Board shall consider the following criteria in determining whether the public interest will 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 public does not utilize the existing right-of-way as part of it is currently unimproved and the majority of it is paved as part of the parking area for the former ABC alcoholic beverage store to the east of the alley. The right-of-way does not provide access as a functioning alley.

#### 2. Whether the proposed action is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan.

This proposal is consistent with Policy 10.2.1 of the Transportation Mobility Element, which states that the City shall only vacate streets under certain conditions. The closure of the right-of-way will not foreclose reasonably foreseeable future bicycle or pedestrian use or other transportation corridor in the area, and it will not foreclose non-motorized access to adjacent land uses or transit stops. The proposed vacation will allow for the redevelopment of the adjacent properties which will need to provide sidewalks that will enhance pedestrian and bicycle access throughout the area.

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

Staff finds that the proposed action will not violate existing property rights, and specifically that the vacation of the right-of-way will not make any other properties landlocked or inaccessible.

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

Multi-modal enhancements (bike and sidewalk improvements) will likely be a part of a development proposal for the parcels adjacent to the right-of-way, which will provide better connectivity within the immediate area. The existing right-of-way is partially unimproved and partially included within the vehicular use area of the vacant adjacent ABC alcoholic beverage store. The need to pursue alternative action to the proposed vacation is unnecessary.

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

This proposal should not negatively impact existing traffic circulation in the area because access from SE 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue through to East University Avenue has been provided through the parking lot of the former ABC alcoholic beverage store at 1021 East University Avenue. This driveway/parking area includes most of the alley right-of-way. (See Survey in Exhibit 1)

#### 6. The effect of the proposed action on crime.

The proposed action will have no effect on crime. The right-of-way vacation would not create conditions that limit visibility, create unsafe areas, or limit access to law enforcement.

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 affected.

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 affect municipal services, since the right-of-way is not utilized by these services today.

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

The proposed vacation will not necessitate the relocation of utilities. Any proposed utilities for a development will need to be approved under the development review process. Typically, the City proposes that an existing public utility easement be retained as a condition of approval for a street vacation request, or a new easement be created to provide access to existing or proposed utilities.

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

The removal of this right-of-way should have no negative effect on the property values in the surrounding area.

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

The proposed street vacation will not negatively affect this part of the City.

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

Specifically, the vacation will not negatively affect the surrounding neighborhood.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the application.

### LIST OF EXHIBITS:

**Exhibit 1** Application

**Exhibit 2** Aerial, Land Use, and Zoning Maps

**Exhibit 3** Pictures





# APPLICATION TO VACATE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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Applicant Informatio	n (Please PRINT)	
Name: Kami Corbett Foley & Lardner, LLP		
Address:100 N. Tampa Street, Suite 2700		
City:Tampa		
State: Florida	Zip: 33602	
Phone: 813-225-4102	Fax:	

#### CRITERIA FOR VACATION OR CLOSURE

At the public hearing, the City Commission shall consider the following criteria 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.
- 2. Whether the proposed action is consistent with the city's comprehensive plan.
- 3. Whether the proposed action would violate individual private property rights.
- 4. The availability of alternative action to alleviate the identified problems.
- 5. The effect of the proposed action upon traffic circulation.
- 6. The effect of the proposed action upon crime.
- 7. The effect of the proposed action upon the safety of pedestrians and vehicular traffic.
- 8. The effect of the proposed action upon the provision of municipal services including but not limited to emergency services and waste removal services.
- 9. The necessity to relocate utilities both public and private.
- 10. The effect the proposed action will have upon property values in the immediate and surrounding areas.

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- 11. The effect of the proposed action on geographic areas which may be impacted.
- 12. The effect of the proposed action on the design and character of the area.

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Gainesville, FL 32603			
Agent Name: Kami Corbett and Foley &	Lardner LLP		
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Tampa, FL 33602			
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### DESCRIPTION

Date: December 13, 2017

Re: 8' Alley, G.B. Crawford Addition

#### Description:

THAT CERTAIN 8 FOOT WIDE ALLEY, LOCATED BETWEEN LOTS 3 AND 4, G.B. CRAWFORD ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "A", PAGE 11, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ALL AS SHOWN ON THE MAP ATTACHED HEREWITH AND MADE A PART HEREOF

