

## **Public Service Department**

### MEMORANDUM

TO:

Mark Barbash, Director **Development Department** 

Attention: Donna Hunter, Administrator

Land Management Office

FROM:

Henry C. (Hank) Graham Jr. 1466

Right-of-Way Coordinator

SUBJ.:

SALE OF EXCESS RIGHT OF WAY - FILE # 06-27

DATE:

April 10, 2007

Attached please find a request to sell a portion of South Wall Street, from West Hinman Avenue to West Woodrow Avenue and, a portion of the first alley south of West Hinman Avenue between South Wall Street and South High Street. Sale of this excess right-of-way will allow the Salvation Army to consolidate their parking facilities. A value of \$10,621.00 has been determined for this right-ofway as indicated on the attached form. The petitioner has been notified of this price. It is my understanding The Salvation Army intends to request mitigation of this amount.

It is now necessary for the Development Department to review the attached information and any request for mitigation. When your review is complete and any outstanding issues have been resolved, please complete the final portion of the attached form and place this item on the Land Review Commission agenda for their consideration.

If you have any questions or need additional information please call me at 5-7894.

#### Enclosure

Randall J. Bowman, P.E., Interim Administrator / City Engineer, Transportation Division Clyde R. (Rick) Garrabrant, P.S., R/W Services Manager K:/right-of-way information/right-of-way sales/forms/transmittal.doc

# City Of Columbus Mayor Michael B. Coleman

# **Public Service Department**

# REQUEST FOR CONVEYANCE OF CITY OWNED LAND By Division of Transportation

Name of Petitioner: The Salvation Army		File No. 06-27		
REQUEST IS TO:  Sell excess right-of-way  Vacate excess right-of-way Grant an easement		Transfer excess right-of Grant a lease Release an easement	f-way at no char	ge
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ARE	EA UNDER CONSIL	DERATION:		
l <sup>st</sup> alley west of South High Stre Woodrow Avenue from High Str	et from Woodrow Av eet west to first alley	venue north to Hinman A west of High Street.	venue and I <sup>st</sup> al	ley north of
PROPOSED USE OF AREA:				
Property consolidation to facilita	ite proposed redevelo	pment of the site.		
ACTION BY DIVISION INIT	IATING REQUEST			
(Please CHECK the Correct Ans All Departments and Divisions of All Utilities contacted for common Area Commission/Civic Associa All abutting property owners not Petitioner notified of need for su	ontacted for commer ents/approval of requation contacted for confideration in contacted for confideration in the contacted for request:	nest: mments:	<ul><li>✓ YES [</li><li>✓ YES [</li><li>✓ YES [</li><li>✓ YES [</li><li>✓ YES [</li></ul>	NO NO NO NO
Division Recommendation:	SELL  VACA GRANT LE		AT NO CHARG SE AN EASEM	
Signature: Transportation Division	M3 m dministrator	Date:	4/5/07	
Estimated Value from County Ta	(270	621.00* 0± Sq. Ft. @ \$1.67/Sq. F 100± Sq. Ft. @ \$0.955/Sc		
*Easements to be retained: Petitioner contacted for commen Petitioner agreed to purchase pri	ts:	YES NO YES NO YES NO		
RJB/MLE cc: File No. 06-27 K:\Right of Way & Utilities\Right-of-Way Sa	ales etc\2006 vacate\ 0627RI	EQUEST FOR CONVEYANCE D	ooc	
-645-8290 Director's Office -645-8281 Fleet Management Division -645-7620 Refuse Collection Division	90 West Broad S 423 Short Street 2100 Alum Colur	Street, 3rd Floor Columbus, Ohi Columbus, Ohio 43215-5614 nbus, Ohio 43207-1714 Street, 3rd Floor Columbus. Oh	o 43215-9009	FAX: 645-7805 FAX: 645-7347 FAX: 645-3053 FAX: 645-6938

# **DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT ACTION:** (Please CHECK the correct answer) M NO Mitigating Circumstances Identified: YES Recommended Action: ☐ DISAPPROVED ☐ TRANSFER AT NO CHARGE ☒ SELL ☐ VACATE ☐ GRANT EASEMENT ☐ RELEASE AN EASEMENT Signature: Douge Saffard III her Donna Hunter Date: 4/16/07 **IDENTIFICATION OF MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES** AND BRIEF EXPLANATION OF EACH The value of improvements undertaken by purchaser(s) upon property of the City which further the interest and welfare of the public. The value of land donations or other services being made to the City by the petitioner(s) The willingness of the purchaser(s) to absorb the cost of utility relocation from the property being purchased if not discounted in the fair market value of the property. The substantial increase in tax revenue, including but not limited to real property and income taxes, generated by the development of the property to be purchased. The identification of improvements that further the general welfare of the City through significant improvements to the physical environment.

Name of Petitioners:

The Salvation Army

File No. 06-27

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April 12, 2007

VIA EMAIL
Donna Hunter
Director, Land Management Office
City of Columbus
Department of Development
109 North Front Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: Request by The Salvation Army for Mitigation of Costs of Acquisition of Public Rights-of-Way for Redevelopment of 1675 South High Street

#### Dear Donna:

As you are aware, Advanced Civil Design, on behalf of The Salvation Army ("The Army"), sent a letter to the City requesting that the City convey a portion of certain rights-of-way to The Army to accommodate redevelopment of the property commonly known as 1675 South High Street (the "Property"). The Transportation Division responded with a letter advising The Army that it had valued the requested rights-of-way at \$21,242.00 but that it would convey them to The Army for a value of \$10,621.00 while retaining a general utility easement through the area. This letter is to request that the Department of Development recommend that mitigating circumstances exist and that The Army not be required to pay for the requested rights-of-way.

The following mitigating factors demonstrate that the requested rights-of-way will permit the construction of certain improvements that will further the general welfare of the City through significant improvements to the physical environment as well as further the interest and welfare of the general public:

1. The Adult Rehabilitation Center facility (the "ARC") being constructed by The Army at the Property will provide individuals facing difficult life issues (such as drug addiction, homelessness, displacement, etc.) with the means to develop the life skills vital to their successful reintegration into society. Specifically, the ARC will consist of a "Family Store", "Work Therapy Building" and "Residence Program Area". Through the Work Therapy Building and Family Store, at-risk individuals will be taught healthy work habits

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which will enable them to become productive members of the City's workforce. Through the Residence Program Area, up to 125 at-risk individuals will be housed, fed and given critical counseling, education and guidance services designed to address and alleviate the destructive behavioral patterns which have heretofore prevented the individuals from becoming successfully assimilated into the community. Importantly, the ARC will be completely self-supporting.

- 2. The immediate and substantial benefit that the development of the ARC will provide to the general public is twofold:
  - a. First, the ARC will, in a very real sense, make the City a safer place to live and work. The at-risk individuals that will be housed by the ARC, if left untreated and unsupervised in an urban environment, would pose a significant risk both to themselves and to the many people that live and work in the downtown area. By housing these individuals, the ARC is reducing the risk that an undesirable incident may occur in the short term by providing counseling, education and guidance, the ARC is reducing the risk that an undesirable incident may occur in the long term.
  - b. Second, by housing, feeding, clothing and counseling these at-risk individuals, the ARC will reduce the burden that the City currently carries with respect to its social service programs. To explain, if the needs of these at-risk individuals are not met by the ARC, the task will necessarily fall to the City. In other words, an individual not being housed by the ARC will most likely seek housing at one of the City's homeless shelters. Likewise, an individual not being fed or clothed by the ARC will look to the City's programs to meet these needs. This shift in service provider would put greater strain on the City's social service programs, requiring an increase in funding or a reduction in service availability.

As previously mentioned, these benefits will come at absolutely no cost to the City.

3. In addition to the foregoing, the ARC development will further benefit the City by assisting in the redevelopment of an area that has, for some time, remained significantly under-utilized. The retail portion of the ARC will create activity and energy along the High Street corridor. In addition, the proposed improvements will provide a unified developmental scheme that will increase the attractiveness of the physical environment of the area. The acquisition of the rights-of-way at issue is absolutely vital to constructing the improvements necessary to create this unified scheme.

Mitigation of the cost of the requested rights-of-way is important for this project. As it currently stands, the budget for the project has been stretched quite thin. Any further increases in cost may result in a corresponding reduction in both the services and benefits that the ARC will provide.

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For the foregoing reasons, we believe that this project clearly satisfies both the first and the fifth of the City's published mitigating circumstances for waiving the price of real estate interests sold by the City, specifically: (a) "The value of improvements undertaken by the purchaser(s) upon property owned by the City that further the interest and welfare of the general public"; and (b) "The identification of improvements that further the general welfare of the City through significant improvements to the physical environment." Moreover, elimination of the cost of the requested rights-of way is important in order to the maximum the realization of the benefits that the ARC will provide.

If we may provide any additional information on this request or answer any questions you may have, please do not hesitate to call me.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

/s/

Tim Hudok

TDH/

ce: Mary Lu English

Major Lawrence J. Shaffer

## SURVEY OF ALLEY RIGHT-OF-WAY

SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 5, RANGE 22, REFUGEE TRACT CITY OF COLUMBUS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

