MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioner England

Commissioner George Commissioner Samora Commissioner Rumrell Commissioner Torres

FROM:

Max Royle, City Manager

DATE:

December 16, 2020

SUBJECT:

Request to Vacate Alley on West Side of A1A Beach Boulevard between 13th and 14th

Streets Adjoining Lots 22-27, Minorca Subdivision, and Lots 65-67 and 78-79, Atlantic

Beach Subdivision

INTRODUCTION

As noted above, the alley requested for vacation is on the west side of the Boulevard between 13th and 14th Streets. The alley begins on the west side of the A1A Beach Boulevard right-of-way, goes through the newly renovated Beachside Diner property, and ends at the east boundary of the Ocean Woods subdivision. It goes through two older subdivisions: Atlantic Beach and Minorca. The majority of the adjacent property owners have requested that the alley be vacated.

The Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Board reviewed the application at its November 17, 2020, meeting, and by a 7-0 vote recommended that the alley be vacated subject to the condition that "the preservation of the functionality of the drainage and utility easement be unimpeded in the vacated alley".

ATTACHMENTS

Attached for your review is the following:

- a. Pages 1-17, the application that was submitted to the Planning Board and on which the Board based its recommendation to you.
- b. Page 18, a memo from the Building Department's Executive Assistant, Ms. Bonnie Miller, in which she states to you the Board's recommendation that the alley be vacated.

ACTION REQUESTED

It is that you hold the public hearing and that you decide whether to have the alley vacated.

If you agree with the vacation request, then the City Attorney will prepare an ordinance for first reading at your February 1st meeting. Section 18-53 (c) (1) of the City's General Code requires that the ordinance have a full legal description of the property to be vacated and have from a legal plat book or map an exhibit that shows the alley's exact location.

If you pass the ordinance on first reading, it will be scheduled for a public hearing and final reading at your March 1st meeting.



City of St. Augustine Beach Building and Zoning Department

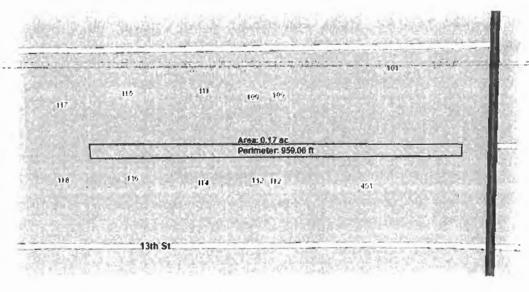
TO: Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Board and Max Royle, City Manager

FROM: Brian Law, Building Official

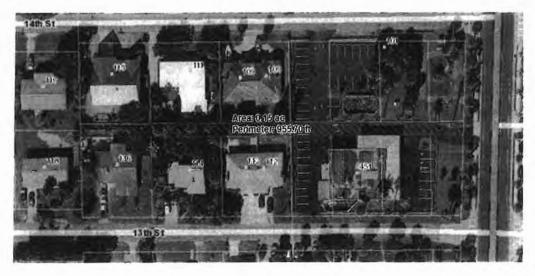
SUBJECT: Vacating Alley between 13th and 14th street west of A1A Beach Boulevard

DATE: 12-11-2020

An application has been submitted by Kyle and Elizabeth Morin, who reside at 111 14th Street, for the vacating of an alley lying between 13th and 14th street west of A1A Beach Boulevard. The illustration below is the alley being requested to vacate.



The illustration below is aerial imagery from 2019 depicting the current buildings adjacent to the alley.



The west side of Beachside Diner's parking lot is separated from the residential houses by a solid fence which is part of the conditional use order for outside dining for that facility. The west side of the alley to be vacated is landlocked by homes addressed as 117 14th Street and 118 13th Street. This specific scenario appears to create a non-accessible alley by City staff without removing the Beachside Diner's fence. In the event access was needed the fence could be removed to grant access as it is a site-built wooden fence. At this time, the alley is currently being utilized for overhead utilities and as such the City would be remiss to vacate this alley without a utility easement. A site visit on December 8, 2020 with Alyssa Fink, Engineer II for Florida Power & Light (FPL), Public Works Director Bill Tredik, and Bonnie Miller, Building and Zoning Department, was conducted and the comments from Ms. Fink are included with the application information, stating FPL has no objection to the alley vacation provided FPL is granted an easement from the property owners covering their facilities, which are adjacent to three properties on the north side of the alley. These properties are 109 14th Street, 111 14th Street, which is the applicant, Kyle Morin's, property, and 11S 14th Street.

Comments are also included from Mr. Tredik, Commander Daniel Carswell, City's Police Department, PJ Webb, St. Johns County Fire Rescue, and Melissa Caraway, St. Johns County Utility Department.

City of St. Augustine Beach Building and Zoning Department Vacating Alley/Easement/Street Application

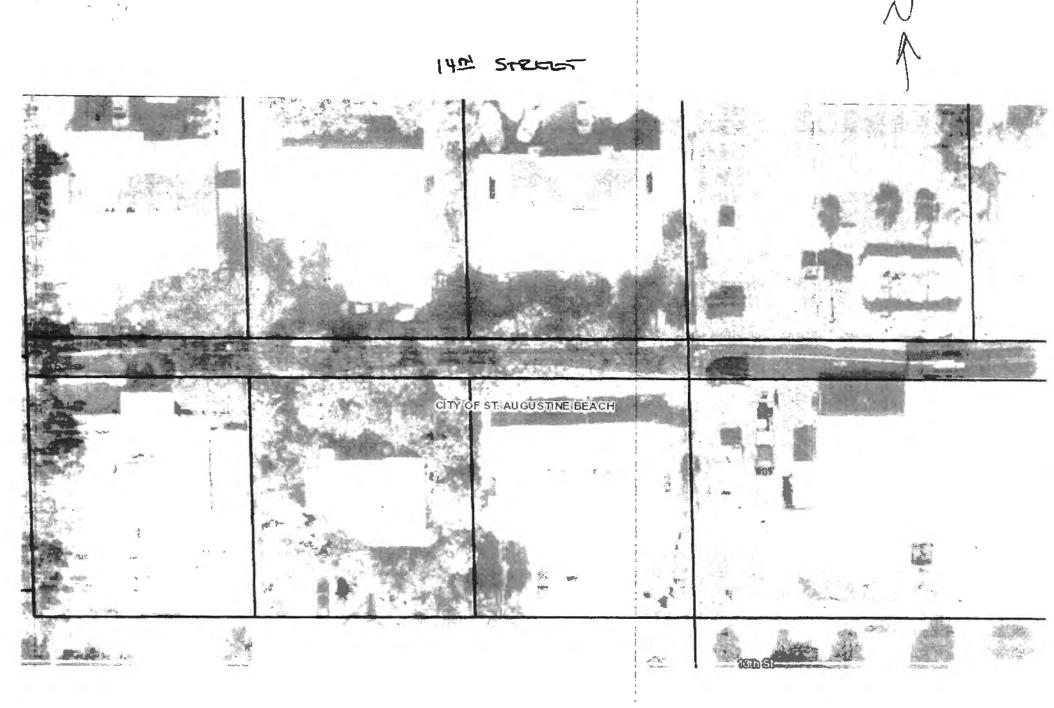
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1.	Legal description of the alley/easement/street for which the vacation is being sought:						
	Minorca Subdivision, Lot 1677800001 6 / 670700002						
	Attenticbeach						
2.	Location (N, S, W, E). West Side of A1A Beach Blvd Between 13th and 14th Street						
3.	Is the property seaward of the Coastal Construction Control Line (CCCL)? Yes No (Circle one)						
4.	Name and address of applicant(s):						
	Kyle and Elizabeth Morin, 111 14th Street, St. Augustine, FL 32080						
5	Recorded in Map Book Page(s) of the Public Records of St. Johns County, Florida						
6.	Reason(s) for vacation or abandonment of alley/easement/street						
	Easement is no longer maintained by public works and the majority of owners wish						
	to maintain the property by gaining an additional 7.5 feet each.						
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7.	Please check if the following information required for submittal of this application has been included:						
	(Plat, map, or site location drawing of alley/easement/street to be vacated						
	(List of names and addresses of owners of real property abutting and/or adjoining the alley/easement/street for which the vacation is requested (to be acquired from St. Johns County Re Estate/Survey Department, telephone number 904-209-0804)						
	(V) Owner Permission Form (if applicable)						
	(First-class postage stamped legal-size (4-inch-by-9½-inch) envelopes with names and addresses owners of real property abutting and/or adjoining the alley/easement/street to be vacated						
	Other documents or relevant information to be considered						
	Fourteen (14) copies of the completed application including supplemental documentation and relevation						

Per Ordinance No. 15-05, Section 18-51-e of the St. Augustine Beach Code, the names and addresses of the owners of the real property bounding and abutting the property for which the vacation is requested shall be obtained from the current tax assessment roll. The written consent of each owner shall be obtained by the applicant and filed upon submittal of the application to vacate, but if 100% of the real property owners do not submit their written consent, then a minimum of 70% of the real property owners must sign a written consent and the applicant must demonstrate that the vacation will not adversely affect nor negatively impact those property owners who have not signed a written consent, which demonstration may necessitate the applicant obtaining the opinion of a traffic engineer, surveyor, or other professional. Nothing about this subsection changes the way in which vacated alleys, easements, or streets vest property rights.

KYLE MORIN	
Print name (owner or his/ her agent)	Print name (applicant or his/her agent)
10/12/20	
Signature /date	Signature /date
III ITE ST. ST. AUGUSTINE, FL 32080	
Owner/agent address	Applicant/agent address
603-801-4157	
Phone number	Phone number
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September 30th, 2020

City of St. Augustine Beach Planning and Zoning Board 2200 A1A South St. Augustine Beach, FL 32080

To Whom It May Concern,

By signing below, we are acknowledging our formal request to have the utility easement behind our properties in the Minorca Subdivision vacated by the city. We understand that in doing this, we will be taking possession of the property. We are asking for this vacation per the town regulations to do so and will be submitting the Vacating Alley/Easement/Street Application along with this petition.

Thank you for your consideration.

Peter Darios, Partner

Somewhere on A1A Partners LLC

2-50 ATLANTIC BCH LOTS 65 66 & 67 78 & 79 OR4278/1608

Peter Darios

8-99 MINORCA SUBD LOT 25 OR3972/1937

Me Morin

8-99 MINORCA SUBD LOT 26 OR4910/126

Gabe Kling

8-99 MINORCA SUBD LOT 27 OR4243/466

8-99 MINORCA SUB LOT 24 OR1703/1942 &2460/628(Q/C)

Sonia Kulyk 8-99 MINORCA SUBD LOT 23 OR3489/203 Lauren Michelle Haggerty

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DocuSigned by:

Elizabeth Robbins

8-99 MINORCA SUB LOT 22 OR3727/1480(S/A) & 3817/1103(Q/C) & 3817/1104

Bill Tredik

To:

Bonnie Miller

Cc:

Brian Law; Lex Taylor; Max Royle

Subject:

RE: Vacating Alley Application between 13th and 14th Streets

Date:

Wednesday, December 9, 2020 12:55:30 PM

Bonnie:

In discussion with the City Attorney and the City Manager, it seems it may be better to have the easement dedicated to the City concurrent with the vacation of the alley. I would, therefore, like to modify my previous statement to read:

"Public Works has no objection to the vacation of the 14th Lane right-of-way, as proposed, provided that an appropriate drainage and utility easement over the vacated right-of-way is concurrently dedicated in perpetuity to the City."

This would allow the city to continue to permit FPL and Comcast to utilize the City easement for utilities, as well as give the City the ability to prevent private property grade changes which could negatively impact other properties.

Bill

William Tredik PE, Public Works Director / City Engineer

City of St. Augustine Beach 2200 A1A South St. Augustine Beach, Florida 32080 Ph: (904) 471-1119 email: btredik@cityof sab.org

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From: Bill Tredik

Sent: Wednesday, December 09, 2020 12:05 PM

To: Bonnie Miller

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Cc: Brian Law <blaw@cityofsab.org>; 'Lex Taylor' <lex@dhclawyers.com> **Subject:** RE: Vacating Alley Application between 13th and 14th Streets

Bonnie:

Bill

William Tredik PE, Public Works Director / City Engineer

City of St. Augustine Beach

Daniel Carswell

To:

Bonnie Miller; Brian Lan

Subject:

Re: Vacating Alley Application between 13th and 14th Streets

Date:

Friday, October 30, 2020 7:43:14 AM

Attachments:

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I have no objections or comments regarding this. Thank you.

Commander Daniel Carswell

St. Augustine Beach Police Department 2300 A1A South

St. Augustine Beach, FL 32080

Work: (904) 471-3600 Cell: (904) 599-7670





From: Bonnie Miller

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2020 2:25 PM

To: Robert Hardwick < hardwickra@sabpd.org>; Daniel Carswell < carswelldp@sabpd.org>

Cc: Brian Law <blaw@cityofsab.org>

Subject: Vacating Alley Application between 13th and 14th Streets

Hi Chiefs Hardwick and Carswell.

Attached is a vacating application to vacate the alleyway between 13th and 14th Streets directly west of A1A Beach Boulevard just north of the Beachside Diner property at 451 A1A Beach Boulevard.

The applicant, Kyle Morin, has submitted the written consent of all the adjacent property owners with the exception of Longin Kaczmarsky and Sonia Kulyk, who own 114 13th Street.

The Building Department supports the vacation of this alley. If you have any comments or recommendations, please forward them to me, and staff will include them in the information copied to both the Planning and Zoning Board, which will hear the application at its regular monthly meeting on November 17, 2020, and the City Commission, which will hear the application at its regular monthly meeting on December 7, 2020.

Give me or Building Official Brian Law a call or email if you have questions or need more information. If you have no objections to the vacating of this alley, please reply via email, and if you have objections, comments or recommendations please also reply by Monday, November 9, 2020, so staff can include them in the information copied to the Planning and Zoning Board and City

Commission.

Thanks,

Bonnie Miller, Executive Assistant City of St. Augustine Beach Building & Zoning Department 2200 State Road A1A South St. Augustine Beach, Florida 32080 Telephone Number: 904-471-8758 Extension 204 Fax Number: 904-471-4470

Email Address: bmiller@cityofsab.org

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From: PJ Webb
To: Bonnie Miller

Cc: Brian Law

Subject: RE: Vacating Alley Application between 13th and 14th Streets

Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 3:11:29 PM

Hey Bonnie, sorry for the delay in getting back to you. I sent this up the flagpole to get a response when you sent it to me originally. I just heard back from them and we do not have any objection to the proposed vacation. Please let me know if you need anything else from us. Have a good afternoon.

PJ Webl

St. Johns County Fire Rescue Plans Examiner

Office: 904-209-1744 4040 Lewis Speedway

St. Augustine, FL 32084

Fire Rescue Headquarters 3657 Gaines Road St. Augustine, FL 32084



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From: Bonnie Miller [mailto:bmiller@cityofsab.org]

Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 12:50 PM

To: PJ Webb <pwebb@sjcfl.us> **Cc:** Brian Law <blaw@cityofsab.org>

Subject: FW: Vacating Alley Application between 13th and 14th Streets

Melissa Caraway

To:

Bonnie Miller: Phillip Gaskins

Subject:

RE: Vacating Alley Application between 13th and 14th Streets

Date:

Tuesday, November 17, 2020 1:09:38 PM

Bonnie,

The SJCUD has no issues with the vacation of this alleyway.

Melissa Caraway, M.P.A

Utility Review Coordinator

St. Johns County Utility Department

St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners

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From: Bonnie Miller

Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 12:54 PM

To: Melissa Caraway < mcaraway@sjcfl.us>; Phillip Gaskins < pgaskins@sjcfl.us>

Subject: Vacating Alley Application between 13th and 14th Streets

Good Afternoon St. Johns County Utility Department,

Attached is a vacating alley application pertaining to the vacation of the alleyway between 13th and 14th Streets directly west of A1A Beach Boulevard just north of the Beachside Diner property at 451 A1A Beach Boulevard.

The applicant, Kyle Morin, has submitted the written consent of all the adjacent property owners with the exception of Longin Kaczmarsky and Sonia Kulyk, who own 114 13th Street.

This application will be presented to the City's Planning and Zoning Board meeting next month on December 15, 2020, with final consideration given by the City Commission at the Commission's regular meeting on January 4, 2021.

If you have no objections to the vacating of this alley, please reply via email, and if you have objections, comments or recommendations please also reply by Monday, December 7, 2020, so staff can include them in the information copied to the Planning and Zoning Board and City Commission.

Give me or Building Official Brian Law a call or email if you have questions or need more information.

From: Fink, Alyss

To: Kyle Monn .; Bonnie Miller

Subject: OUTSIDE ATTACHMENT:RE: FLP Site Visit 12/8/20 at 9AM

Date: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 4:26:59 PM

Attachments: Easement - Exhibit A.odf

Easement for Individuals - non-exclusive.doc

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Per our discussion yesterday, FPL has no objection to the alley vacation provided that we are granted an easement from the property owners covering our existing facilities.

Attached is our standard easement cover letter and example exhibit. A surveyed exhibit and/or legal description of the property is acceptable. The form must be signed by the property owner and recorded with St. Johns County.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thánk you,"

Alyssa Fink

Engineer II Florida Power & Light St. Augustine Service Center 303 Hastings Rd St. Augustine, FL 32084

Office: 904-824-7689 Cell: 904-295-5665

Email: Alyssa Fink@FPL.com

Please contact me with any questions or concerns. If you cannot reach me, please contact my Engineering Leader Scott Lewis at (a) 904-824-7847, (c) 904-484-4256 or Scott Lewis@fpl.com

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From: Kyle Morin . <kylemorin9@gmail.com> Sent: Thursday, December 03, 2020 1:42 PM

To: Bonnie Miller <bmiller@cityofsab.org>; Fink, Alyssa <Alyssa.Fink@fpl.com>

Subject: FLP Site Visit 12/8/20 at 9AM

Alyssa,

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Brian Law

To:

Bonnie Miller

Subject: Date: FW: Vacating Alley Application between 13th and 14th Streets

Monday, December 14, 2020 4:54:02 PM

From: Bill Tredik sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 4:34 PM
To: sonia kulyk <soniakulyk@hotmail.com>

Cc: Brian Law <blaw@cityofsab.org>

Subject: RE: Vacating Alley Application between 13th and 14th Streets

Ms. Kulyk:

I was planning to call you back this afternoon. In order to vacate the right of way, the City will require a drainage and utility easement to be created in it's stead. The drainage and utility easement will be the same 15' width as the current right-of-way. This will allow utilities to continue to serve the properties; and will also allow the city to protect the existing drainage flow patterns: Owners will not be allowed to place structures in the 15' drainage and utility easement which block drainage.

Fences would be allowed, <u>provided they are constructed in a manner to allow sufficient drainage</u> <u>between or under the boards</u>, and with the understanding that the city or utility companies may need to remove them to perform work in the future. Items which impede drainage (e.g. walls, planters, pool decks, fences without openings for flow, fill, etc. will not be allowed in the easement.

The bottom line is the property would become the individual homeowners', but their use would be limited to activities which do not impede drainage. If the City's drainage easements rights are not respected, the City could enforce the easement requirements through code enforcement or actual removal of the offending obstruction.

Bill

William Tredik PE, Public Works Director / City Engineer

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From: sonia kulyk <soniakulyk@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 4:02 PM
To: Bill Tredik

btredik@citvofsab.org>

Subject: Vacating Alley Application between 13th and 14th Streets

Mr. Tredik,

We are contacting you in regard to the application to vacate the above mentioned alley. It will be before the PNZ board tomorrow.

We live at 114 13th St and are the holdouts for the signatures on the application. We object to having this alley vacated because we are concerned that the drainage and flooding issues we have experienced in the past will significantly worsen if the alley is permitted to be vacated.

In reading your memo regarding this, it is unclear to us what your recommendation is, specifically in regard to "giving the city the ability to prevent private property grade changes which could negatively impact other properties"

We are the property directly to the south of the applicant's property and we believe that we will be the most directly impacted if this vacation is permitted.

What is of further concern to us, is that since this application was originally submitted in October 2020, the 2 properties adjacent to ours ($115\ 14^{th}$ St and $111\ 14^{th}$ St) have installed in-ground swimming pools. According to the building department, this puts the ISR for both properties (49.8% and 49%) at just about the allowable 50% for our medium density area.

Since we have already had severe flooding issues, most recently during this summer's heavy rain, we are trying to avoid this problem getting worse and know that the 15 ft easement between our properties is the low spot.

In regard to the city's ability to "prevent property grade changes", we are not sure how this can be monitored, as this was exactly what happened in November 2016, when the property changed hands and the lot was filled and graded, without permitting (pictures attached). Since that time, and with the addition of the new house at 115 14th St, the flooding has been noticeably worse in our back yard.

If you can provide some clarification to us regarding your recommendation before the PNZ meeting takes place tomorrow, that would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks in advance for your assistance with this, Lonnie Kaczmarsky and Sonia Kulyk 904 460 5540

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Memo

To: Max Royle, City Manager

From: Bonnie Miller, Executive Assistant
Subject: Vacating Alley File No. V 2020-01

Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Please be advised that at its regular monthly meeting held Tuesday, December 15, 2020, the City of St. Augustine Beach Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Board voted unanimously to recommend the City Commission approve an application to vacate the 15 (fifteen)-foot-wide alley between 13th Street and 14th Street, adjacent to and west of A1A Beach Boulevard.

The application was filed by Kyle and Elizabeth Morin, 111 14th Street, St. Augustine Beach, Florida, 32080, per Article III, Sections 18-50--18-56 of St. Augustine Beach Code, as amended by Ordinance No. 15-05, PERTAINING TO THE 15 (FIFTEEN)-FOOT-WIDE STRIP OF LAND BETWEEN 13TH STREET AND 14TH STREET, ADJACENT TO AND WEST OF A1A BEACH BOULEVARD AND ABUTTING LOTS 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, AND 27, MINORCA SUBDIVISION, PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 1677800001, AND LOTS 65, 66, 67, 78, AND 79, ATLANTIC BEACH SUBDIVISION, PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 1670700002, ALL IN SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 7, RANGE 30, AS RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 8, PAGE 99, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

The motion to recommend the City Commission approve the vacation of the 15 (fifteen)-foot-wide alley described above was made by Mr. Pranis subject to the condition that the preservation of the functionality of the drainage and utility easement be unimpeded in the vacated alley. Mr. Pranis' motion was seconded by Ms. Odom and passed 7-0 by unanimous voice-vote.