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Subject:	RE: 225 Olivia Street - Vacation of City ROW
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We don't recommend creating an alley that currently doesn't exist. This would create a potential area for people to loiter and sell drugs. It is my opinion that it would negatively affect the neighbors quality of life.

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Dear Chief Lee,

Planning Director Patrick Wright asked me to email you regarding an application for a vacation of City ROW that was received by the Planning Department earlier this year. I emailed Mr. Torrence earlier this morning as well.

The subject alley is 10 feet wide and runs through the property at 225 Olivia Street, and abuts the rear property lines of 824 Thomas Street, 822 Thomas Street, and 818 Thomas Street. It also abuts 3 Baptist Lane and dead-ends at 6 Baptist Lane (map attached, alley is circled in black). The property is not paved, and it has amalgamated over the years into the yards of the abutting properties. Access to the alleyway is blocked by a wood fence, trees, and shrubs, and it more resembles an abandoned driveway than a City alley.

On June 28th it went before the DRC, and they rendered a finding that "no current or future public purpose can be identified." I don't believe the Police Dept. made any comments. Last night the item went before the City Commission for final determination, and it was postponed because the commissioners want more information about possible public purpose. Fire access and loss of on-street parking spaces was discussed, as well as possible security/policing issues. Mayor Cates asked for more information from the police department. Essentially, if we re-open the dead-end alley, will it create a hazardous situation for the police? He mentioned a possibility of people hiding there.

Will you please take a look at this? I appreciate any comments you have that I may share at the next meeting.

Best,

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