## MEMORANDUM

| TO: | Emily Smith, Urban Transportation Commission Coordinator <br> Austin Transportation Department |
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| FROM: | Kim Vasquez, Property Agent Senior <br> Land Management Section |
|  | Office of Real Estate Services |
| DATE: | July 26, 2016 |
| SUBJECT: | F\#9620-1511; Vacation of a portion of an alley right-of-way <br> located between Paul Street and Pressler Street, south of W. <br>  <br> $55^{\text {th }}$ Street. |

Attached are the departmental comments and other information pertinent to the referenced alley right-of-way vacation. The southern portion of the alley was vacated in 1946. The remaining portion is non-functional, it is currently used as a public utilities corridor and for surface parking. All affected departments and private utility franchise holders have reviewed this request and recommend approval, subject to retaining a public utility easement.

The applicant has requested that this item be submitted for placement on the August 9th, 2016, Urban Transportation Commission Agenda for their consideration.

Staff contact: Kim Vasquez at 974-9241 or landmanagement@austintexas.gov
Applicant: Reynolds M. Shelton
Property Owner: Matthews-Brothers Investment, LP and Duchy East, LLC
Mr. Shelton will be present at the meeting to answer any questions regarding the project and vacation request.

Kim Vasquez, Property Agent Senior
Land Management Section

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| AUSTIN TRANSPORTATION | APPROVE |
| AUSTIN RESOURCE RECOVERY | APPROVE |
| AUSTIN WATER | APPROVE, subject to retaining a PUE easement. |
| CAPITAL METRO | APPROVE |
| CODE COMPLIANCE | APPROVE |
| CTM - GAATN | APPROVE |
| DEVELOPMENT SERVICES <br> (Land Use Review-Engineering) | APPROVE |
| DEVELOPMENT REVIEW SERVICES (Land Use Review-Transportation) | APPROVE |
| EMS | APPROVE |
| FIRE | APPROVE |
| GOOGLE | APPROVE |
| GRANDE COMMUNICATIONS | APPROVE, subject to applicant required to reimburse for any required utility relocation. |
| PARD | APPROVE |
| PLANNING \& ZONING (Comprehensive Planning) | APPROVE / REFER TO PC |
| PLANNING \& ZONING (Urban Design) | APPROVE |
| PLANNING \& ZONING (Zoning Review) | APPROVE |
| PUBLIC WORKS (City Engineer) | APPROVE |
| PUBLIC WORKS | APPROVE |

(Sidewalks \& Special Projects)

PUBLIC WORKS
(Urban Trails)
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TIME WARNER

APPROVE, no comment

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APPROVE, subject to applicant required to reimburse for any required utility relocation.

WATERSHED PROTECTION (Engineering) APPROVE

## SUBJECT:

## STREET VACATION

( ) Lucy Cabading
( ) Melody Giambruno
( ) Mike Turner
( ) Rob Spillar
( ) Angela Baez
( ) Roberto Gonzalez
( ) Bruna Quinonez
( ) Carlos Dematos
( ) Milissa Warren
( ) Frank Alvarez
( ) Scott Cunningham
( ) Luis Mata
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| ( ) Marilyn Lamensdorf | PARD |
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| ( ) David Marquez | DSD (LUR-Engineering) |
| ( ) Sangeeta Jain | DSD (LUR-Transportation) |
| ( ) Mark Walters | PDRD (Comp. Planning) |
| ( ) Humberto Rey | PDRD (Urban Design) |
| ( ) Wendy Rhoades | PDRD (Zoning Review) |
| ( ) David Boswell | PWD - Office of City Eng'r |
| ( ) Nadia Barrera | PWD (connectivity) |
| ( ) Christian Barraza | Texas Gas |
| ( ) Scott Wratten | Time Warner |
| ( ) Katina Bohrer | WPD (Engineering) |

A request has been received for the vacation of a portion of a north-south alley located between Paul Street and Pressler Street, immediately south of West $5^{\text {th }}$ Street. The area requested for vacation is the remainder of an alley that was partially vacated in 1946.

Please review this request and return your comments to Eric Hammack (974-7079), email address: landmanagement@austintexas.gov or Fax: 974-7088. Physical address: Office of Real Estate Services, 505 Barton Springs Road, Suite 1350. Due Date: November 20 ${ }^{\text {th }}, 2015$.

APPROVAL: $\qquad$ YES $\qquad$ Yes, Subj. to Reqm't $\qquad$ No

Comments: $\qquad$

## Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan - - (CITY OF AUSTIN REVIEWERS ONLY):

Please also review the Vacation request based on the Priority Programs and policy directives set forth in the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan (page 186).

Comments: $\qquad$
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Reviewed by: $\qquad$ Telephone: $\qquad$
Date: $\qquad$

# REYNOLDS MILLER SHELTON <br> Attorney at Law <br> rmshelton@hotmail.com <br> 109 Spring Creek Trail <br> Spicewood, Texas 78669 <br> 830 798-1931 

November 5, 2015
City of Austin
Office of Real Estate Services
505 Barton Springs Road, Suite 1350
Austin, Texas 78704
Attention: Land Management Division
Re: Application for alley vacation; Lots 1, 12, $11 \& 10$ Block 1, Pressler's Subdivision of Part of Out Lot No. 1, Division "Z", City of Austin

## Dear Land Management Division:

On behalf of Matthews-Barnes Brothers Investment LP ("Client"), I am filing this application to vacate a portion of a 20 foot alley. The property is located west of Lamar Boulevard and outside of the Downtown Austin Plan. The property is generally bounded to the north by West 5th Street, to the west by Paul Street, to the south by West 4th Street and to the east by Pressler Street. The Travis Central Appraisal District has assigned Geographic ID number 01-9803-0903 to the property.

The property is improved with buildings associated with an automotive collision repair business. The improvements were in existence when the Client purchased the property in July 1983. The property was zoned LI-CO-NP (Limited Industrial Service, Conditional Overlay Combing District, and Neighborhood Plan Combining District). A zoning change was recently granted to LI-PDA in zoning case C14-2015-0078.

Beginning in April 2015, the property was leased month to month tenants that use the property for surface parking. A survey of the area to be vacated is attached as Exhibit A. A copy of the recorded Subdivision Plat is attached as Exhibit B. A location map is attached as Exhibit C. The deeds vesting the property in Matthews-Barnes Brothers Investment LP are attached as Exhibits D, E, and F.

All of the alley south of lot 10 to West 4th Street was vacated by City of Austin Council resolution on March 7, 1946 and recorded in Volume 943, Page 444 of the Real Property Records of Travis County. A copy of said resolution is attached as Exhibit G. The City of Austin retained the right to place utilities in the vacated alley. The Client, in good faith, believed the entire alley was vacated when it purchased the property in 1983. At the time the Client

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purchased the property, the improvements encroached upon the alley so as to render the alley non navigable to the traveling public. Additionally, vehicles could not reach West 4th Street as a result of said prior alley vacation. The Client desires to vacate the rest of the alley since it no longer serves the purpose of connecting two streets.

In response to the questions on page 2 of the application, the Client offers these responses:

1. The current use and zoning is non residential. For over 20 years the property has been used as an automobile body repair shop. The property is currently subject to a sale and purchase agreement and the new use will be a commercial project proposed to consist of convenience storage with approximately 3,000 square feet of ground floor commercial use.
2. The area to be vacated was platted in a subdivision of record in Volume 2, Page 137, Plat Records of Travis County, recorded December 14, 1900.
3. The City did not purchase the area to be vacated.
4. The Client's property and the alley are both located in the same subdivision.
5. The area to be vacated is currently non functioning right-of-way, since a portion of the alley (adjacent to lots 4 through 9) was vacated by City of Austin Council resolution on March 7, 1946 and recorded in Volume 943, Page 444 of the Real Property Records of Travis County.
6. The City will have the right to place public utilities in the vacated alley.
7. The property is currently developed with a concrete pad and wood decking for the adjacent building. Its future use will be parking and landscaping.
8. A new site plan has not been submitted.
9. A new site plan has not been submitted.
10. This is not a residential project.
11. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2017.
12. The zoning on the property to the east of lots $10-12$ and south of lot 1 is LI-CONP (lots 2-6). The zoning on the property to the south of lots $10-12$ was LI-CONP (lots 7-9). A zoning change was recently granted to LI-PDA in zoning case C14-2015-0078 for lots 7 through 9.
13. The adjacent property to the east (lots 2-6) is owned by Duchy East LLC and is currently improved with an approximate 20,000 square foot warehouse (Geographic ID number 01-0803-0909). The adjacent property to the south (lots 7-9 \& Geographic ID number 01-0803-0914) is owned by the Client as a result of a subsequent purchase in 1989 and was used in conjunction with the property.
14. The parking is surface parking.
15. A new site plan has not been submitted.
16. A new site plan has not been submitted.
17. No agreements or easements have been executed with the adjacent landowner.
18. The area to be vacated is not within the Austin Downtown Plan.
19. The area to be vacated in not with UT boundaries.

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20. Yes. Encouraging and supporting the stability and growth of local business to sustain our homegrown business community. This use also provides a buffer between West 5th Street and the Union Pacific railroad line.

Thank you for your consideration of this application.


Reynolds Miller Shelton

## TYPE OF VACATION



PROPERTY DESCRIPTION ADJACENT TO AREA TO BE VACATED

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Parcel #: 01-0803-0903
Survey & Abstract No.: Pressler's Subdivision, Part of Outlot No. 1, Division "Z"
Lot(s): 1, 10, 11, & 12 Block: 1 Outlot: 1
Subdivision Name: Pressler's Subdivision
Plat Book 2 Page Number 137 Document Number 406812
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| Neighborhood Association Name: Central West Austin Neighborhood Plan Contact Team |  |
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| Address including zip code: | 2100 Stamford Lane, Austin, TX 78703 |
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| Neighborhood Association Name: Old West Austin Neigh Plan Contact Team |  |
| Address including zip code: | 1614 W. 9th 1/2 St., Austin, TX 78703 |
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| Neighborhood Association Name: | Old West Austin Neighborhood Assn. |
| Address including zip code: | 800 West Lynn Street, Austin, TX 78703 |
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| Neighborhood Association Name: West Austin Neighborhood Group <br> Address including zip code: P.O. Box 5722, Austin, TX 78763 |  |
| Neighborhood Association Name: West End Austin Alliance <br> Address including zip code: 1311-A East 6th Street, Austin, TX 78702 <br>   <br> Neighborhood Association Name: Austin Independent School District <br> Address including zip code: 1111 West 6th Street Suite B-320, Austin, TX 78703 |  |

## RELATED CASES

|  | FILE NUMBERS |
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| Existing Site Plan (circle one): NO | N/A |
| Subdivision: Case (circle one): NO | N/A |
| Zoning Case (circle one): YES | C14-2015-0078 |

PROJECT NAME, if applicable:
Name of Development Project: N/A
Is this a S.M.A.R.T. Housing Project (circle one): NO
Is this within the Downtown Austin Plan Boundaries (circle one): NO

## OWNER INFORMATION

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Name: Matthews-Brothers Investment, LP
Address: 117500 Research Blvd
City: Austin Phone.(512) 583-3030
City: Austin County: Travis State: Texas
Contact Person/Title: Duke M. Covert, Manager
Email Address: duke@covertycity.net
    (If multiple owners are joining in this request - complete names, addresses on each, must be attached.)
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## APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Reynolds M. Shelton, Attorney at Law
Firm Name:
Address: 109 Spring Creek Trail
City: Spicewood State: Texas
Zip Code: 78669
Office No.: (830) 798-1931 Cell No.: (512) 461-2186
Fax No.: $\qquad$ ) $\qquad$
EMAIL ADDRESS: rmshelton@hotmail.com

The undersigned Landowner/Applicant understands: 1) The application will be handled in accordance with the Policies and Procedures. 2) No action will be taken without payment of the non-refundable application fee or necessary documentation. 3) The application and fee in no way obligates the City to vacate the subject area. 4) It is further understood that all documents related to this transaction and certified check for the "appraised value" must be delivered to the City of Austin prior to placing the item on the Council Agenda for final approval.



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Fritz, Byrne, Head \& Fitzpatrick, PLLC

Attorneys at Law

May 26, 2016

## City of Austin

Office of Real Estate Services
505 Barton Springs Road, Suite 1350
Austin, Texas 78704
Attention: Land Management Division
Re: Application for Alley Vacation; Lots 2 \& 3 Block 1, Pressler's Subdivision of Part of Out Lot No. 1, Division "Z", City of Austin

## Dear Land Management Division:

On behalf of Duchy East, LLC, ("Client"), I am filing this application to join with a previously filed application to vacate a portion of a 20 foot alley. My Client proposes to join with the application for alley vacation filed by Matthews-Barnes Brothers Investment LP ("MatthewsBarnes'") which filed its application November 5, 2015 and was assigned number F\#9620-1511 by the City of Austin (COA).

My Client's property is located adjacent to that of Matthews Barnes and is west of Lamar Boulevard and outside of the Downtown Austin Plan. The property is generally bounded to the north by West 5th Street, to the west by the subject 20 foot wide alley, to the south by West 4th Street and to the east by Pressler Street. The Travis Central Appraisal District has assigned ID number 01-0803-0909 to the property. When Matthews-Barnes filed its application, the COA would not approve the application unless the remainder of the alley was being vacated.
Matthews-Barnes requested that my Client join in their application for alley vacation and my Client has agreed. By filing this application, my Client wishes to join with Matthews-Barnes in its application for vacation of the alley.

My Client's property is improved with buildings associated with retail sales. The improvements were in existence when the Client acquired the property in March 2013. The property is zoned LI-CO-NP (Limited Industrial Service, Conditional Overlay Combing District, and Neighborhood Plan Combining District).

A survey of the area to be vacated is attached as Exhibit A. A copy of the recorded Subdivision Plat is attached as Exhibit B. A location map is attached as Exhibit C. The deed vesting the property in Duchy East, LLC is attached as Exhibit D.

All of the alley south of lot 3 to West 4th Street was vacated by City of Austin Council resolution on March 7, 1946 and recorded in Volume 943, Page 444 of the Real Property Records of Travis County. A copy of said resolution is attached as Exhibit E. The City of Austin retained the right to place utilities in the vacated alley. Vehicles cannot reach West 4th Street as a result of said prior alley vacation. The Client desires to vacate the rest of the alley since it no longer serves the purpose of connecting two streets.

The property is leased to SO-FIT, LLC under a ten year lease executed effective May 20, 2013 which has renewal options. A portion of the property is sublet to Rogue Equipment, LLC and to Ted Spears, MD, PA dba Sports Performance International. A list of such tenants is attached as Exhibit F.

In response to the questions on page 2 of the application, the Client offers these responses:

1. The current use and zoning is non residential.
2. The area to be vacated was platted in a subdivision of record in Volume 2, Page 137, Plat Records of Travis County, recorded December 14, 1900.
3. The City did not purchase the area to be vacated.
4. The Client's property and the alley are both located in the same subdivision.
5. The area to be vacated is currently non-functioning right-of-way, since the southern portion of the alley (adjacent to lots 4 through 9 ) was vacated by City of Austin Council resolution on March 7, 1946 and recorded in Volume 943, Page 444 of the Real Property Records of Travis County.
6. The City will have the continued right to place public utilities in the vacated alley.
7. The Client has no current development plans for the alley. The Client wishes to join in the application of Matthews-Barnes to vacate the alley, which application was filed November 5, 2015 and was assigned number F\#9620-1511 by the City of Austin (COA).
8. A new site plan has not been submitted.
9. A new site plan has not been submitted.
10. This is not a residential project.
11. There are no current plans to change the current use of the property.
12. The zoning on the property to the west of lots 2 and 3 is LI-PDA (zoning case C14-2015-0078 for lots 7 through 12). Lot 1 , to the north of Lot 2, is LI-CO-NP.
13. The adjacent property to the west (lots 7-12) is owned by Matthews-Barnes Brothers Investment LP and is currently improved with buildings associated with an automotive collision repair business.
14. The parking is surface parking.
15. A new site plan has not been submitted.
16. A new site plan has not been submitted.
17. No agreements or easements have been executed with the adjacent landowner other than the agreement to join in the vacation of the alley.
18. The area to be vacated is not within the Austin Downtown Plan.
19. The area to be vacated in not with UT boundaries.
20. Yes. Encouraging and supporting the stability and growth of local business to sustain our homegrown business community. This use also provides a buffer between West 5th Street and the Union Pacific railroad line which runs east/west to the immediate south of the property.

Thank you for your consideration of this application.


CC: Ben Schotz
Reynolds Shelton

File No. $\qquad$ DATE: $\qquad$
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## TYPE OF VACATION

Type of Vacation: Street: ; Alley: $\underline{X}$; ROW _ Hundred Block: Name of Street/Alley/ROW: N/S between West $5^{\text {th }} \& \overline{\text { West } 4}{ }^{\text {th }}$ Streets Is it constructed: YES Property address: 410 Pressler Street
Purpose of vacation: The Applicant desires to vacate the rest of the alley since it no longer serves the purpose of connecting two streets

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION ADJACENT TO AREA TO BE VACATED

| Parcel \#: 01-0803-0909 |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Survey \& Abstract No.: Pressler's Subdivision, Part of Outlot No. 1, Division "Z" |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lot(s): 2 |  | Block: 1 | Outl | 1 |  |
| Subdivision Name: Pressler's Subdivision |  |  |  |  |  |
| Plat Book | 2 | Page Number | 137 | Document Number | 406812 |

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## PROJECT NAME, if applicable:

## Name of Development Project: N/A

Is this a S.M.A.R.T. Housing Project (circle one): NO
Is this within the Downtown Austin Plan Boundaries (circle one): NO

## OWNER INFORMATION

Name: DUCHY EAST, LLC
Address: 1711 San Gabriel Phone: (512) 476-5913 Fax No.: (512) 828-6297
City: Austin County: Travis State: Texas Zip Code: 78701
Contact Person/Title: Ben Schotz, Manager
Cell Phone: (512) 470-2885
Email Address:schotz@gmail.com
(If multiple owners are joining in this request - complete names, addresses on each, must be attached.)

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Thomas D. Fritz
Firm Name: Fritz, Byrne, Head \& Fitzpatrick, PLLC
Address: 221 W. $6^{\text {th }}$ Street, Suite 960

| City: Austin | State: | Texas | Zip Code: | 78701 |
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| Office No.: (512) | 476-2020 | Cell No.: (512) |  |  |
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EMAIL ADDRESS: tfritz@fbhf.com
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