# CITY OF LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN CITY PLAN COMMISSION REPORT May 1, 2017

## > AGENDA ITEM - 17-0311 (Lewis Kuhlman)

Resolution authorizing vacation of remaining alley located between Clinton Street and George Street.

**ROUTING:** F&P Committee, Public Hearing 6/1/17 7:30 p.m.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The alley is bound by City land on two sides and Riteway Bus, LLC property on the south. It is near the Boys & Girls Club and Logan High School. The intersection of George and Clinton has residences on three sides. The resolution does not specify what the public purpose of vacating the alley is, but one can assume it is for the sale of underutilized City land for a taxable purpose – Riteway Bus is interested in purchasing the City-owned lots on either side of the alley and vacating the alley. No additional permits or design review would be required at this time. This City land and alley were former railroad right-of-way.

#### **GENERAL LOCATION:**

Logan-Northside Neighborhood, southeast of the intersection of George St. and Clinton St. as depicted in Map 17-0311.

#### **RECOMMENDATION OF OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

The Board of Public Works approved proceeding with this alley vacation, including a portion of George Street, File # <u>17-0118</u>.

### **CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:**

Alley vacation is not addressed in the Comprehensive Plan. The 2015 Transportation Vision argues against right-of-way vacations. Alleys are an important part of urban infrastructure that provides access to the rear of lots; they consolidate driveways, limiting curb cuts and reducing conflicts with pedestrians, bicyclists, and automobiles. However, this right-of-way does not provide a benefit because there is no alley improvement there.

#### > PLANNING RECOMMENDATION:

**Approve.** This right-of-way is not an integral part of the transportation network and its vacation facilitates the sale of underutilized City land.





