CITY OF LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN CITY PLAN COMMISSION REPORT January 31, 2022

AGENDA ITEM: 21-1697 (Lewis Kuhlman)

Resolution approving the partial alley vacation on 9th Street between Main Street and King Street.

> ROUTING: F&P, public hearing 2.3.2022

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Planning staff undertook the combination of 9 parcels that made up the Main Public Library land at 800 Main St. The intention of this lot combination was to simplify its legal description and mapping. Upon further review of the block, the partial alley adjacent to the library looked to be exclusively used as a driveway by the residents at 128 9th St. S. Planning staff reached out to the Library about requesting the alley vacation. The intention of the vacation is that the land would go through the applicable City processes to be transferred to the adjacent property owners.

Planning staff has spoken with the owners of 128 9th St. S. They are in favor of the vacation with the intention that the land would become part of their property. They would then be able to improve and upgrade the driveway as needed. Without this driveway, residents would have to park on the street.

> GENERAL LOCATION:

District 6, Downtown, between Main St. and King St. on the west side of 9th St. as depicted in Map 21-1697. It is adjacent to the public library and residences.

RECOMMENDATION OF OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

The Board of Public Works approved this vacation on November 22, 2021.

CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

Alley vacation is not addressed in the comprehensive plan. Typically, any loss of the street network, including alleys, would be discouraged. In this case, the alley does not continue through the block, nor is it the full width of most alleys.

PLANNING RECOMMENDATION:

This right of way is being used as a private driveway, so this vacation would begin the process of legitimizing that use. This item is recommended for **APPROVAL**.





