



Pinellas County

Staff Report

File #: 20-1180A, **Version:** 1

Subject:

Petition of John Skopos to vacate a 12-foot-wide alley lying west of Desoto Boulevard and east of Moss Rose Avenue, lying in Block 1, Crystal Beach Heights, Plat Book 3, Page 58, lying in Section 35-27-15, Pinellas County, Florida. (Legislative Hearing)

Recommended Action:

Consider granting the petition to vacate, and if granted, adopt the attached resolution pursuant to §336, Florida State Statutes.

- There is a 12-foot-wide platted and unopened alley lying west of Desoto Boulevard and east of Moss Rose Avenue and is adjacent to the petitioner's property.
- The petition is for the entire alley in this block, not just the portion of the alley adjacent to the petitioner's property. Florida State Statute §336 allows the petitioner to request vacation of the entire alley. County staff support vacation of the entire alley.
- The petitioner is requesting the vacation to construct a swimming pool.
- County staff have no objection to the vacation request.
- If vacated, the Utilities and Public Works Departments have requested the retention of a full width drainage and utility easement over the vacated alley.

Authorize the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest and record the resolution in the public records of Pinellas County.

Strategic Plan:

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources

5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of county services and support

Summary:

The purpose of the request is to vacate a twelve 12-foot-wide platted and unopened alley lying west of Desoto Boulevard and east of Moss Rose Avenue adjacent to the petitioner's property. The petitioner is requesting the vacation to construct a swimming pool.

Background Information:

The petition is for the entire alley in this block, not just the portion of the alley adjacent to the petitioner's property. County staff support vacation of the entire alley. Pursuant to §336, Florida State Statutes, any person or persons may petition to vacate, abandon, discontinue and close any existing public or private street, alleyway, road, highway, or other place used for travel, or any portion thereof, other than a state or federal highway, and to renounce or disclaim any right of the county and the public in and to any land in connection therewith.

County departments were queried and have no objection to the vacation request.

The Utilities and Public Works Departments have requested the retention of a drainage and utility easement over the vacated alley.

Letters of no objection were received from Pinellas County Utilities, Duke Energy, Frontier, TECO Electric, TECO Gas and WOW! Bright House requested that the applicant be aware that if the possibility of relocation occurs, the relocation will be at the expense of the Petitioner. Duke Energy's letter of no objection is contingent upon the retention of a twelve-foot-wide drainage and utility easement.

The petition was properly advertised in accordance with §336, Florida State Statutes. Pursuant to the Real Property Division Procedures, notice was mailed by the Clerk of the Court to property owners within two hundred feet of the subject property and two-yard signs were placed on the property. The Deputy Clerk will report to the Board any citizen support or opposition.

Fiscal Impact:

\$750.00 has been received for this request.

Staff Member Responsible:

Andrew W. Pupke, Division Director, Administrative Services

Partners:

N/A

Attachments:

Resolution

Exhibit A

Location Map

Advertising Packet

Petitioner Application