STAFF REPORT City of Arkansas City Neighborhood Services Division Josh White, Principal Planner 118 W Central Ave, Arkansas City, KS 67005 Phone: 620-441-4420 Fax: 620-441-4403 Email: jwhite@arka	nsascityks.gov Website: www.arkcity.org APPLICANT/PROPERTY OWNER AAB Engineering LLC/City of Arkansas City
PUBLIC HEARING DATE April 12, 2022	PROPERTY ADDRESS/LOCATION A portion of alley and street adjacent to Block 2 Park Place Addition
SUMMARY OF REQUEST AAB Engineering, LLC has filed a request to vacate a portion of the alley and a portion of 3 rd Street (originally platted as 10 th Street) adjacent to Block 2, Park Place Addition. The applicant/City owns or controls all of the land surrounding the proposed vacations. All adjacent property owners were notified. The Technical Advisory Committee noted that there are a number o utilities present in the area and that a utility easement would be needed for th area as the various utilities will need to continue to have access to the area.	

EXISTING ZONING Not applicable



SURROUNDING ZONING & SIT LAND USE U North-P/I-1; Public East-Unzoned/I-2; Vacant/Industrial South-R-2;Residential West-R-2/C-2; Residential/Commercial

SITE IMPROVEMENTS Utilities/drainage ditch SIZE OF PROPERTY Approx 0.2 acres

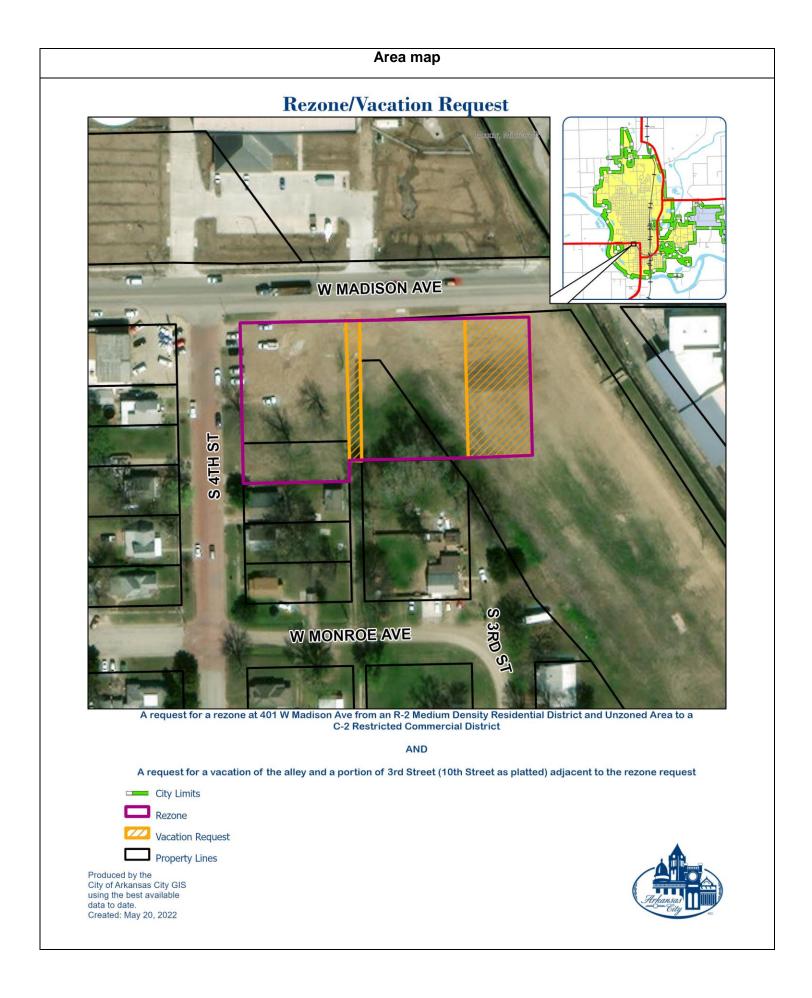
STAFF RECOMMENDATION

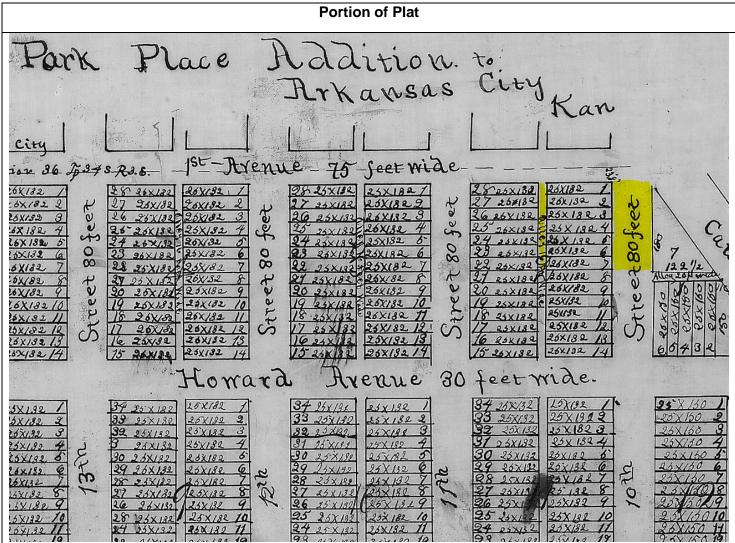
Staff recommends approval subject to retaining an access and utility easement over the entire area.

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENTS The committee reported no issues as long as the utility easements are retained and emergency and utility vehicle and equipment access is maintained. Also access to future development to the south should be maintained.	PROPERTY HISTORY This area was platted in 1886. At some point the railroad right of way took over 10 th Street (3 rd Street) in this area. The railroad right of way has since been vacated and returned to the City but the street itself was never opened. The alley in this block was only partially completed due to the open canal running its length. Other than the concurrent rezone request for this area there are no other land use cases associated with the area.
	NOTICE GIVEN Proper notice was published in the newspaper. Notices were sent to the adjacent property owners.

PRIVATE RIGHTS /PUBLIC GAIN/LOSS

No private rights will be injured or endangered as the applicant owns (or will own) all of the property adjacent to the proposed vacations. A utility easement will be retained over the vacated alley





This is a portion of the Park Place Addition plat filed in 1886. Block 2 is located in the upper right. The highlighted areas show the approximate location of the vacation request. Note that the name of the partial street to be vacated is 10th Street on this plat and was later renamed to 3rd Street though it is not likely that this portion of the street was ever built. Also in this image, 1st Avenue is now Madison Avenue and Howard Avenue is now Monroe Avenue. 11th, 12th & 13th Streets are now 4th, 5th & 6th Streets respectively.

Neighborhood Photos



The subject property



Google StreetView from Sep 2021 looking south at drainage ditch and eastern portion of property.