

METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

October 7, 2026

Case Number: 2026-VAC-007

Property Address: 1525, 1540, and 1543 West Ohio Street; 211, 217 and 221 North Reisner Street; & 126 and 130 Koehne Street (*Approximate Addresses*)

Location: Center Township, Council District #18

Petitioner: Church, Westside Pentecostal Assembly Trustees by Justin Kingen

Request: Vacation of the first north-south alley east of Reisner Street, being 15 feet in width, beginning at the south right-of-way line of Ohio Street, south 180 feet, to the north right-of-way line of Everett Street, with a waiver of the assessment of benefits.

Vacation of the first north-south alley east of Reisner Street, being 15.12 feet in width, beginning at the south right-of-way line of Astor Street, south 56.20 feet, with a waiver of the assessment of benefits.

Waiver Requested: Assessment of Benefits

Current Land Use: Parking/Maneuvering Area for Religious Use

Staff Reviewer: Michael Weigel, Principal Planner I

PETITION HISTORY

9/7/26: The Plat Committee heard testimony related to the petition and then acted upon a split-ballot motion made by Committee member Joe Smoker (part A was to be for the 180-foot alley, and Part B was to be for the 56.2-foot alley). However, the subsequent vote did not conform to the motion as originally stated. As a result, there is a question regarding the procedural validity of the resulting recommendation and action. On September 10th, the Administrator filed a formal appeal of the recommendation and action (per Article V, Section 1 of the Rules of Procedure) to allow for the matter to be considered by the full Commission through the public hearing process.

The petitioner will plan to request a continuance from the October 7th MDC hearing to the November 18th hearing date, in order to both allow additional time for discussion with neighborhood groups and the Councilor for the district as well as to allow staff additional time to clarify the intent of the Plat Committee's previous vote. Staff will also plan to ask the MDC to make a motion to combine the A and B portions of the request on the 11/10 hearing date.

8/12/26: A continuance request made by the petitioner was granted to allow them time to obtain demolition permits related to two residences previously removed from nearby properties.