



# City of West Allis Matter Summary

7525 W. Greenfield Ave. West Allis, WI 53214

File Number	Title	Status
R-2006-0158	Resolution	In Committee
	Communication from City Engineer regardin District for a Minor Grant of Privilege.	g request from the West Allis Downtown Business
	Introduced: 6/6/2006	Controlling Body: Public Works Committee

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**Engineering Department** 

MICHAEL G. LEWIS City Engineer

# Memorandum

TO:

Richard Narlock, Chair, Board of Public Works

Vincent Vitale, First District Kurt Kopplin, Second District Linda Dobrowski, Fourth District James Sengstock, Fifth District

FROM:

Michael Lewis, City Engineer

DATE:

June 1, 2006

RE:

Communication from City Engineer Regarding Request from the West Allis Downtown Business District for a Minor Grant of Privilege

Alderman Kurt Kopplin asked that this be placed on the agenda. You have received a memo from Michael Pertmer on his concerns.

Minor Grant of Privilege is usually handled administratively. But because of the issues involved in this request, we wanted approval from the Board.





**Engineering Department** 

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TO:

Richard Narlock, Chair, Board of Public Works

Vincent Vitale, First District Kurt Kopplin, Second District Linda Dobrowski, Fourth District James Sengstock, Fifth District

FROM:

Michael Lewis, City Engineer

DATE:

May 16, 2006

RE:

Grant of Privilege for Steel Fencing from Downtown Business District

We received the attached request for steel fencing from the BID. This idea was e-mailed to a number of Departments by Planning/Development. The City Attorney's Office, Public Works and Engineering Departments were concerned about the potential of injuries and maintenance. These fences would be considered a minor encroachment, since they can be easy removed, and can be approved by the City Engineer. But before I sign off on this, I want to find out the feelings of the Board of Public Works. If any members want me to hold off and place this on the next available agenda, please contact me. If I don't hear from anyone by Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, I will approve the BID's request.

Cc: Michael Pertmer, Director of Public Works





### **Public Works Department**

MICHAEL PERTMER

Director

To: Michael Lewis, City Engineer

From: Mike Pertmer, Director of Public Works

Re; Grant of Privilege for Steel Fencing in BID

Date: May 17, 2006

In response to your memo to the members of the Board of Public Works regarding the Grant of Privilege for Steel Fencing around the street trees in the Downtown Business District, I again must reiterate my concerns with this proposal. I feel that the relatively narrow sidewalk space (9' from curb face to building) does not lend itself to this type of structure. They will create a tripping hazard with the potential of a person falling and impaling themselves on one of the steel posts. In addition, these structures appear to be within 12inches of the curb on the street side. Some passenger in a car parking at the curb will, inevitably, be oblivious to these structures and swing a car door open into the steel causing damage to the car door.

I am also concerned with the maintenance problems these structures will cause. Cigarette butts, and other trash will inevitably collect inside the structures. Clearing this debris will be an ongoing problem. That problem will be enhanced if the area is planted with vegetative matter.

The planting of flowers along the base of these trees with or without a structural barrier has always been a concern of mine. Obviously there is very limited surface are to absorb rain and nutrients needed by both the surface plant materials and trees. In short, the trees and the surface plantings are in competition for the same thing generally resulting in stress for both.

Finally, I have noted that it is the BID's intention to remove these structures during the winter months. I have two concerns related to this. First, I have concerns with the BID driving six support posts into the ground every year. There is a high likelihood for damage to the tree roots not to mention to the electrical cable behind the curb. Second, I have some concern as to who will be removing, hauling and storing these steel structures during the winter months. Public Works cannot afford to get involved with this.

In conclusion, as part of the grant of privilege, at a minimum I would require daily maintenance of the enclosed barrier including but not limited to litter and weed removal within the barrier. Second, there should be a stipulation that if a street tree dies as a result of root injury caused by the placement of the structure, the BID be responsible for all costs removing and replanting the tree.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues.

CC: Ald. Narlock, Vitale, Kopplin, Dobrowski, Sengstock

## **MEMORANDUM**

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MAY 1 5 2006

CITY OF WEST ALLIS ENGINEERING DEPT.

TO:

Michael Lewis, City Engineer

FROM:

Sharon R. Lesak, Real Estate Agent

DATE:

May 15, 2006

SUBJECT: Grant of Privilege -

Address:

Greenfield Avenue Between S. 70

and S. 76 Streets

Owner:

Downtown West Allis Business

Improvement District

Tax Key:

Various

Attached is information received regarding applicant's request that a "Grant of Privilege" be approved for the placement of fencing around the perimeter of the street level planter beds and installing handing baskets on the three interior light poles located on both sides of West Greenfield Avenue between South 70<sup>th</sup> and 76<sup>th</sup> Streets.

The application has been forwarded to Ted Atkinson and Terry Tauschmann for review and comments. If you approve this encroachment, please have your department's surveyor supply us with a legal description as soon as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

SRL:da Attachment C/GrantPrv-City Engineer

cc:

Ted Atkinson (Attach.)

Terry Tauschmann (Attach.)

Leo Kos (Attach.)



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May 12, 2006

Board of Public Works City of West Allis 7525 W. Greenfield Ave. West Allis, WI 53214 RECEIVED

MAY 15 2006

WEST ALLIS CITY ATTORNEY

I am writing to ask your permission to use the public right of way as it pertains to the "Large" street level planter beds for the purpose of placing fencing around the perimeter and installing hanging baskets on the three interior light poles located on both sides of Greenfield Ave. between 70<sup>th</sup> & 76<sup>th</sup> Street. We intend to remove the fencing and the hanging baskets between Thanksgiving and April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please find pictures of the fencing, when it was temporarily installed in front of George Webb's 7227 W. Greenfield Avenue, and the fencing specifications attached.

Presently we are exploring using 15"diameter cast aluminum hanging baskets. Artificial flowers will be placed in these baskets. The brackets, used to hang the baskets, would be extending East and West of the light poles.

Please find the bracket specifications along with a picture of the proposed Baskets attached.

The BID is continuing to improve the aesthetics of the downtown. Since the inception of the Streetscape project in 2003, we have been exploring methodologies regarding the appropriate plant species and proper maintenance procedures for the variations in soil condition, exposure to sunlight and salt on both sides of Greenfield Ave. The first two years of planting was done by the City of West Allis Forestry Department. The third year the BID took on this responsibility. Neither group have been able to obtain acceptable results.

The design and placement of these large planters are not conducive to a consistent plant growth or protection from erosion and pedestrian traffic. See picture attached depicting the pedestrian and erosion issue. It is our opinion that without a barrier such as the proposed fencing a manageable and aesthetic planter bed will not be achievable.

Hanging baskets has been an effective tool to present a colorful and natural look to the downtown. Hanging baskets in other Main Street Communities have proven to be a major component in attracting pedestrian traffic to these business districts. We had considered using real flowers but the expense and intensive labor maintenance eliminates this method.

We would like to install the fencing and hanging baskets this spring/summer.

Thank you for your consideration of our proposal. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions

Best regards,

Brian Preiss /
Executive Director

Downtown West Allis Business Improvement District

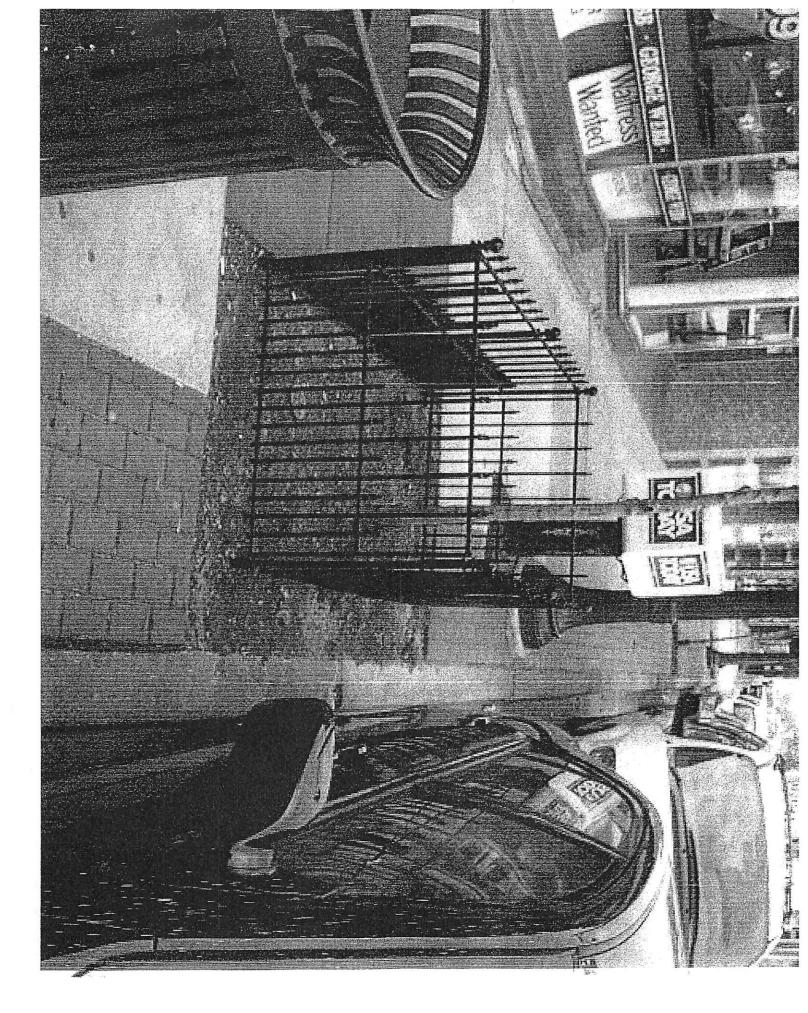
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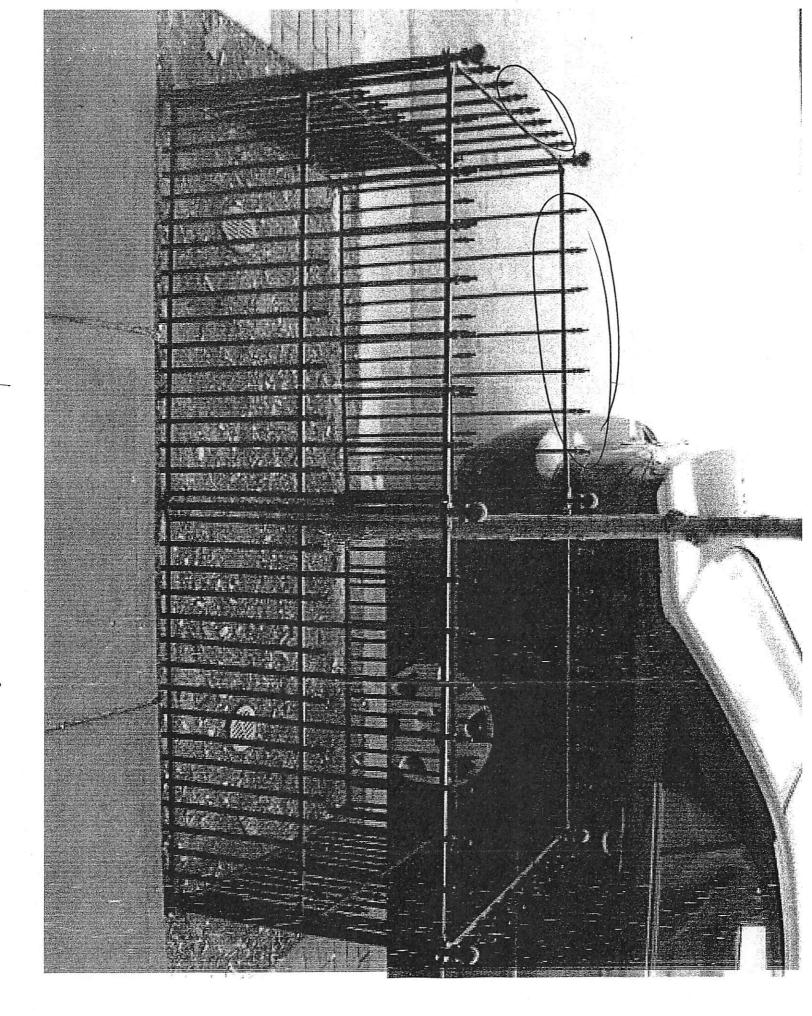
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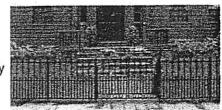








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061153	41.25"	POST & STAKE	Black	16

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7525 W GREENFIELD AVE

WEST ALLIS WI 53214

Attn: STEVE SCHEAR Phone: 414-302-8302 Fax: 414-302-8321

· Email: rbarwick@ci.west-allis.wi.us

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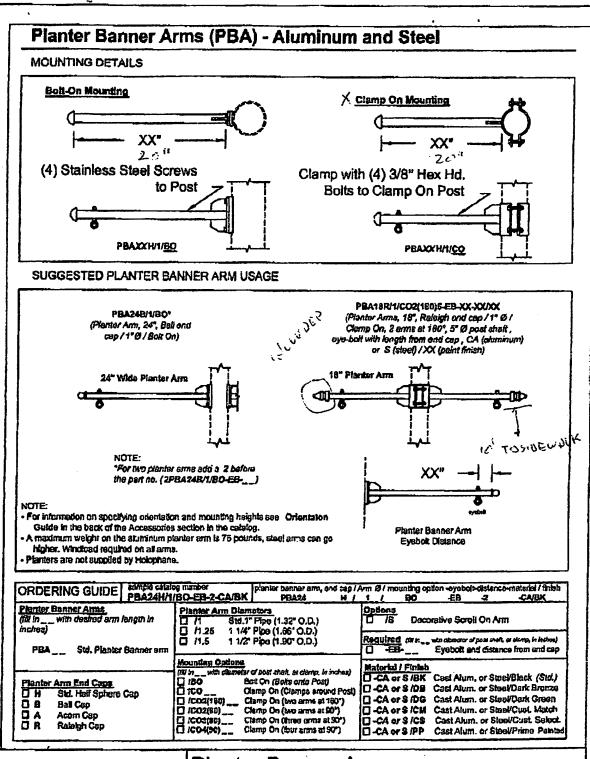
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## **Sharon Lesak**

From:

Steve Schaer

Sent:

Tuesday, April 18, 2006 2:24 PM

To:

Sharon Lesak

Subject:

decorative fences

## Sharon,

Please send Brian Priess a copy of the minor encroachment permit. The BID wishes to install decorative fences around some of the planter beds in the downtown. The BID is also considering hanging baskets from some of the street lights. What is the level of insurance coverage needed? There will be up to 20 fence locations around existing planter beds and up to 50 hanging baskets (At height of 10 ft.) in the downtown.

see attached example.



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street light.jpg

Steven J. Schaer, AICP Manager of Planning and Zoning Division City of West Allis (414) 302-8466