ALLEY VACATION ORDINANCE NO. 10053-10 Status Vacated

Date 1/17/2011

Description:

The West 129 Feet of the East/West Alley Between LaSalle Street and Colfax Avenue Lying West of Sycamore Street, Portage Township, City of South Bend, St. Joseph County, Indiana



Office of the City Clerk

John Voorde, City Clerk

January 17, 2011

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Area Plan Commission

Board of Public Works/Engineering Dept.

Building Department Fire Department

Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Police Department Street Department

Bureau of Traffic & Lighting - Mark

Community & Economic Development - Pam Meyer

County Auditor - Paula

Water Works - North Station-Ed Herman

FROM:

John Voorde, City Clerk

All proceedings with reference to Ordinance No. 10053-10 for the vacation of the following property:

THE WEST 129 FEET OF THE EAST/WEST ALLEY BETWEEN LASALLE STREET AND COLFAX AVENUE LYING WEST OF SYCAMORE STREET, PORTAGE TOWNSHIP, CITY OF SOUTH BEND, ST. JOSEPH COUNTY, INDIANA

is closed and this area is vacated.

Filed in Clerk's Crice

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PHONE 574/ 235-9251 Fax 574/ 235-9171 TDD 574/ 235-5567

CITY OF SOUTH BEND STEPHEN J. LUECKE, MAYOR BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

November 24, 2010

Mr. Bob Palm East Bank South Bend Development, LLC Post Office Box 960 New Carlisle, Indiana 46552-0960

RE: Revised Alley Vacation – The First East/West Alley South of LaSalle Avenue from Sycamore Street West toward the St. Joseph River

Dear Mr. Palm:

The Board of Public Works, at its October 11, 2010 meeting, provided a favorable recommendation for the vacation of this alley subject to a permanent easement for construction, maintenance, and utility access. Additionally, a cross-access agreement with the affected adjacent property owners was needed.

It has come to the attention of the Board of Works that a revised site plan has been submitted to the Common Council requesting only the west half of the alley be vacated. After reviewing the revised plan, it was determined that the permanent easement for construction, maintenance, and utility access will be recorded in the Real Estate Plat. Additionally, a cross-access agreement is no longer required.

If you have any questions, please call me at (574) 235-9251

Sincerely,

Linda M. Martin, Clerk

c: Tony Molnar, Engineering
Janice Talboom, City Clerk's Office
Carl Littrell, Engineering
Dave Relos, Community and Economic Development

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CITY OF SOUTH BEND STEPHEN J. LUECKE, MAYOR BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

October 11, 2010

Mr. Bob Palm East Bank South Bend Development, LLC Post Office Box 960 New Carlisle, Indiana 46552-0960

RE: Alley Vacation - The First East/West Alley South of LaSalle Avenue from Sycamore Street West toward the St. Joseph River (Preliminary Review)

Dear Mr. Palm:

The Board of Public Works, at its October 11, 2010 meeting, reviewed favorable recommendations concerning this Vacation Petition from the Area Plan Commission, Police Department, Fire Department, and Community & Economic Development. Engineering recommends denial of this vacation. Community & Economic Development states they recommend approval with the understanding that Engineering's stated issues will be resolved.

Area Plan stated the vacation would not hinder the growth or orderly development of the unit or neighborhood in which it is located or to which it is contiguous. Vacating this alley would not restrict or prevent the growth or development of any adjacent parcel. It is their understanding that this alley will be vacated so the East Bank Townhome project to the south can utilize the existing vehicular access for access to the townhomes. The vacation will eliminate one of the pedestrian access points to the river walk. This access point and area to the east extending to the parking lot access will be brought up to grade to match the first floor elevation of the building to the north. This area will be utilized as open space for the townhome development. The vacation may make access to the lands of the aggrieved person by means of public way difficult or inconvenient. The petitioner spoke with the owners of the River Place office complex of their intentions to vacate this alley and they do support the vacation. If the northern half of the vacated alley is transferred to the developer of the East Bank Townhomes, an access or ingress/egress easement will be required in order for the River Place office to maintain their rights to utilize this access. Pedestrian access to the river walk would not be negatively affected with the elimination of the mid-block access to the river walk. Access to the river walk will continue to be maintained at both LaSalle Avenue to the north and Colfax Avenue to the south. Access to the river walk will be maintained via the access points along LaSalle Avenue and Colfax Avenue. The vacation may hinder the use of a public right-of-way by the neighborhood in which it is located or to which it is contiguous. This is a dead end alley with the River Place office complex using the alley as a secondary access.

October 11, 2010
Bob Palm
Alley Vacation – The First East/West Alley South of LaSalle Avenue from Sycamore Street West toward the St. Joseph River
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Engineering stated the alley is necessary for the maintenance and operation of the East Bank walkway between Colfax Avenue and LaSalle Avenue. In addition to public access for use of the walkway, eventually access will be needed to the structure overhanging the river for maintenance, repair and refurbishing. Engineering is also concerned with the developer's plans precluding leaving a maintenance and access easement open and the Fire Department losing access to different exposures of two existing buildings and the new condominiums.

The Board of Public Works is providing a favorable recommendation for the vacation of this alley subject to a permanent easement for construction, maintenance, and utility access. Additionally, you will need a cross-access agreement with the affected adjacent property owners.

Please contact Tony Molnar at (574) 235-9254 prior to picking up your radius map. You will need a radius map showing properties within 150' of the proposed vacation for your petition to the Common Council. Once you pick up the radius map, proceed to the City Clerk's office for your alley vacation packet.

Sincerely, Airda M. Martin

// Linda M. Martin, Clerk

c: Federico Rodriguez, Fire Department
Tony Molnar, Engineering
Janice Talboom, City Clerk's Office
Carl Littrell, Engineering
Dave Relos, Community and Economic Development

Nancy Schrader - Re: Alley Vacation Recommendation - LaSalle/Sycamore

From:

Stephen Goen

To:

Nancy Schrader

Date:

9/8/2010 11:04 AM

Subject: Re: Alley Vacation Recommendation - LaSalle/Sycamore

No Objections

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Lt. Stephen Goen Traffic Commander St Joe Co. Fatal Alcohol Crash Team South Bend Police Department - Traffic Investigations 701 W. Sample St South Bend, IN 46601 (574) 235-7515 (574) 235-7538

>>> Nancy Schrader 9/8/2010 8:28 AM >>> Please provide your recommendation.

Thank you.

Nancy Schrader City of South Bend Department of Engineering and Board of Public Works 227 West Jefferson, Room 1316 South Bend, Indiana 46601 Office: (574) 235-9251 Fax: (574) 235-9171

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From:

<pmgriffin@NiSource.com>

To:

"Nancy Schrader" <NJSCHRAD@southbendin.gov>, <Imartin@southbendin.gov>

Date:

9/8/2010 1:07 PM

Subject:

Re: Alley Vacation Recommendation - LaSalle/Sycamore

Attachments:

S45C-510090808250.pdf

NIPSCO has no objections to vacate this alley.

Philip M. Griffin

Project Engineer - South Bend LOA

Office Phone: 574-284-2214 Mobile Phone: 574-220-3804

FAX: 574-284-2220

"Nancy Schrader"

<NJSCHRAD@southbe

ndin.gov>

To

<jbyorni@co.st-joseph.in.us>,

09/08/2010 08:28

<pmgriffin@nisource.com>, "Andre
Price" <APRICE@southbendin.gov>,

AM

"Chris Dressel"

<CDRESSEL@southbendin.gov>, "Cheryl
Greene" <CGREENE@southbendin.gov>,

"Carl Littrell"

<CLITTREL@southbendin.gov>,

"Federico Rodriguez"

<frodrigu@southbendin.gov>, "Jeff
Gibney" <jgibney@southbendin.gov>,

"Robert Mathia"

<RMATHIA@southbendin.gov>, "Stephen Goen" <SGOEN@southbendin.gov>

CC

"Nancy Schrader"

<NJSCHRAD@southbendin.gov>

Subject

Alley Vacation Recommendation -

LaSalle/Sycamore

Please provide your recommendation.

Thank you.



INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

DATE SENT: 9/8/2010

TO: Andre Price, Solid Waste

Bob Mathia, Community & Economic Development

Carl Littrell, Engineering Department

Chris Dressel, Community & Economic Development

Federico Rodriguez, Fire Department

Jeff Gibney, Community & Economic Development John Byorni, Area Plan Commission (jbyorni@co.st-

joseph.in.us or 235-9813 fax) Stephen Goen, Police Department Cheryl Greene, City Attorney's Office

Phil Griffin, NIPSCO (pmgriffin@nisource.com) (FYI Only)

FROM: Linda M. Martin, Clerk LM WNS

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR RECOMMENDATION - ALLEY VACATION

APPLICANT:

East Bank South Bend Development, LLC - Bob Palm

LOCATION:

First East/West Alley South of LaSalle from Sycamore West

toward St. Joseph River

DATE DUE:

9/20/2010

FAX OR E-MAIL TO:

235-9171 / Imartin@southbendin.gov

RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS:

While I have no objection to the proposed alley vacation, Carl Littrell's concerns should be addressed before final action is taken.

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Nancy Schrader - Re: Alley Vacation Recommendation - LaSalle/Sycamore

From:

Federico Rodriguez

To:

Nancy Schrader

Date:

9/10/2010 7:38 AM

Subject:

Re: Alley Vacation Recommendation - LaSalle/Sycamore

Approved S.B.F.D.

Federico "Chico" Rodriguez Fire Marshal South Bend Fire Dept. 1222 S. Michigan Street South Bend, In. 574-235-7564(O) 574-235-9305(F) frodrigu@southbendin.gov

>>> Nancy Schrader 9/8/2010 8:28 AM >>> Please provide your recommendation.

Thank you.

Nancy Schrader City of South Bend Department of Engineering and Board of Public Works 227 West Jefferson, Room 1316 South Bend, Indiana 46601 Office: (574) 235-9251

Fax: (574) 235-9171

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From:

Phil StClair

To:

Nancy Schrader

Date:

9/15/2010 4:12 PM

Subject:

Re: Alley Vacation Recommendation LaSalle/Sycamore

ok with the parks and recreation dept.

>>> Nancy Schrader 9/15/2010 12:09 PM >>> Please provide your recommendation.

Thank you.

Nancy Schrader City of South Bend Department of Engineering and Board of Public Works 227 West Jefferson, Room 1316 South Bend, Indiana 46601 Office: (574) 235-9251 Fax: (574) 235-9171

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Nancy Schrader - Re: Fwd: Alley Vacation Recommendation - LaSalle/Sycamore

From:

Chris Dressel

To:

Nancy Schrader

Date:

9/20/2010 4:32 PM

Subject:

Re: Fwd: Alley Vacation Recommendation - LaSalle/Sycamore

Attachments:

I recommend for approval with understanding that the concerns listed below would be resolved.

Christopher D. Dressel
Planner
City of South Bend
Division of Community Development
1200 County-City Building
227 W. Jefferson
South Bend, IN 46601
Phone: 574-235-5847
Fax: 574-235-9697
cdressel@southbendin.gov

>>> Carl Littrell 9/8/2010 8:43 AM >>> David,

I am reluctant to part with this alley. I think it is necessary for the maintenance and operation of the East Bank Walkway between Colfax and LaSalle. In addition to public access for use of the walkway, eventually we'll need access to the structure overhanging the river for maintenance, repair, refurbishing, etc.

Does the condo developer's plans preclude leaving a maintenance and access easement open? I also expect the Fire Department to be recalcitrant about losing what is now good access to different exposures of two existing buildings and the new condos to come.

Was Matthews given an expectation that the alley could/should be vacated for his use? Do you know if the neighbor to the north has been consulted? One of my sons married one of his daughters. I don't mind asking, I just don't want to pester him on a closed issue.

Carl

>>> Nancy Schrader 9/8/2010 8:28 AM >>> Please provide your recommendation.

Thank you.

Nancy Schrader
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Area Plan Commission of St. Joseph County

1140 County-City Building South Bend, Indiana 46601

John W. Byorni Executive Director Larry P. Magliozzi Assistant Director

Phone 574 235-9571

www.stjosephcountyindiana.com/areaplan

Fax 574 235-9813

September 17, 2010

City of South Bend Board of Public Works 13th Floor, County-City Building South Bend, Indiana 46601 RECEIVED

SEP 2 0 2010

CITY OF SOUTH BEND DIV. OF ENGINEERING

RE: Alley Vacation

Applicant: East Bank South Bend Development, LLC Vacation of an East/West Alley Between LaSalle Street and Colfax Avenue lying West of Sycamore Street

Dear Board Members:

The staff has reviewed this petition. It is the staff's opinion that:

(1) The vacation would not hinder the growth or orderly development of the unit or neighborhood in which it is located or to which it is contiguous.

Vacating this alley would not restrict or prevent the growth or development of any adjacent parcel. It is our understanding that this alley will be vacated so that the East Bank Townhome project to the south can utilize the existing vehicular access for access to the townhomes. The vacation will eliminate one of the pedestrian access points to the river walk. This access point and area to the east extending to the parking lot access will be brought up to grade to match the first floor elevation of the building to north. This area will be utilized as open space for the townhome development.

(2) The vacation may make access to the lands of the aggrieved person by means of public way difficult or inconvenient.

The petitioner spoke with the owners of the River Place office complex of their intentions to vacate this alley, and they do support the vacation. If the northern half of the vacated alley is transferred to the developer of the East Bank Townhomes, an access or ingress/egress easement will be required in order for the River Place office to maintain their rights to utilize this access. Pedestrian access to the river walk would not be negatively affected with the elimination of the mid-block access to the river walk. Access to the river walk will continue to be maintained at both LaSalle Avenue to the north and Colfax Avenue to the south.



(3) The vacation *would not* hinder the public's access to a church, school, or other public building or place.

Access to the river walk will be maintained via the access points along LaSalle Avenue and Colfax Avenue.

(4) The vacation *may* hinder the use of a public way by the neighborhood in which it is located or to which it is contiguous.

This is a dead end alley, with the River Place office complex using the alley as a secondary access. The owners have agreed to the closure subject to an access easement to Sycamore Street.

Due to the above stated reasons and understanding that the adjacent owner to the north supports the vacation, the staff recommends that the proposed alley vacation be approved.

Please contact our office if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Derek J. Spier, AICP

Planner



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DATE SENT: 9/8/2010

Andre Price, Solid Waste TO: Bob Mathia, Community & Economic Development Carl Littrell, Engineering Department Chris Dressel, Community & Economic Development Federico Rodriguez, Fire Department Jeff Gibney, Community & Economic Development John Byorni, Area Plan Commission (jbyorni@co.stjoseph.in.us or 235-9813 fax) Stephen Goen, Police Department Cheryl Greene, City Attorney's Office Phil Griffin, NIPSCO (pmgriffin@nisource.com) (FYI Only) Linda M. Martin, Clerk LM WNS FROM: REQUEST FOR RECOMMENDATION - ALLEY VACATION SUBJECT: APPLICANT: East Bank South Bend Development, LLC - Bob Palm First East/West Alley South of LaSalle from Sycamore West LOCATION: toward St. Joseph River 9/20/2010 DATE DUE: 235-9171 / Imartin@southbendin.gov **FAX OR E-MAIL TO:**

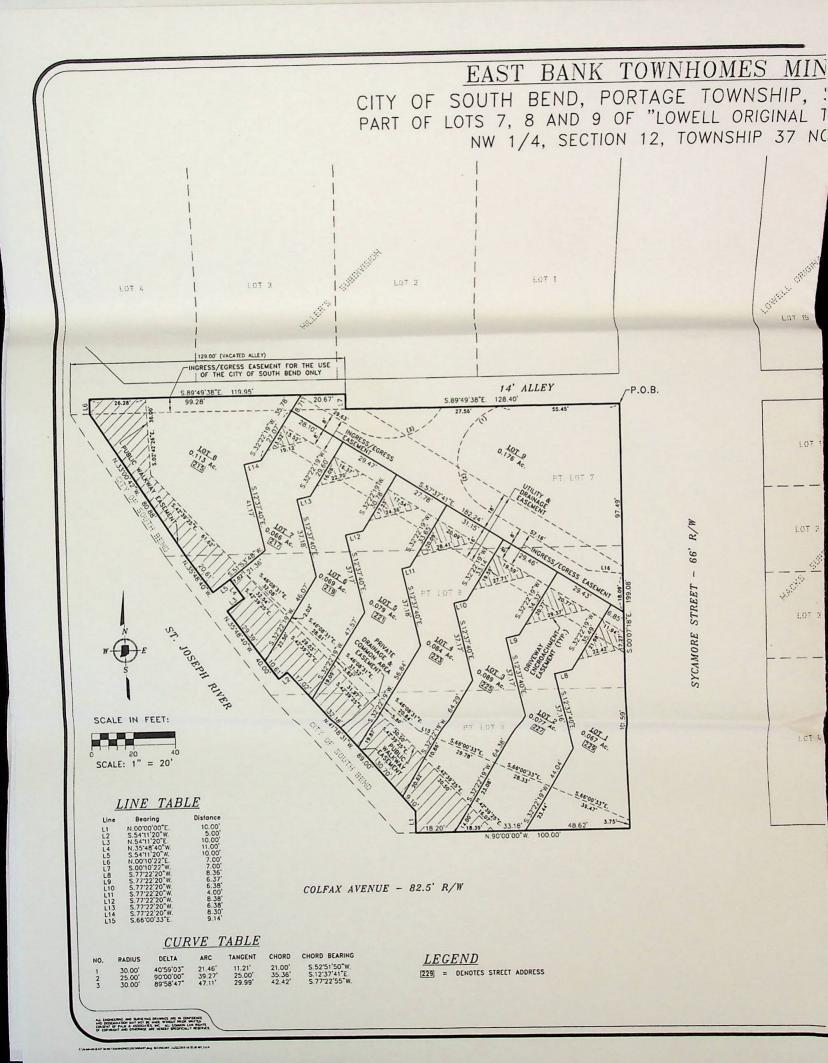
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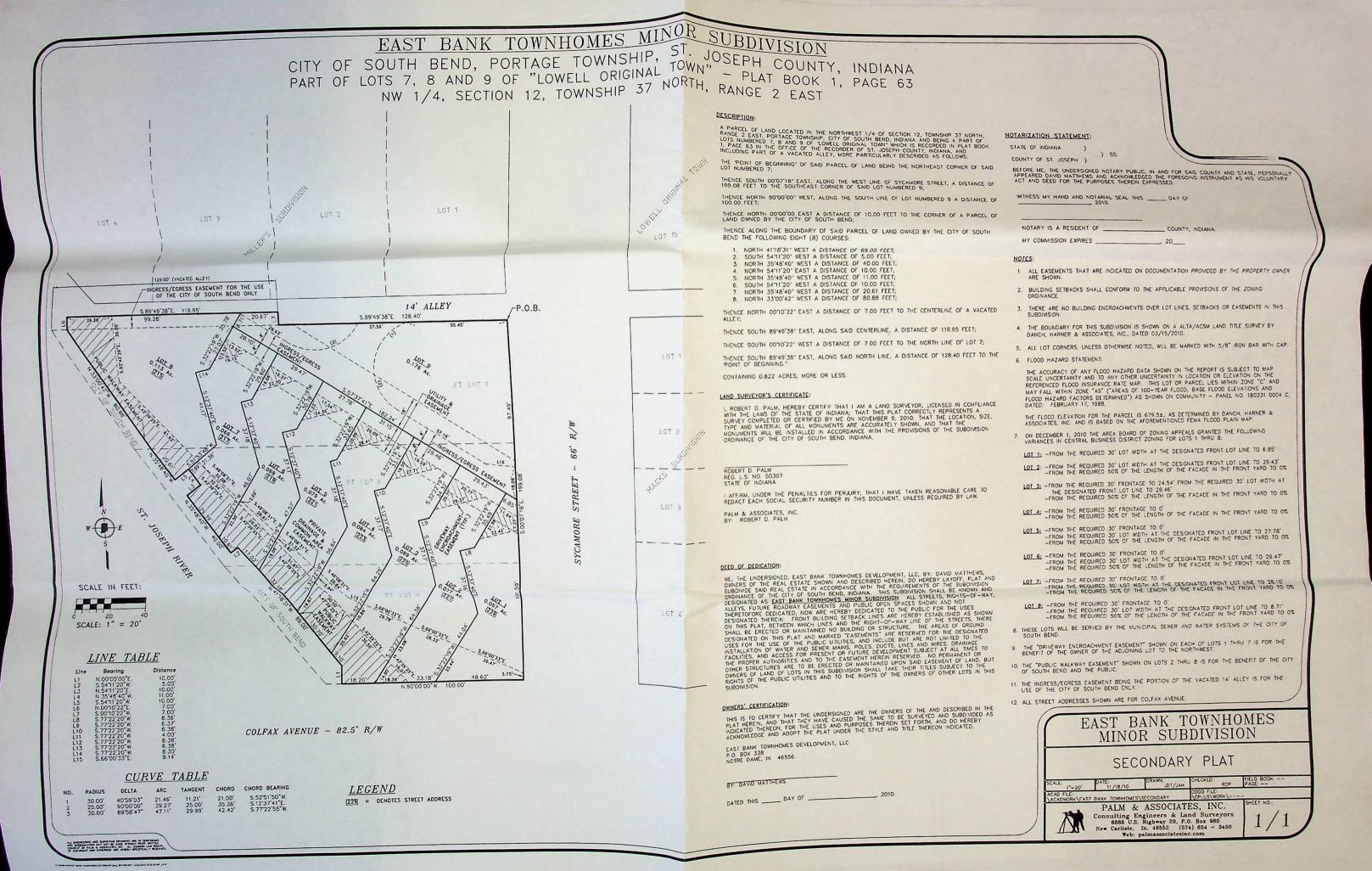
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LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

The West 129 feet of the first East/West alley North of Colfax Avenuu from Sycamore Street to the St. Joseph River, said alley being 14 feet in idth. Being a part of Miller's Subdivision and also being a part of the Origal Town of Lowell, Portage Township, City of South Bend, St. Joseph County, jilana.