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## PUBLIC WORKS & PROPERTY VACATION

MARCH 28, 2022, 4:35 P.M.

Committee Members Present: Chair Sheila Niezgodski, Vice-Chair Lori Hamann,  
Karen White, Carl Littrell, Jason Piontek

Presenter: Michael Danch, Kory Lantz, Jose Rubella

Agenda: Bill No. 10-22

Bill No. 12-22

Bill No. 13-22

Members marked with an asterisk (\*) are present digitally

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<http://docs.southbendin.gov/WebLink/browse.aspx?dbid=0&mediaid=381543>

Committee Chair Sheila Niezgodski called to order the Public Works & Property Vacation Committee meeting at 4:35 p.m.

### **Bill No. 10-22**

Michael Danch, who represents the petitioner, noted that there is an existing alley that is bounded by Dewey Street. The Board of Works has provided a favorable recommendation for a mixed-use development on the site. There was discussion on if this lot would need additional vacations. Mr. Danch noted that it would be unlikely.

The floor was open for public comments. There were no comments in favor or opposition for the Bill.

Committee Vice-Chair Hamann motioned to recommend Bill No. 10-22 to full council with a favorable recommendation, seconded by Committee Chair Niezgodski, and carried by a vote of five (5) ayes.

Committee Chair Shiela Niezgodski - Aye	Vice-Chair Lori Hamann - Aye
Committee member Karen White - Aye	Committee member Carl Littrell - Aye
Committee member Jason Piontek - Aye	

**Bill No. 12-22**

Jose Rubella noted that this project has been going on for a long period of time. This is for a duplex. Numerous vacant lots were purchased many years ago and the objective is to build affordable housing. This is why there is the request to vacate the alley. There was discussion on the rationale to vacating the alley – because the lot access will be from the front of the property. There was discussion on who would be impacted by this decision, as the change to the alley could impact lots that would need a driveway. There was conflicting information and it was suggested that the Bill be tabled.

The floor was open for public comments. There were no comments in favor or opposition for the Bill.

Committee Vice-Chair Hamann motioned to recommend Bill No. 11-22 to full council without a recommendation, seconded by Committee Member Littrell, and carried by a vote of five (5) ayes.

Committee Chair Shiela Niezgodski - Aye	Vice-Chair Lori Hamann - Aye
Committee member Karen White - Aye	Citizen member Carl Littrell - Aye
Citizen member Jason Piontek - Aye	

**Bill No. 13-22**

Kory Lantz, the petitioner, purchased this property last June. The intent is to renovate the space for youth and families. It has been recommended that the alley be vacated to join other properties to this lot. There was discussion regarding the legal description of the property, as it did not seem sufficient. There was discussion regarding the fire and police support.

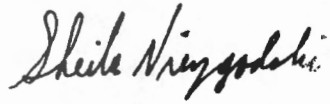
The floor was open for public comments. There were no comments in favor or opposition for the Bill.

Citizen member Littrell motioned to recommend Bill No. 13-22 to full council with a favorable recommendation pending amendments to the legal description, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Hamann, and carried by a vote of five (5) ayes.

Committee Chair Shiela Niezgodski - Aye	Vice-Chair Lori Hamann - Aye
Committee member Karen White - Aye	Committee member Carl Littrell - Aye
Committee member Jason Piontek - Aye	

With no further business, Committee Chair Sheila Niezgodski adjourned the committee meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sheila Niezgodski, Committee Chair

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