

Thanh Dang

From: Adrie Voors <ahvoors@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 9, 2020 12:37 PM
To: Thanh Dang; Alison Banks
Cc: Adam Fletcher; Harsit Patel; Art Fovargue
Subject: Re: Alley Closure Request

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Dear Thanh and Alison,

In regards to the proposed closure of the alley that lies between S Main and S Liberty Sts, and perpendicular to Warren St:

As coordinators of the Community Compost Drop-off program whose collection site is located along this alley, we would encourage the city to maintain access to these drop-off bins and the gravel parking lot using the section of alley that leads there from Warren St. (adjacent to property addresses 435 and 445 S Main St).

The alley serves as convenient and safe access to the compost drop-off bins for citizens and Black Bear Composting, which services these bins on a weekly basis using a large flatbed truck.

This compost program is important to many citizens and local businesses who use it to reduce the waste getting sent to our local landfill. To date the program has diverted over 77 tons of organic food-related waste to create a beneficial product used on local gardens and farms. Benefits to the City of this waste diversion include less tonnage to the landfill with its accompanying collection and transportation costs, reduced greenhouse gas emissions from the landfill as generated by organic debris in the anaerobic conditions of the landfill, and helping to create awareness among citizens about the importance of nutrient recycling and waste reduction.

If maintaining access to this parking lot and the bins via the alley is not possible, we assume a new entrance to the parking lot will be created from S Warren and/or S Liberty Streets. We feel this is less safe due to greater traffic on these streets and loss of the alley as a pull up spot for bin users. We hope any redesign of the entrance allows convenient access for the Black Bear Composting's truck in addition to safe bin access for drop-off users. Having one or two parking spaces next to the bins dedicated to drop-off users could help with ease of access.

Please don't hesitate to contact us to discuss this issue further. Thank you for your consideration of these concerns and all you do for our city!

Sincerely,
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[Community Compost Drop-off](#) Coordinators