

Thanh Dang

From: Chris Versen <crversen@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 3:42 PM
To: Thanh Dang
Subject: Re: FW: Comments on Alley/Street Closing Request - 445 Myers Avenue
Attachments: Versen, RoW Proposal, revised 2020-08-11.pdf

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Thanh,

It was good to talk with you this morning. As I said on the phone, Susan and I would like to go forward with our proposal to close part of the right of way between Myers and Monticello. However, based on the information you have given me, the comments you shared from residents who contacted your office, and our own conversations with neighbors, we would like to propose a much more limited closure and purchase. Where the original proposal covered about 900 square feet, the one I describe here only covers about 500.

I have attached a photograph of the RoW to help make sense of what I am trying to describe. We would like to close the alley from the edge of our property to the edge of the Columbia Gas easement, which would be about 12 feet. We would like to run this line for 25 feet east from the edge of the lot at 410 Monticello, at which point the line would angle to the point where our property intersects with the asphalt near our driveway (about 33 feet further down the current property line).

I think this new proposal will meet everyone's preferences. The city will retain the southside of the waterline easement. (Note: the map I have shows the water line in the wrong place. The city's crew located it about 7 feet further north, running along the edge of the asphalt.) Columbia Gas will not have any obstacles to its 10-foot easement. Our new property line would be five feet south of the heavily wooded corner of the 410 Monticello lot, which will allow our neighbors more space as they use the cut through. It will also create a natural line for the cut through to connect smoothly with the asphalt by our drive, which I assume is still the best way to accommodate foot and bicycle traffic. Finally, as I recently learned that our neighbors at 371 Myers want to buy part of the RoW, too, this new plan will leave something like two-thirds of the area available for them to have closed and to purchase. It will allow them to add between a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 20 feet to the south side of their lot.

This new proposal is considerably less than we had wanted, but contented neighbors are always more important than a bit more backyard.

Thanks for everything,

Chris

On Mon, Aug 10, 2020 at 5:09 PM Thanh Dang <Thanh.Dang@harrisonburgva.gov> wrote:

Chris,



Exhibit A.
Approximate locations of water main and gas main.
Blue = water; Yellow = gas