OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION DECEMBER 21, 2021 AGENDA Approved By: Action Required: A resolution renaming the Ordinance portion of South Pine Street, **√** Resolution from Plateau Street to Interstate 630, to UAMS

Submitted By:

Subject:

Planning & Development Department

Boulevard (G-25-228).

City Manager The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences is requesting that the name of South Pine Street, from Plateau Street to

Bruce T. Moore

FISCAL IMPACT None.

SYNOPSIS

RECOMMENDATION Approval of the resolution. The Planning Commission voted to recommend approval by a vote of 6 ayes, 3 nays and 2 absent.

Interstate 630, be changed to UAMS Boulevard.

BACKGROUND The applicant is requesting to change the name of that portion of South Pine Street, located between Plateau Street and Interstate 630, to UAMS Boulevard. The street name change is requested as part of the UAMS Campus Plan, specifically the new development occurring immediately east of the main campus buildings.

> Currently, South Pine Street, between Plateau Street and Interstate 630, is being reconstructed as a two (2)-way, four (4)-lane divided roadway. After the construction of the new roadway is completed and accepted by the City of Little Rock, a portion of South Cedar Street, between Plateau Street and Interstate 630, will be requested to be abandoned.

BACKGROUND CONTINUED

Signatures in support of the proposed street name change were submitted representing thirty-two (32) of the fifty-six (56) lots which abuts this length of South Pine Street.

The following was noted in the Engineering review comments:

"This name change could cause confusion primarily with the Emergency Response Services and Postal Delivery Services due to another street being name U.A.M.S. Campus Drive with addresses ranging 200-400."

The following is the applicant's response to the engineering comment:

"UAMS would prefer to make the change to UAMS Boulevard and feels that this will be clearer for out-of-town patients. The other street mentioned is named Campus Drive, not UAMS Campus Drive, and this is a very short internal street. In addition, the UAMS Master Plan shows that Campus Drive will eventually be closed and become a plaza area."

Staff believes that the proposed street name of UAMS Boulevard will cause no confusion with other street names. Staff is supportive of the street name change request.

The Planning Commission reviewed this request at their November 18, 2021, meeting and there was one (1) objector present. All owners of property located within 200 feet of the site, as well all Neighborhood Associations registered within the City of Little Rock, were notified. Please see the attached Planning Commission minutes for Staff's Analysis and the Commission's action.

BACKGROUND CONTINUED

The property contains approximately 427 feet of street frontage along Kanis Road. The applicant proposes the following with respect to street improvements to Kanis Road and drainage improvements:

- 1. The Owner will dedicate all of the right-of-way required.
- 2. The east 120 linear-feet of Kanis Road will be constructed to Master Street Plan standards (½ south side only).
- 3. Two five (5)-foot tall x ten (10)-foot wide barrels will be added to the existing double five (5)-foot tall x seven (7)-foot wide box matching the length of the existing box culvert.
- 4. The ditch to Rock Creek will be extended and dedicate easements on the tributary and Rock Creek.

The applicant is requesting a waiver of the required ½ street improvements to Kanis Road for the west approximate 307 feet of street frontage for this property; staff does not support the requested waiver.

The applicant provided responses and additional information to all issues raised during staff's review of the application. To staff's knowledge the applicant's requested waiver of street improvements to Kanis Road is the only outstanding issue.

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