

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION  
NOVEMBER 18, 2014 AGENDA**

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Action Required:</b>	<b>Approved By:</b>
<p>An ordinance to abandon the undeveloped West 31<sup>st</sup> Street from John Barrow Road east 107.55 feet to a platted north/south alley. (G-23-452)</p> <p><b>Submitted By:</b></p> <p>Planning &amp; Development Department</p>	<p>√<b>Ordinance</b> Resolution Approval Information Report</p>	<p>Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
<b>SYNOPSIS</b>	<p>The adjacent property owners propose the abandon a forty (40)-foot wide undeveloped right-of-way for West 31<sup>st</sup> Street adjacent to Lot 7, Block 148 John Barrow Addition and Lot 12, Block 147 John Barrow Addition.</p>	
<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>	<p>None.</p>	
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	<p>Approval of the ordinance.</p>	
<b>CITIZEN PARTICIPATION</b>	<p>The Planning Commission reviewed this issue at its September 18, 2014, meeting in conjunction with John Barrow Appearance Center Short-Form PCD (Z-8037-A), and there were no objectors present. The applicant and the abutting property owners are requesting the abandonment of the public right-of-way. The John Barrow Neighborhood Association was notified of the abandonment request.</p>	
<b>CITIZEN PARTICIPATION CONTINUED</b>	<p>The Commission voted, as part of the Consent Agenda, to recommend approval of the requested right-of-way abandonment. The vote was 9 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.</p>	

**BACKGROUND**

The applicant is requesting the abandonment of a forty (40)-foot wide undeveloped right-of-way for West 31<sup>st</sup> Street adjacent to Lot 7, Block 148 John Barrow Addition and Lot 12, Block 147 John Barrow Addition. There are existing utilities within the right-of-way. The area will be retained as a drainage and utility easement.

There are no Master Street Plan issues associated with this abandonment request, as the right-of-way is not classified as a Collector Street or higher. Abandoning this public street right-of-way and retaining the easements will have no adverse impact on the public welfare and safety.