

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

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

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
<p>Driveway spacing variance from Section 31-210(e)(1) for the Central Arkansas Library System Warehouse on the southeast corner of Bond Avenue and East 6th Street</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Public Works Department</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ordinance Resolution Approval Information Report</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
SYNOPSIS	<p>Authorizes a variance from Section 31-210(e)(1), General Access and Circulation, for the driveway spacing on arterial streets for the new Central Arkansas Library System Warehouse to be located at the southeast corner of Bond Avenue and East 6th Street.</p>	
FISCAL IMPACT	<p>None.</p>	
RECOMMENDATION	<p>Approval of the ordinance.</p>	
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION	<p>No citizen participation on the driveway spacing variance. The Board of Adjustments on October 28, 2013, approved a variance to reduce the building front setback from East 6th Street from fifty (50) feet to thirty (30) feet by a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent.</p>	

BACKGROUND

The applicant, Central Arkansas Library System (CALs), proposes to construct a warehouse on the vacant 1.158-acre property located at southeast corner of Bond Avenue and East 6th Street. The property contains 304 feet of frontage along East 6th Street; 146 feet of frontage along Bond Avenue; and 186 feet of frontage along Bender Street. Bond Avenue is a minor arterial street; East 6th Street is a collector street; and Bender Street is a commercial street on the Master Street Plan.

The applicant proposes to construct a driveway with a gate on Bond Avenue approximately 110 feet south of the intersection with East 6th Street which does not meet the driveway spacing criteria of 300 feet set forth in Sec. 31-210(e)(1), General Access and Circulation. This standard is in place to reduce traffic conflicts and safety at intersections and improve overall traffic flow.

The Bond Ave. / East 6th St. intersection is signalized and upon completion of boundary street improvements, will be four (4) lanes wide consisting of a north bound right-turn lane, a north bound thru-lane, a north bound left-turn lane, and a south bound thru-lane. A secondary drive is proposed by the applicant from Bender Street that can be utilized to enter the parking lot if congestion inhibits utilizing the drive from Bond Avenue. Staff supports the variance from Section 31-210(e)(1) for the driveway spacing on arterial streets.