



**KNOXVILLE/KNOX COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY OF KNOXVILLE CLOSURE OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY**

▶ **FILE #:** 8-C-15-AC

AGENDA ITEM #: 8

AGENDA DATE: 8/13/2015

▶ **APPLICANT:** UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

TAX ID NUMBER:	94 M H 022	View map on KGIS
JURISDICTION:	Council District 1	
SECTOR PLAN:	Central City	
GROWTH POLICY PLAN:	Urban Growth Area (Inside City Limits)	
ZONING:	O-2 (Civic and Institutional)	
WATERSHED:	Second Creek	

▶ **RIGHT-OF-WAY TO BE CLOSED:** Unnamed alley

▶ **LOCATION:** Between Cumberland Avenue and White Avenue

IS ALLEY:

(1) IN USE?: No

(2) IMPROVED (paved)?: No

▶ **APPLICANT'S REASON FOR CLOSURE:** This alley has been incorporated as part of an existing surface parking lot and has not actually functioned as an accessible alley for years. The University has been working with City of Knoxville representatives to identify alleys which were never formally closed.

DEPARTMENT-UTILITY REPORTS: No objections from any departments or utilities have been received by staff as of the date of this report.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

▶ **RECOMMEND** that City Council **APPROVE** the closure of the unnamed alley, as requested, subject to any required easements.

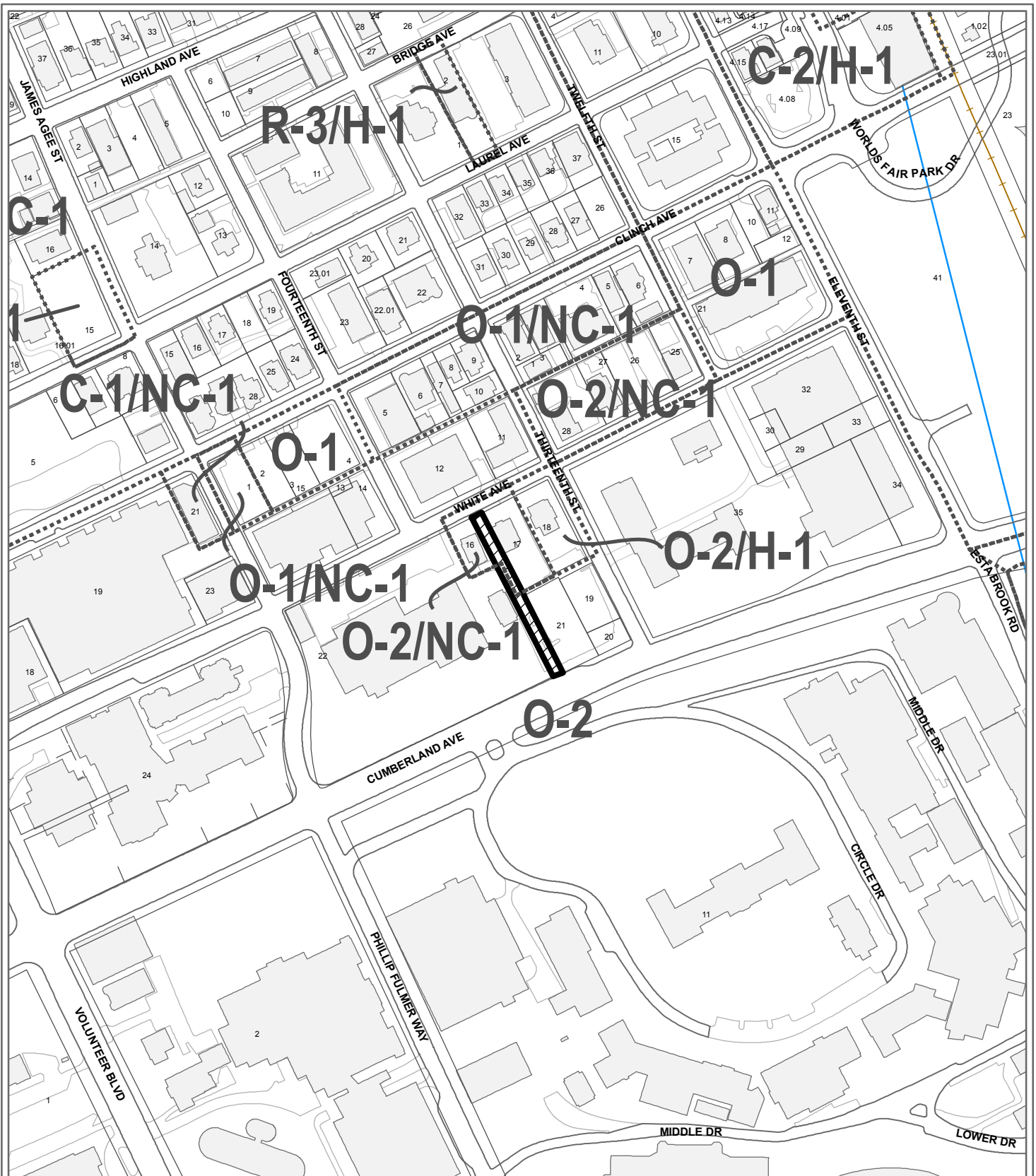
This paper alley is completely covered by a surface parking lot and is not needed for access to any parcels.

COMMENTS:

Once closed, the right-of-way will be consolidated with the surrounding parcels. The applicant (UT) owns all of the adjacent property. The City of Knoxville Engineering Department does not object to this closure, but noted some considerations for the future in the attached letter, dated July 28, 2015.

The result of UT's proposed closures of this and five other streets/alleys within the campus will be that the University will take over ownership and maintenance of the streets from the City of Knoxville. It does not necessarily mean that the streets would be closed to traffic or that the street names would be changed, but those decisions would become the responsibility of UT.

If approved, this item will be forwarded to Knoxville City Council for action on 9/15/2015 and 9/29/2015. If denied, MPC's action is final, unless the action to deny is appealed to Knoxville City Council. The date of the appeal hearing will depend on when the appeal application is filed. Appellants have 15 days to appeal an MPC decision in the City.



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CLOSURE OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY**

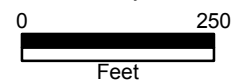
Name of Street or Alley: Unnamed alley
 To be closed from: Cumberland Avenue
 To be closed to: White Avenue

Original Print Date: 7/24/2015 Revised:
 Metropolitan Planning Commission * City / County Building * Knoxville, TN 37902

Petitioner: University of Tennessee

Map No: 94

Jurisdiction: City





CITY OF KNOXVILLE

Engineering
James R. Hagerman, P.E.
Director of Engineering

July 28, 2015

Mr. Mike Brusseau, AICP, Senior Planner
Knoxville-Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission
City-County Building, Suite 403
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

SUBJECT: Proposed Closure of unnamed alley between Cumberland Ave and White Ave
MPC File # 8-C-15-AC; City Block 10385

Mr. Brusseau:

The City Engineering Department has no objections to close the above described right-of-way area. However, should this right-of-way be closed, the applicant assumes maintenance responsibility for all stormwater systems previously maintained by the City, within or near the closure area. The applicant will maintain the approved stormwater facilities in good working order acceptable to the City Department of Engineering. Minimum maintenance of the said facilities shall include sediment, debris, oil, hydrocarbons, and foreign materials removal so that the operation and capacity of the stormwater facilities continue to meet acceptable standards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benjamin D. Davidson".

Benjamin D. Davidson, PLS, Technical Services Administrator, Department of Engineering
Ph: 865-215-2148



Knoxville Utilities Board

8-B-15-AC / 8-C-15-AC-corkUB

July 21, 2015



Mr. Mike Brusseau
Knoxville-Knox County
Metropolitan Planning Commission
Suite 403, City-County Building
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

Dear Mr. Brusseau:

Re: Right-of-Way Closure Request 8-B-15-AC and 8-C-15-AC

We have reviewed our records and, as far as we have been able to determine, KUB has no existing utility facilities located within the subject right-of-way and we have no objection to the requested closure. However, KUB does not release and hereby retains all easements and rights for existing utility facilities, whether or not identified in our research.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call me at (865) 558-2291.

Sincerely,

Greg L. Patterson, P.E.
Engineering

GLP/ggt

8-C-15-AC - cor - City Fire



Fire Prevention Bureau

City of Knoxville
400 Main Street, Suite 539
Knoxville, TN 37902



Memorandum

Date: July 30, 2015

To: Mike Brusseau

From: Sonny Partin, Deputy Fire Marshal

Subject: Request for Information on Right of Way Closures, Fire Department Review

Road Name	Review Status	Comments
1. Alley between W. Caldwell and W. Quincy	Approved	None 8-A-15-AC
2. Alley- Geyland Hgts.	Disapproved	Provide more detail on map 8-B-15-AC
3. Alley between White and Cumberland	Approved	None 8-C-15-AC ✓
4. Alley between Thirteenth and western terminus	Approved	None 8-D-15-AC
5. Log Haven Dr.	Disapproved	Provide more detail on map 8-A-15-SC
6. Cherokee Cove Rd.	Disapproved	Provide more detail on map 8-B-15-SC
7. Chi Phi Ave.	Approved	None 8-C-15-SC
8. Melrose Ave.	Approved	Road width cannot be reduced 8-D-15-SC
9. Melrose Pl.	Approved	Road width cannot be reduced 8-E-15-SC
10. Volunteer	Approved	Road width cannot be reduced 8-F-15-SC
11. Horizon	Approved	None 8-G-15-SC