

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

▶ **FILE #:** 8-C-15-SC

AGENDA ITEM #: 12

AGENDA DATE: 8/13/2015

▶ **APPLICANT:** UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

TAX ID NUMBER: 108 C E 026
 JURISDICTION: Council District 1
 SECTOR PLAN: Central City
 GROWTH POLICY PLAN: Urban Growth Area (Inside City Limits)
 ZONING: O-2 (Civic and Institutional)
 WATERSHED: Third Creek

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▶ **RIGHT-OF-WAY TO BE CLOSED:** Chi Phi Ave

▶ **LOCATION:** Between Lake Avenue and Terrace Avenue

IS STREET:

(1) IN USE?: Yes

(2) IMPROVED (paved)?: Yes

▶ **APPLICANT'S REASON FOR CLOSURE:** The University of Tennessee plans to build a new parking garage on the north end of campus, adjacent to the existing parking garage on Lake Ave. The exact site of the new garage is east of the parking facility and cover Chi Phi Ave and the vacant lot east of it. The garage shall meet growing parking demands within the campus community and accommodate faculty, staff, students and special events.

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 Chi Phi Avenue, as requested, subject to any required easements.

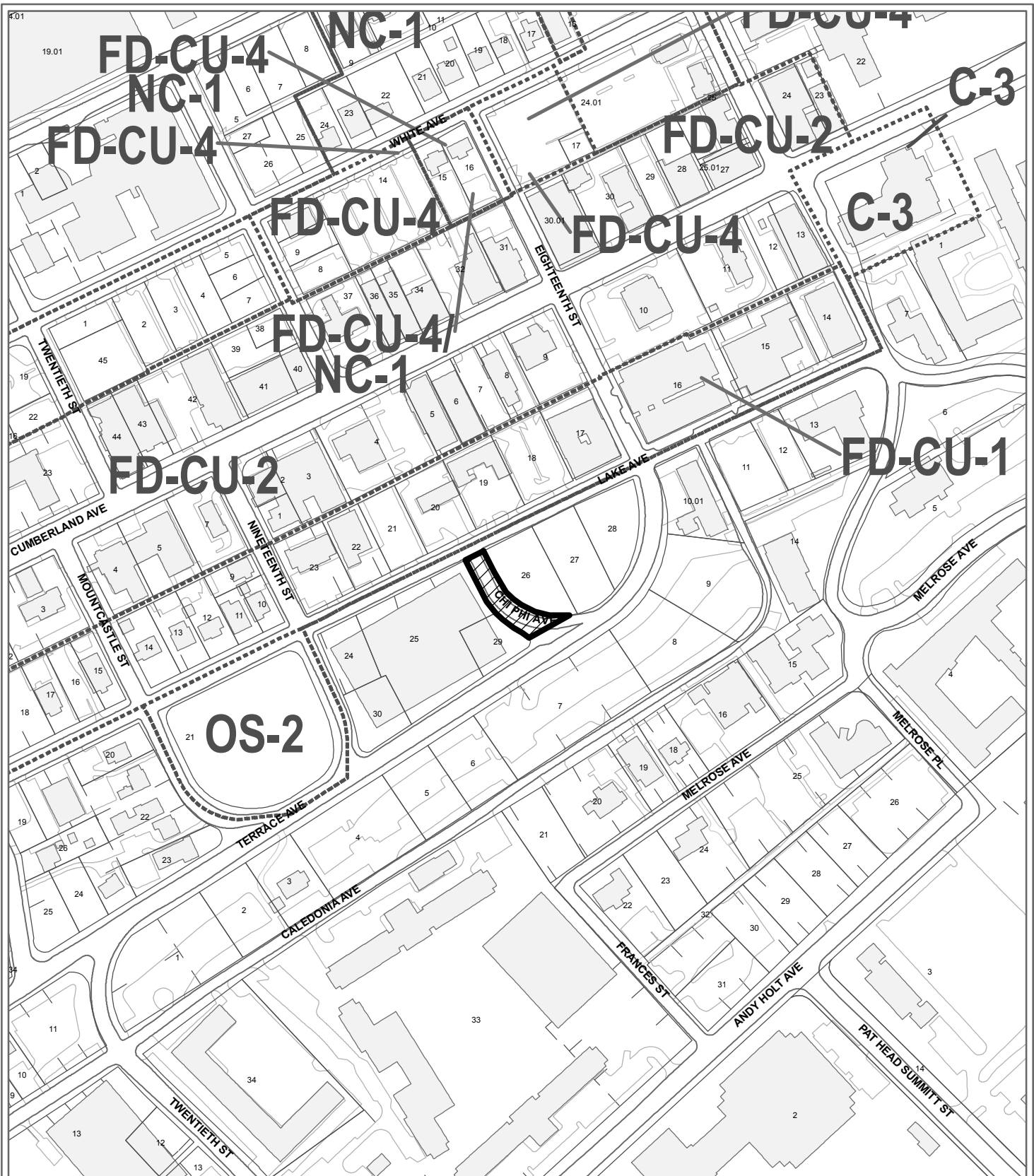
This street is paved and currently in use. UT intends to construct a new parking garage in this area if the right-of-way is closed.

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.



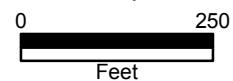
**8-C-15-SC
CLOSURE OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY**

Name of Street or Alley: Chi Phi Ave
 To be closed from: Lake Avenue
 To be closed to: Terrace Avenue

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

Petitioner: University of Tennessee

Map No: 108
 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 Chi Phi Ave between Lake Ave and Terrace Ave
MPC File # 8-C-15-SC; City Block 10464

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,

Benjamin D. Davidson

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

8-C-15-SC-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



Knoxville Utilities Board



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-C-15-SC
Block No. 10464
CLT No. 108
Parcel No. 26**

We have reviewed our records and find that we have existing utility facilities located within the subject right-of-way. The approximate location of these facilities is indicated on the enclosed prints. However, KUB does not release and hereby retains all easements and rights for existing utility facilities, whether or not shown on these prints.

Should this right-of-way be closed, KUB will require the following permanent easement for its utility facility.

Gas – 7.5 feet on each side of the centerline of the gas line, 15 feet total width

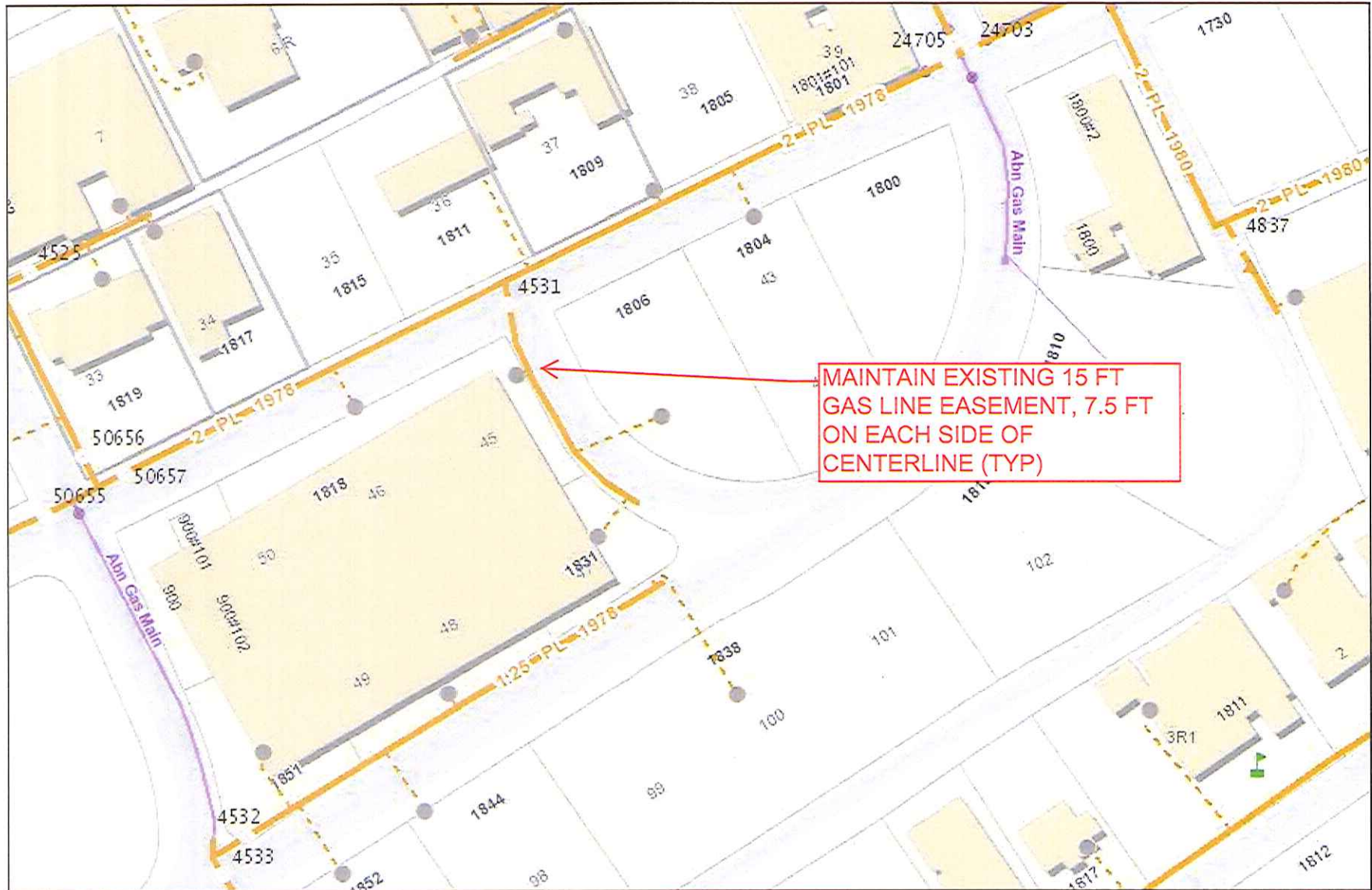
So long as these conditions are met, KUB has no objection to the closure of this right-of-way. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call me at (865) 558-2291.

Sincerely,

Greg L. Patterson, P.E.
Engineering

GLP/ggt

Enclosure



Knoxville Utilities Board

File No. 8-C-15-SC Chi Phi Avenue (Gas)

(Between Lake Ave and Terrace Ave) Parcel #26 CLT MAP #108 CITY BLOCK #10464

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