

February 1, 2008

To the Public Works Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 071112

Dear Honorable Members:

Returned herewith is Common Council Resolution File Number 071112, being an amendment to Wisconsin Scottish Rite Foundation Inc for addition of a covered walk for the premises at 790 North Van Buren Street.

Wisconsin Scottish Rite Foundation Inc requested permission to install and maintain several items in the public right-of-way including a double door swing and two light poles and to keep and maintain two sets of concrete steps and four concrete platforms. Permission for said items was granted under Common Council Resolution File Number 940805 in 1994. A site visit revealed that the light poles were not present in the public right-of-way.

The current request is to install and maintain a covered walk in the 16-foot wide, east sidewalk area of North Van Buren Street centered approximately 163 feet south of the southline of East Wells Street. The covered walk is 10 feet 5 inches wide at the eastline of North Van Buren Street and, adjacent to the street curb, is 22 feet 5 inches wide having two 5-foot deep sections that extend north and south 6 feet, respectively, from the center section. Said covered walk projects 14 feet into the sidewalk area and is supported by a total of 10 supports. It should be noted that this covered walk is freestanding in order to protect the historical integrity of the building.

We are not aware that the presence of said items has had or will have an adverse effect on the general use of the public right-of-way. We have, therefore, prepared the attached special privilege resolution, which, if adopted, will allow the covered walk to occupy the public right-of-way.

Very truly yours,

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Attachments

c: Alderman Robert Bauman