

May 15, 2003

To the Public Improvements Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 021742

Dear Honorable Members:

Returned herewith is Common Council Resolution File Number 021742, being a petition for a special privilege by Grand View Development Partners, LLC, to construct and maintain four 5.5 foot by 16 foot raised granite sidewalk planters located in the public right-of-way on the south side of East Wisconsin Avenue, adjacent to 875 East Wisconsin Avenue, which is a new building being built on this site.

The four planters will occupy approximately 5.5 feet of the 20-foot wide sidewalk area at this location on the south side of East Wisconsin Avenue and will be located adjacent to the curb. The rectangular granite planters will extend approximately 10 inches above the sidewalk level. The planters are similar to those that will be placed on West Wisconsin Avenue soon between North 2nd and North 4th Streets as a part of the Milwaukee Downtown Primary Pedestrian Corridors Development Project. (Streetscape) Said project is eventually to extend to the east end of East Wisconsin Avenue. It is highly probable that the new building will be completed and occupied before the Streetscape gets there and the developer wants streetscaping now. Therefore, the special privilege will be in existence until such time as the B.I.D. #21 accepts the responsibility for the items abutting 875 East Wisconsin Avenue.

We do not believe the planters 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, would allow the planters to occupy the City of Milwaukee public right-of-way.

Very truly yours,

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City Engineer

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Commissioner of Public Works

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Commissioner
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Attachment