

April 19, 2005

To the Public Improvements Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 041144

Dear Honorable Members:

Returned herewith is Common Council Resolution File Number 041144, which is an amendment to change the name of the grantee to GS Family Limited Partnership No. 2 for the encroachment into the public right-of-way of a covered sidewalk for the building at 1717 East Kane Place.

The original permission for this covered walk was granted to K-C Corporation in 1959 under Common Council Resolution File Number 58-4543A. Said covered walk, located in the 16-foot wide south sidewalk area of East Kane Place and centered approximately 123 feet 8 inches east of the eastline of North Farwell Avenue, projects approximately 14 feet into the public way and is 15 feet 6 inches wide. The covered walk is supported by the building and by 2 vertical supports at each side of the covered walk, located approximately 2-feet inside of the curb face at the north end. Said vertical supports are each encased in a block of concrete measuring 1-foot wide, 1-foot long and 6 inches tall. There is an opening approximately 14-foot wide between the vertical supports, which parallels the curb face. The minimum vertical clearance between the skirt of the covered walk and the sidewalk below is 8 feet.

Common Council Resolution File Number 62-1211-a passed on July 24, 1962, being a policy resolution for covered walks contains a provision requiring that there be no parking at the curb either by a no parking ordinance or a loading zone. We have discussed this requirement with an owner's representative. The intended purpose is to provide a drop off point for vehicular passengers that is partially protected from inclement weather. They indicated and we agree that "Loading Zone" or "No Parking" status adjacent to this covered walk is not appropriate for this site and will not be required as part of this special privilege for the following reasons: 1) the structure is on the south side of the street and East Kane Place is one-way westbound and has been since 1948, which forces vehicular passengers to be off loaded into traffic, 2) the presence of angle parking along the building would not allow for a passenger unloading/loading vehicle to pull parallel to the curb; and 3) on-street parking is at a premium in this area. For all of these reasons, we have not included the no parking requirement in the attached resolution.

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We are not aware that the presence of said covered walk within the public right-of-way has had any adverse effects on the use of the public right-of-way. We have, therefore, prepared the attached resolution, which, if adopted, will change the name of the grantee.

Very truly yours,

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Attachment