



Street Closing and Abandonment Application SCA2011-00099

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Public Hearing Date: 9/19/11

Eric Raynor, President

East Rockville Civic Association (ERCA)

September 14, 2011

Subject: Street Closing and Abandonment Application SCA2011-00099

Dear Mayor and Council of Rockville:

At our most recent monthly East Rockville Civic Association (ERCA) meeting on September 13, 2011, the assembled members of ERCA discussed this application (which proposes the abandonment of an unimproved alley right-of-way between Woodland Road and Ashley Manor Drive in Rockville, Maryland). Following the discussion I conducted a poll of the voting members of ERCA, and there was unanimous opposition to the closing of this right of way, for several reasons:

- Ashley Manor Drive dead-ends at the northern terminus of this alley, and we think it's important to maintain the right-of-way for future use an additional egress to this dead end.
- Despite the slowdown in the economy, East Rockville continues to be a place of active re-development of existing residential lots and new construction in previously undeveloped or newly subdivided lots, and there have been recent instances where this redevelopment has spawned the creation of new vehicular garages being constructed to access previously unused or unimproved alley rights-of-way, so we think it's unwise to eliminate these types of possible redevelopment uses along ANY alley in East Rockville.
- In its present, unimproved state, the alley serves as an ecological buffer between adjacent properties and serves as a de-facto additional open space, and as redevelopment and new development pressures continue in East Rockville, we are keenly aware of the need to preserve as much open space for as long as we can.
- We are not aware of any criminal activity or reports of loitering in this current right-of-way that might prompt a closure for any public safety reasons.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the public hearing on this application on September 19th, so if you have any questions about our position on this application, you may reach me by email at President.erca@gmail.com or by phone at [202-358-4738](tel:202-358-4738).

Sincerely,

Eric Raynor