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**Sent:** Wednesday, July 18, 2018 1:24 PM

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**Subject:** Re: Vacation of a Public Right of Way in East Hill

All Concerned,

It appears that there was a formatting error with my previous email and that several of the photos were omitted-- my apologies for any inconvenience. You will find a (mostly) corrected version below.

Best Regards,  
Jarah Jacquay  
850-418-9089

Mayor Hayward and Honorable Members of the City Council,

I am writing as a current resident of City of Pensacola District 3, a parent of three young children, an avid walker and user of public sidewalks, and former resident of East Hill to comment on the request by a member of the public for vacation of the public right-of-way on 18th Street between Moreno and Mallory Streets-- an issue that is scheduled to come before the City Council on July 19, 2018. I would like to make the following points:

- I commend Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins for their desire to add value to their property by building a pool and garage/accessory dwelling unit but am opposed to the vacation of the full public right of way (all 34.5' of public land). Given current land values, this represents a significant public to private giveaway (100' x 34.5' = 3450 sq. ft. = \$63,807 of land value; see attached listing at 1611 E Lee St for comparison) and the forfeiture of a valuable, legacy public asset (a largely intact sidewalk). Pedestrian infrastructure and connectivity is sub-par in many city neighborhoods (including East Hill), but I don't think that this is a compelling reason to destroy what we already have.



**1611 E Lee St,  
Pensacola, FL 32503**

**7,840 sqft**

**LOT/LAND**  
**\$145,000**  
Price cut: -\$10,000 (4/9)

Nice size LOT in East Hill 57x132.5. Located on a Great Street, walking distance to many parks including Bayview Park. This lot is large enough to be able to build your dream home. Come join East Hill Neighborhood Today.

- I believe that Derrick Owen's position (see attached screenshot) is a reasonable compromise that protects the interests of the public. I would, therefore, support the homeowner's request to vacate up to 24.5' of public right of way (to within a minimum of 10' of the existing back-of-curb) on the condition that they replace the existing 4' public sidewalk within 30 days and, at your discretion, pay the city fair market value for the use of this land (approximately \$45,312.50).

**From:** Derrick Owens  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 24, 2018 1:53 PM  
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**Subject:** RE: Right-of-Way Vacation Request

It appears the applicant(s) is requesting approx. 34.5' of public r/w on the west side of 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. and the vacation will need to be limited to within 10' (minimum) of the existing back-of-curb (west side) and will result in a revised vacation request of 24.5' of public r/w. This will allow room for proper replacement/relocation of the existing 4' public sidewalk (to City standard) that will be the responsibility of the applicant(s) within 30 days of the approved vacation request. This will also ensure that driveway sections will remain in the public r/w and allow for maintenance of the relocated (new) sidewalk and required 4' grass strip between the sidewalk and back of curb. A standard perpetual public utility/access easement will also need to be recorded with the vacation, as is standard with all requests of this nature.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to our community! I leave you with this parting thought from Margaret Mead, the most eminent American cultural anthropologist of the 20th century:

*"Any town that doesn't have sidewalks doesn't love its children."*



I appeal to consideration of your legacy among future generations of Pensacola residents and ask that you to think about what precedent this decision will set for our city's future. Will your decision uphold the rule of law, or will it be an example of political favoritism? Will your choice communicate an exquisite sensitivity to the needs of children, the elderly, and the disabled, or will it demonstrate an utter corporate disregard for the "common good"?

Best Regards,

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