

# DATE:M o n d a y , August 1, 2022TIME:7:00 pmPLACE:400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

The City Council Committee of The Whole of the City of Urbana, Illinois, met in regular session Monday, August 1, 2022, at 7:00pm.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT**: Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor; Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk; CM Maryalice Wu, CM Christopher Evans, CM Shirese Hursey, CM Jaya Kolisetty, CM Chaundra Bishop, CM Grace Wilken, CM James Quisenberry

#### ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: None

**STAFF PRESENT**: Carol Mitten, Bourema Ouedraogo, Darcy Sandefur, Dave Wesner, Darius White, Stephanie McMahon, Andrea Ruedi, John Zeman

#### **OTHERS PRESENT:** Aimee Rickman;

**Chair**: *Christopher Evans Ward 2* 

#### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

With a quorum present, Chair Evans called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 7:17 p.m.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

July 5, 2022; July 18, 2022; and July 18, 2022 Public Hearing Motion to approve by CM Wu and seconded by CM Quisenberry

Voice Vote: AYE: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry NAY: None

#### 3. Additions to the Agenda

CM Hursey motioned for the discussion item to appear after staff report. There was no second and the agenda remained unchanged.

#### 4. Public Input and Presentations

#### a. Public Input

**Allan max Axelrod** shared further information on why activists organized the Township referenda items. **Anonymous** spoke in support of street being named after Angie Heaton, shared fond memories of her friend. **Rev Dr. Evelyn Underwood** encouraged council to consider the public present for the discussion item and expressed frustration at them not being prioritized. **Julie Watkins** is sorry that council didn't move the discussion item up sooner, hopes to see the City adopt a new solution to address the Dr. Ellis Subdivision sewer issues. **Eldress Melinda Carr** on behalf of the Dr. Ellis Subdivision committee read a portion of a petition submitted asking the City to address Dr. Ellis Subdivision sewer issues. See attached. **Sally Mundy** spoke in support of naming an honorary street in

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memory of Angie Heaton. *Robert Naimon* asked if City would consider recognizing long time community members Jim and Delores Holomon for their upcoming wedding anniversary. *Elizabeth Madorous* spoke in support of an honorary street for Angie Heaton.

### b. Presentation: Proposal requesting Urbana to adopt an Honorary Street/Alley Program and to name a street after Urbana leader Angie Heaton – Chair Evans and Aimee Rickman

Presented by Aimee Rickman. Rickman shared a PowerPoint presentation explaining why an honorary Street/Alley program is important to the community and how other municipalities have implemented similar programs. Rickman went on to recommend influential members of the community whom streets could be named after to celebrate their contributions. Rickman suggested that Angie Heaton, a beloved musician, be commemorated with an honorary street sign on Goose Alley, a space frequently utilized for local music performances. Rickman submitted a petition signed by Urbana residents urging the City to create this program and to then honor Angie Heaton's memory with a street sign, see attached. Rickman finished her presentation with specific recommendation to the City of Urbana about how to implement this program in Urbana. Questions and discussion ensued.

#### 5. Staff Report

*Mayor Marlin* announced the upcoming RFP release for the Public Safety Review and an upcoming Information Technology Department presentation to address some of the ongoing challenges impacting the broadcast of meetings.

#### a. Economic Development Staff Report

Presented by Stephanie McMahon, Darius White, and Andrea Ruedi. Staff presented the Economic Development Interim Work Plan via a PowerPoint. Ruedi explained that the factors considered in the creation of this plan. McMahon shared recent examples of successful Economic Development projects. Ruedi reviewed a land use map of the City and explained what areas of the City the team is focusing their efforts on to generate additional revenue. White explained the three priority areas for development including downtown Urbana, Windsor Rd. commercial district, and the Cunningham Ave/Rt. 45 North of I-74 corridor. Ruedi shared that there are other areas of focus and that the team is committed to meeting the growing needs of the community City-wide. Questions and discussion ensued.

6. Resolution No. 2022-08-060R: A Resolution Authorizing an Extension of Time for a Temporary or Experimental Traffic Regulation (One-Way Eastbound Traffic on Goose Alley from Race Street to Two Hundred Feet West of Broadway Avenue) – PW

Presented by John Zeman City Engineer. Item extends the existing traffic regulation of Goose Alley. If approved, Goose Alley would continue to be a one-way street from Race Street to Two Hundred Feet West of Broadway Avenue.

Motion to approve by CM Wu seconded by CM Kolisetty.

Voice vote: **AYE:** Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Bishop, Wilken, Quisenberry **NAY:** None

#### 7. Discussion

### a. Continuing Discussion: Dr. Ellis Subdivision Sewer System – Chair Evans, CM Hursey, and Mr. Robert Lewis

CM Hursey and former alderman Mr. Robert Lewis shared a PowerPoint presentation with the findings of their research into the history of the Dr. Ellis Subdivision sewer system. PowerPoint presentation attached. Mr. Lewis explained that the contractors constructing the sewer system deviated from the City approved plans and that there was no other documentation that he could find that accounts for City's authorization of this deviation. Mr. Lewis continued that the State Sanitary Board appeared to have had an increased involvement in this project and that in spite of that there is still a disparity between the approved design and the existing infrastructure. Hursey and Lewis then shared proposed solutions the City could consider to address the issues present. Questions and discussion ensued.

#### 8. Council Input and Communications

*CM Kolisetty* provided clarity on the placement of the Discussion item on the agenda. Shared that Council has been in contact with the Parkland College staff. Shared support for the City's consideration of an honorary street/alley naming program. *CM Evans* acknowledged the dedication of Bishop and Reverend Underwood have demonstrated in advocating for the Dr. Ellis Subdivision.

#### 9. Adjournment

With no further business before the committee of the whole Chair Evans adjourned the meeting at 10:01 p.m.

Darcy Sandefur Recording Secretary

This meeting was video recorded and is viewable on-demand HERE.

Minutes approved: 08-15-2022

PART I OF PETITION FOR DOCTOR ELLIS PETTION SUBMITTED ON AUGUST 1, 2022, ON BEHALF OF THE DOCTOR ELLIS SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE TO SUPPORT THE DOCTOR ELLIS SEWER SYSTEM DISCUSSION

Rev. Dr. Evelyn Underwood, Bishop King James Underwood, and Elderess Melinda Carr on behalf of the Doctor Ellis Subdivision Committee

Contact: Elderess Melinda Carr

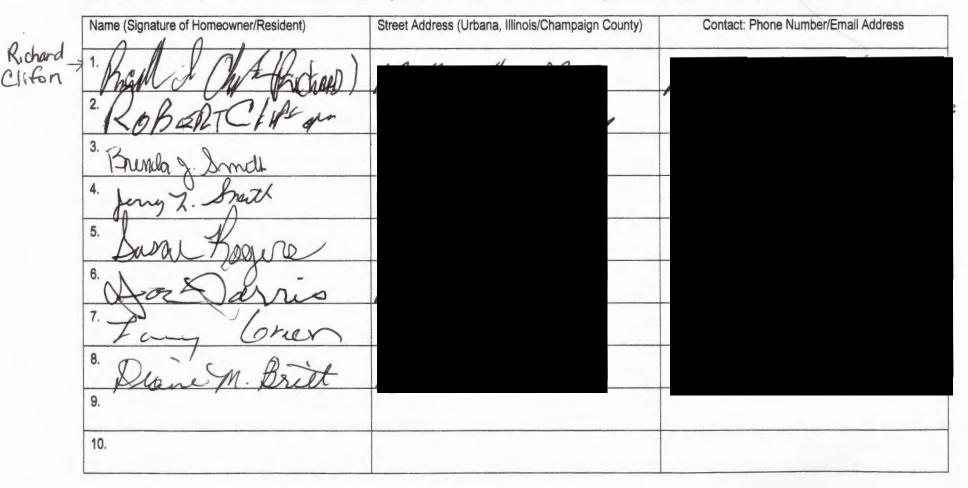
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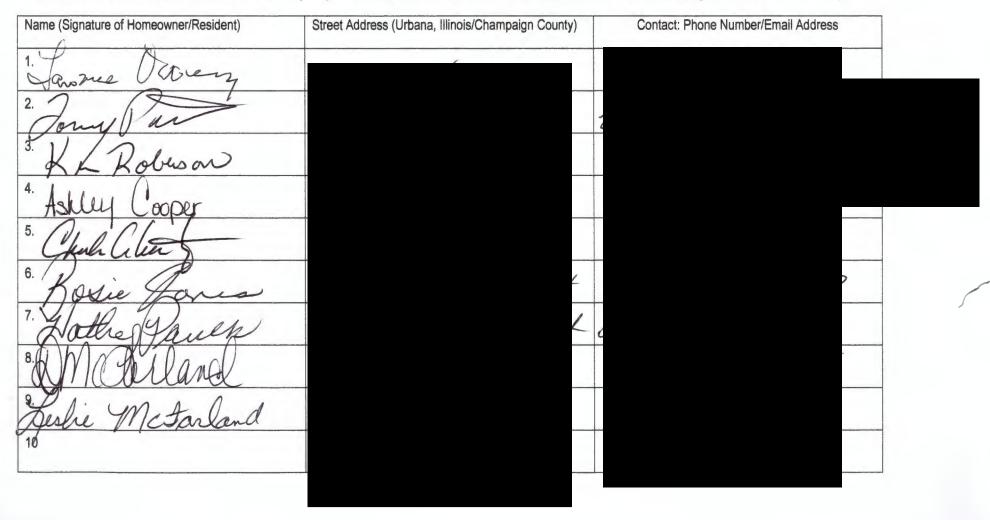


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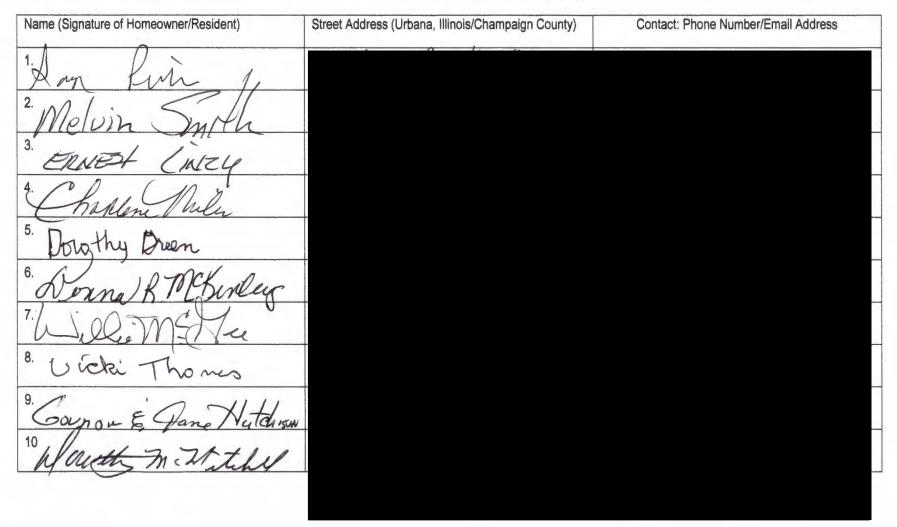
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To be delivered for the Doctor Ellis Presentation on Monday, August 1, 2022, Committee of the Whole meeting (or a future date if that meeting is canceled or rescheduled).



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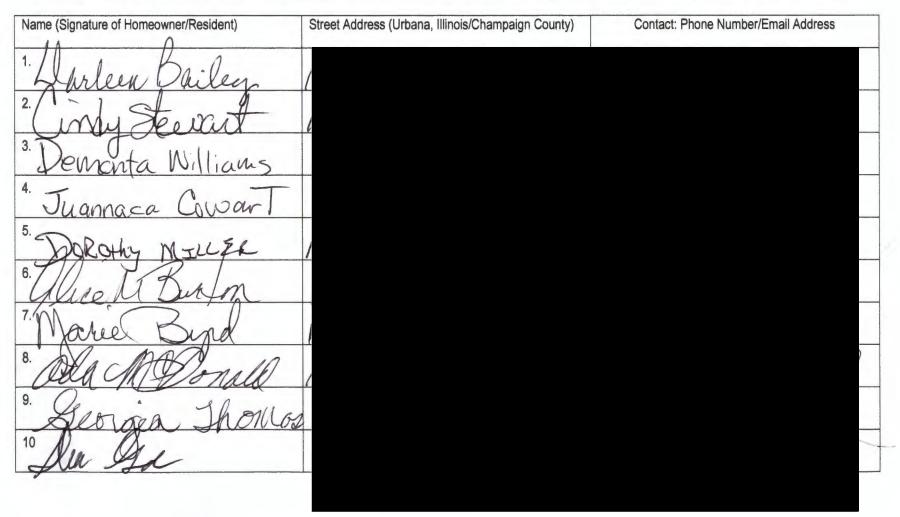
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#### Background Information

We seek support on an effort to have an Urbana street or alley named after <u>Angie Heaton</u>, a beloved Urbana musician / singer-songwriter who tragically passed away in 2020 due to breast cancer.

Angie was a pillar of the Urbana music community. She also was an active community member in many areas. She was a core drum instructor for <u>GirlZone</u>, the grassroots CU organization that offered encouraging, economically accessible female-led workshops for local girls and young women for over seven years. Angie was brilliant in this role, enthusiastically sharing her skills and warmth while inspiring future generations' involvement in (and appreciation of) music and community.

Angie played shows regularly in Urbana, and it is not exaggeration to say that she was an Urbana icon. She played in many bands, including <u>one bringing a prematurely retired Rose Bowl country singing star back into the spotlight</u>. Her bands Liquorette and Corndolly made waves well outside of CU, and both are recognized as part of the heralded 1990s "Champaign sound." But Angie Heaton and the Gentle Tamers was her main band throughout her four decades here, and her performances were a staple of Urbana spaces going back to Trenos and The Embassy as she merged rock, folk, punk, country, and curious communities of all ages together in embracing spaces created by her earnestly powerful music and personality.

As a woman and a proud member of the LGBTQ community, Angie was also a humble yet seismically impactful leader for so many others, providing a strong role model for girls and women to put their thoughts to music, to find their way to the spotlight, and to see someone like them as comfortably taking center stage in their own town. She was one of the first openly lesbian musicians in CU, and she stood strong in leading with love and in claiming who she was despite normalized heteroprejudice, homophobia, and hate. She made Urbana a better place through her music, her spirt, her wit, her welcome, and her magical presence.

Due to her deep impact on Urbana culture and music, Goose Alley -- running alongside The Rose Bowl stage she played many times and around the corner from her workplace at Parasol Records -- seems an ideal candidate to formally commemorate as "Angie Heaton Drive" (Drive was the name of one of her songs.)

Urbana does not currently designate honorary streets for local public heroes. The mayor recognizes Angie as a local leader, and she recommended working with the Park District to have a tree, bench, or plaque added to an Urbana park as many do in honor of the someone who passed. This is unfortunate. Dedicating a tree, a bench, and a plaque are, indeed, lovely ways to add to Urbana's beauty while creating a space to remember someone held personally dear. However, this request is seeking something quite different. Angie is a loved one who we have lost. But she was also a public figure and a local Urbana hero. We seek city commemoration on this level.

<u>Champaign has honorary street names</u>. It is a wonderful way to not only memorialize remarkable community members, but to also enable a city to celebrate and cherish their own remarkable history and brilliance. Urbana should consider beginning a program like Champaign has, as such efforts spotlighting valued residents garner a city considerable positive attention and esteem, with many going out of their way to visit these honored sites.

Beyond this, Angie had such deep and vocal love for Urbana, (Did you know it was Angie who began the popular hashtag #TSUSRT [That's Some Urbana Shit Right There], used to tag cute and clever parts of Urbana, such as tree stumps made to look like little elf homes? Among so many other things, Angie started this trend.) Angie's heart was here, in Urbana, where the live music still joyfully happens. This is why we ask Urbana city officials to consider honorary street designation in general, and specifically for Angie Heaton, especially in a space near where live music happens.

Angie Heaton is so loved by Urbana, and she is so missed. There is a huge hole in town because of her loss that will never be filled, but that deserves to be met with bravely joyful love, as was Angie's way. Beyond that, how wonderful it would be to have Willie T. Summerfield Drive, Bernadine Stake Way, and other spaces around town celebrating Urbana's brilliant past and present?

Angie Heaton's impact on our town will never be forgotten. But this impact also deserves formal commemoration.

We ask Urbana to begin a street/alley commemoration program, and to name a street in Angie Heaton's honor.

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Unlike the City of Champaign, the City of Urbana does yet not have a street commemoration program honoring Urbana local leaders who have passed away. This keeps Urbana from recognizing, remembering, and celebrating both our history and those who have contributed to the public good.

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March 09, 2022

Dearest City of Urbana, Illinois,

I understand there is an effort underway to memorialize one of your own with the honor of a street named after her. That Urbana girl is the indelible Angie Heaton.

I first met Angie back in 1994 when we were both very young, immortal musicians making our way through the exciting world of the indie music business. We hit it off right away, but who didn't with Angie? She was quite the character. She didn't have any pretense about her. She wasn't worried about what was or wasn't cool and that made her the coolest of them all.

Angie was a real as they get. Real, honest, but gentle and kind too. She wasn't afraid to tell her friends and anyone on the street that she loved them and that they were loved. She meant it. She really did love everyone. And because you knew she loved you, whenever she called you out on your stuff (and she would tell you like it is) you didn't feel defensive. You wanted to get better and do better. Angie brought out the best in everyone she met.

Angie was a tremendous talent, too! That girl could play any instrument – she could sing and write songs like magic. I don't recall how many records Angie put out in her day, but she was prolific. And because of the force that she was, she was a role model and inspiration to up and coming artists and musicians in the local and national scene. It is some comfort to those of us who knew and loved Angie that she left her music that will live on – a little bit of her we can keep with us and share with others.

Truly one-of-a-kind girl that I'm so lucky to have been able to call my friend for so many years.

I am hopeful the City of Urbana will find a way to celebrate Angie Heaton's legacy with the honor of a street, boulevard, road, or alley in her name.

Sincerely,

**Regina Chellew** 

February 28, 2022

Re: Petition for Angie Heaton Drive

I am one of the lucky ones because I knew Angie Heaton.

I have never met anyone that had a grander impact on everyone she met. Everyone loved Angie and she is beloved in Urbana (and so many other places). She would say she was a "recluse" and yet if you walked around Urbana with her, as I had done, it seemed like everyone knew her. She was magnetic with her warmth, humor, and music. I became friends with her when I would record shop at Parasol Records in Urbana on my lunch breaks. She and I would talk for probably the whole hour I had off. We became friends that way and would message one another every now and again. She was the kindest, funniest, and most talented person I have known.

She has made an indelible mark on Urbana which would be made even more profound with her name gracing a street. We already feel her spirit in Urbana, how appropriate to have our travels marked by her name. Please make the Angie Heaton Drive come true.

Sincerely,

Paige S. Spangler

Feb 25, 2022

To whom it may concern

This letter is in regard to the proposed "Angie Heaton Drive" street naming. Although Im from Texas, I visited Urbana several times to see Angie. She knew everyone and had a kind word for everyone....even those few she didn't know. In life, and in her passing, she is still an inspiration, and I would love to see her live on via this initiative.

Please add my name to those in favor of Angie Heaton Drive

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# THE DR. ELLIS SUBDIVISION

# **BRIEF HISTORY**

- The Ellis Drive Subdivision of Urbana consists of three planned areas built to supply affordable homes for, mostly, middle-class black residents of Urbana.
- Subdivision I Ellis Drive: Consist of the building and construction of the street and homes of Ellis Drive (East/West) between Romine Street and Goodwin Avenue (North/South). (1961)
- Subdivision II Tremont Street and Eureka Street, etc: Consist of an extension of Romine Street and Goodwin Avenue and the building and construction of homes and streets on Tremont and Eureka Street. (1962)
- Construction and completion of the subdivision took place during the 1960's through the early 1970's.



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**Olive green** - Subdivision I Annexed March 1962 (Ord. #6162-62)

**Lime Green** - Continued Ellis Drive. Annexed in February 1963. (Ord. #6263-55)

Lot #86 (Eureka Street, one house). Annexed in May 1968 (Ord. #6869-6)

According to the legend, the remainder of Ellis Subdivision II (pink) was annexed in 1969. (Ord. #6970-9) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PLUMBING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 7, 1959

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA,

ILLINOIS:

That the plumbing code of the City of Urbana, Illinois,

adopted on the 7th day of September, 1959 be amended to add and

provide as follows:

A contractor, a sub-divider, or any person or persons or corporation shall not be permitted to connect to any City sewer unless all the area to be served by such a sewer connection or outlet shall be previously annexed to and a form a part of the City of Urbana, Illinois.

No permit shall be issued to authorize any connection to a City sewer unless the area to be served by such connection or outlet is a part of the City of Urbana, Illinois.

Furthermore, such annexations to the City of Urbana, Illinois, shall not be made unless the sewer or sewer systems to be connected to the City sewer is approved by the City authorities after the allowance of adequate inspection by the City authorities.

These provisions in this ordinance apply to sanitary sewers, storm sewers, connections, and outlets.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois,

this 2nd day of November, A.D. 1959.

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Urbana, Illinois,

this 2nd day of November, A.D. 1959.

Tanley T. Deaver

## City Ordinance #5960-45 (1959) states:

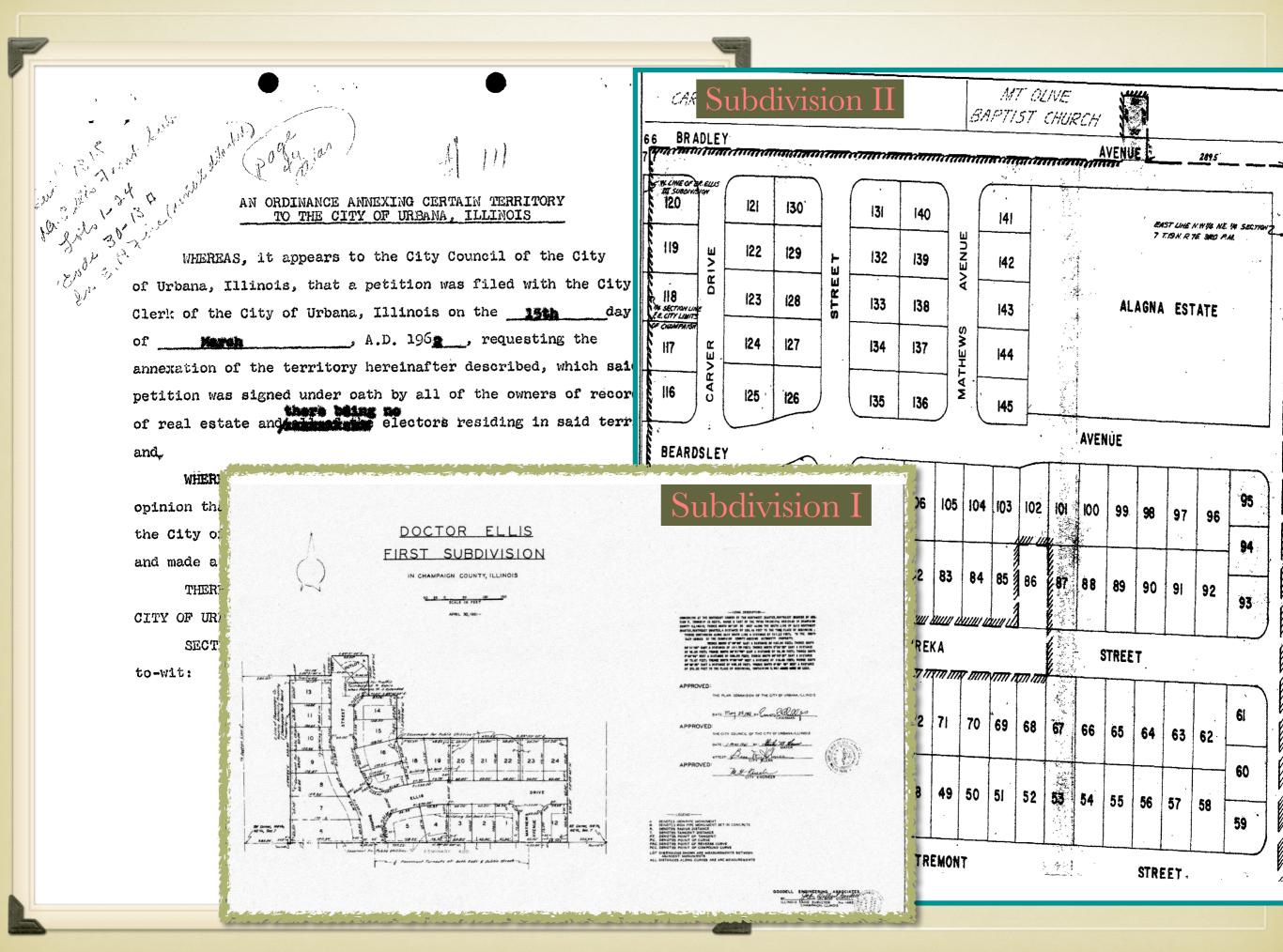
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# THE DR. ELLIS SUBDIVISION ISSUE REGARDING SEWER/SANITARY SYSTEM

- The Ellis Subdivision I caught the interest of the cities of Urbana, Champaign and the State Sanitary District Board due to the unique design of the sanitary sewer system.
- The subdivision system was designed to develop a "fully gravity" flow system without mechanical support (pumping station). This design was put in place in The Ellis Subdivision with the hope that it could be used in future developments.

The City of Orbana is most cirectly concerned immediately inasmuch as the proposed sever will originate within the corporate limits of the City, a portion will be built in City Streets, and it will serve the first platting of Lr. Ellis Subdivision. The sever is intended to countually serve by gravity all of the lands west of Goodwin avenue and south of Bradley, together with most, or all, of the lands north of Bradley and West of Lincoln.

The City of Champaign has a potential interest if a new gravity senitary outlet for Carver Park and/or the lands immediately north of which a scall portion can be served. In addition, of course, the sewer is intended as a gravity outlet for a potential lift station to be located north of U.C. Interstate Noute 74 and east of Illirois Central lands; this last factor accounting for the larger diameter of sewer than would otherwise appear necessary.

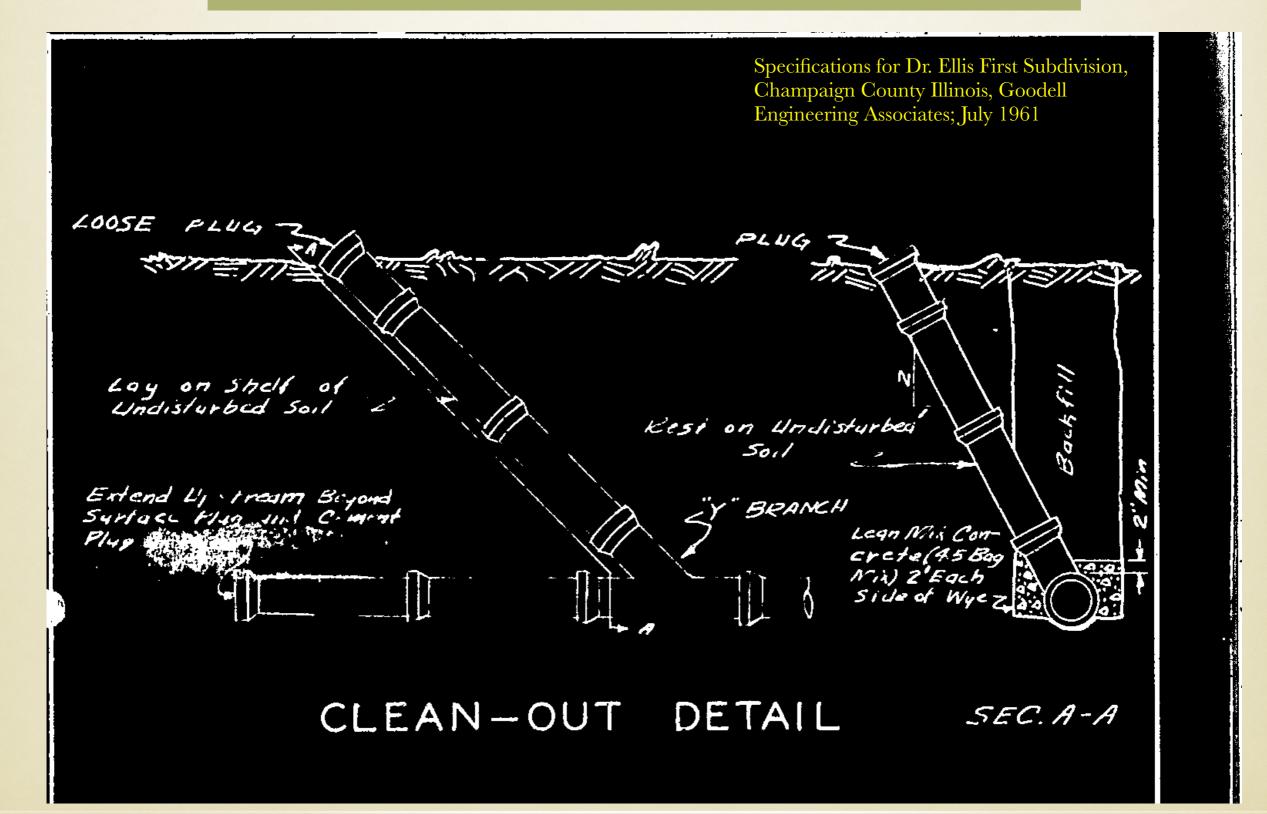
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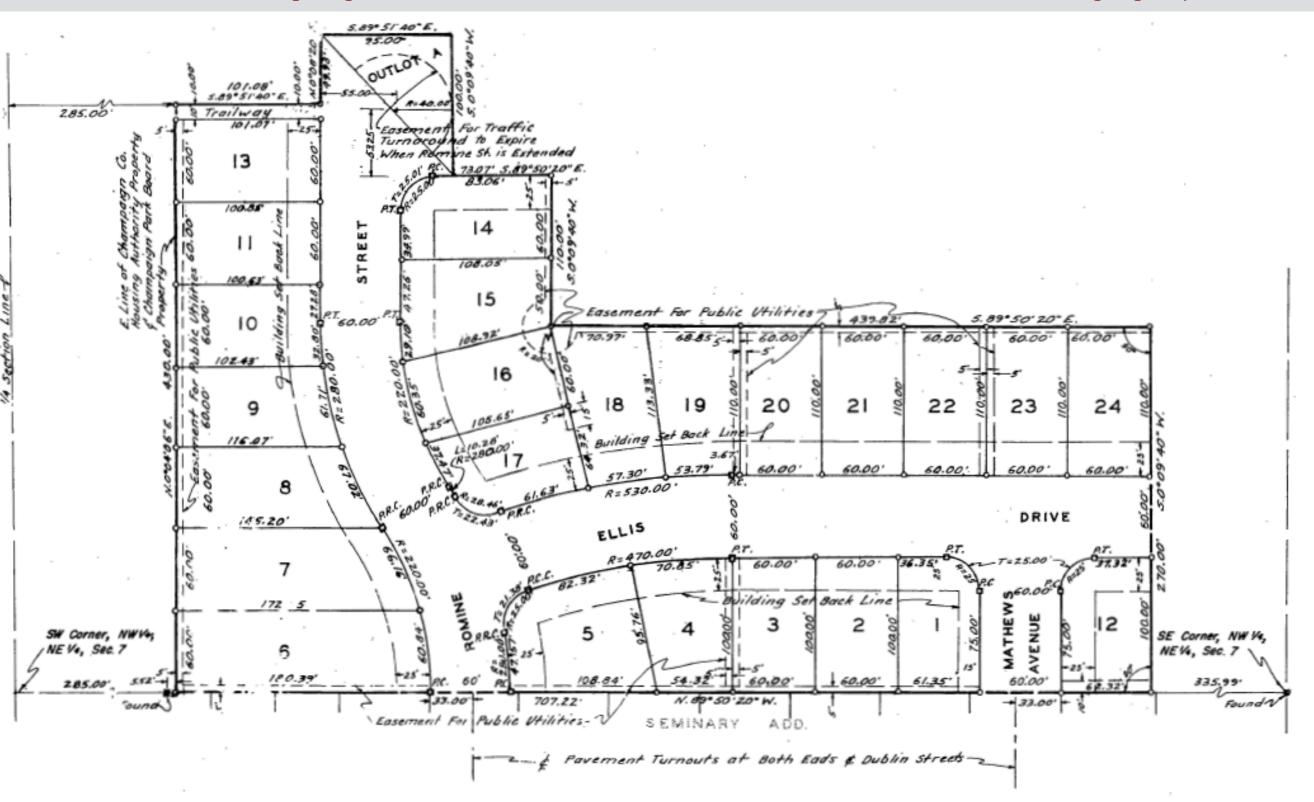
BITY OF URBANA

Specifications for Dr. Ellis First Subdivision, Champaign County Illinois, Goodell Engineering Associates; July 1961

# Sewer Plan Design for Subdivision I



However, the developer did not comply with the approved City plan. If one looks carefully at one of the approved section view, you will notice that the location is as shown on the plan view. There is an easement drawn for "all public utilities". There are also access easements drawn. Property lines, setbacks and plot points are also drawn. There is no easement in the front of the property.



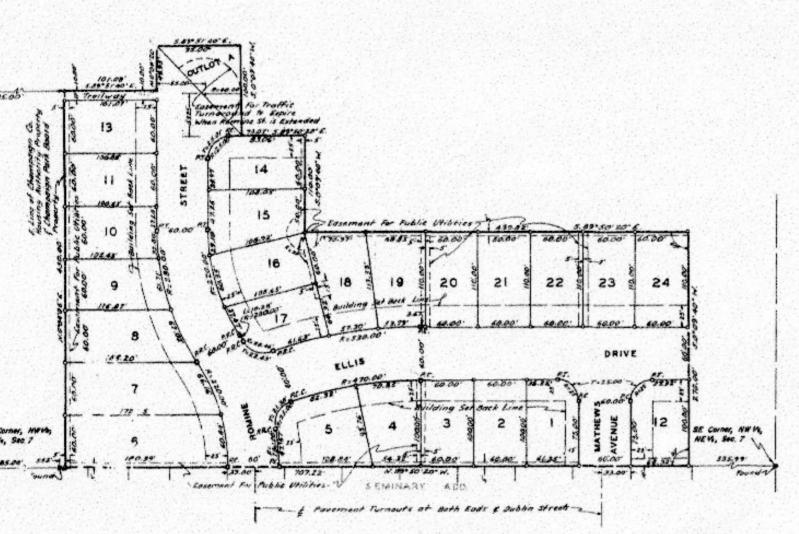


## DOCTOR ELLIS FIRST SUBDIVISION

IN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

#### SCALE IN FEE

APRIL 30, 1961-



### The City approved plan for Subdivision I.(Ord. 6162-62, 1962)

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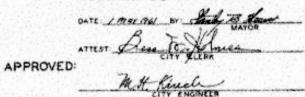
#### APPROVED:

THE PLAN COMMISION OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS

DATE May 28,194 ar Cuos Colulis

APPROVED

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA.ILLINOIS





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Permit granted by the State of Illinois Sanitary Water Board

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2. There shall be no deviations from the plans and specifications as submitted unless revised plans and specifications shall first have been submitted to the Sanitary Water Board and a supplemental written permit issued therefor-

The microfiched documents mention only a change in elevation, not location.

(Specifications for Dr. Ellis First Subdivision, Champaign County Illinois, Goodell Engineering Associates; July 1961)

This permit is granted in the provisions of an "Act to establish a Sanitary Water Board and to control, prevent and abate pollution of the streams, lakes, ponds and other surface and underground streams in this State," approved July 12, 1951, and is subject to the following conditions:

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2. There shall be no deviations from the plans and specifications as submitted unless revised plans and specifications shall first have been submitted to the Sanitary Water Board and a supplemental written permit issued therefor.

3. During or after the construction or the installa-tion of the sewage works, any person duly authorised by the Board shall have the right and authority to inspect such

board shall have the right and authority to inspect such work and its operation. 4. This authority: (a) shall not be considered as in any manner affecting the title to the premises upon which the sewage works are to be located, (b) does not release the permittee from any liability for damage to person or property caused by or resulting from the installation, Jaipan

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maintenance or operation of the proposed sewage works, (c) does not take into consideration the structural stability of any units or parts of the project, and (d) does not re-lease the permittee from compliance with stream channel requirements of the State Division of Waterways, with other applicable statutes of the State of Illinois, or with applicable local laws, regulations or ordinaries. 5. This permit is void one year from date of issue unless installation of this project has started on or prior to date of expiration.

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STATE SANITARY WATER BOARD

THE BOARD L. L. FATHERREE, M.D., CHAIRMAN DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH WILLIAM T. LODGE DIRECTOR OF CONSERVATION RALPH S. BRADLEY DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE

URBANA-CHAMPAIGN - Doctor Ellis First Subdivision Permit #1961-H-352

Mayor and Council Patton Homes, Inc. City of Champaign and 814 Breen Drive Champaign, Illinois Champaign, Illinois

Permit is hereby granted to Patton Homes, Inc. to install and Urbana-Champaign Sanitary District to operate sanitary sewer extension on Ellis Street from Romine east to approx. 100' past Mathews Avenue and an 89' extension at the end of Romine St. with outlet to proposed manhole and 18" pipe at intersection of Romine Street and Ellis Street tributary to sewage treatment works, all in accordance with plans and specifications submitted by Goodell Engineering

ting as your agent, said plans consisting of one sheet and entitled First Subdivision," received July 22, 1961; being made a part hereof.



STATE OF ILLINOIS

SANITARY WATER BOARD

SPRINGFIELD

July 28, 1961

TECHNICAL SECRETARY CLARENCE W. KLASSEN CHIEF SANITARY ENGINEER DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

ADDRESS LETTERS TO: STATE SANITARY WATER BOARD SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

W. J. PAYES, JR. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS A. L. SARGENT MUNICIPALITIES C. S. BORUFF INDUSTRY

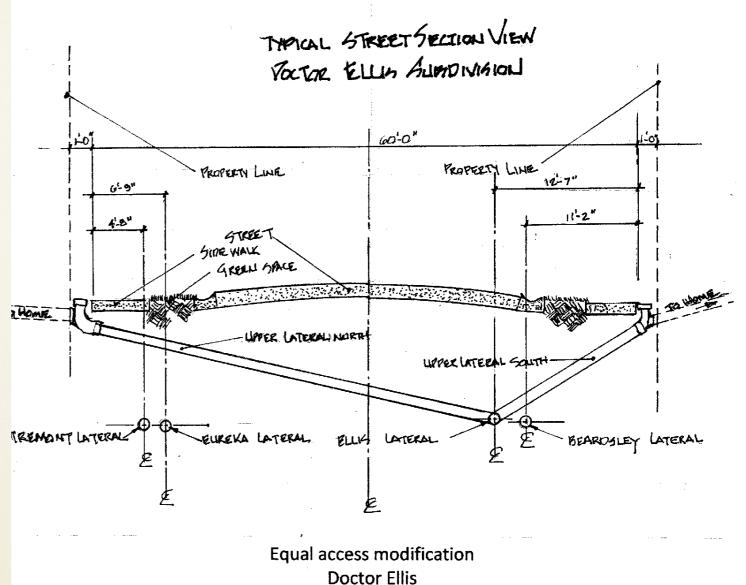
# GOODELL ENGINEERING CLEARLY CHOSE TO PLACE THE EASEMENT BEHIND THE HOMES FOR...

- Easy access to the uppermost lateral for the future house to be built, due to the design of the homes. Many, if not all of the home designs place the kitchen and bathrooms to the rear of the house.
- Equal access to the uppermost lateral for the future houses to be built. With the lateral behind the house, all residents would have access to sanitary lateral hook ups and know where their property line ends. No crossing the street to get to the lateral.
- There were also "access clean-outs" between specific houses for city or plumbing access.

If the original plan had been adhered to, we would not be before you today. A SOLUTION TO THE DR. ELLIS SUBDIVISION REQUIRES COMMITMENT BY THE CITY. IT IS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THIS PROBLEM WAS NOT CAUSED BY THE SITTING ADMINISTRATION, BUT IT IS A PROBLEM THAT HAS BEEN INHERITED. IT IS ALSO ONE THAT NEEDS TO BE RECTIFIED.

While Researching this information, we were unable to locate As Built documents, change notices and/or ordinances allowing the developer to deviate from the approved plan. Based on the fact that the original approved plans were not adhered to, the City of Urbana enabled the deviation of the plans. That resulted in the inequity of repairs of the sanitary sewer system by the home owners in the subdivision. Not really knowing the layout of the sanitary sewer lines in the Dr. Ellis Subdivision, we propose a solution.

Clean-outs in the upper most lateral in <u>every</u> site would provide residents with the ability to determine a more accurate evaluation of the cause of any blockage or damage to the uppermost lateral or laterals in the easement. It might also provide the residents an opportunity to repair at a minimum cost. Thereby, not causing damage to the street, and/ or other utilities that might exists under the street. Subsequently, residents would not have to take on the roles of contractor and engineer. Neither would one need to possibly disturb their neighbor's property and landscaping. If damage exists under the street, which is not within the owner's property line, the repair responsibility should fall on the City.



• The sanitary piping that runs from your home to the main sewer laterals consist of an **upper lateral and lower lateral sections**. The upper most lateral section includes cleanouts, one at the home and the other at your property line. When the upper laterals are required under the street/easement, this is at the discretion of the city.

Subdivision

 Having upper laterals under the street, with cleanouts placed on both sides of the street, would allow equal access to homes on both sides of street/ easement. This would also allow the city to ensure the quality of the material used when placing upper laterals under the street/ easement.

# URBANA IS A TREE CITY

IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT URBANA IS A TREE CITY, AND THERE ARE PLENTY OF **CITY TREES IN THE ELLIS** SUBDIVISION THAT CAN EXACERBATE THE PROBLEM WITH THE ANTIQUATED SEWER SYSTEM. WE ARE NOT ASKING FOR THIS SEWER WORK TO BE DONE ALL AT ONCE, BUT WE ARE ASKING THAT IT BE DONE AND PAID FOR BY THE CITY. WE ARE ASKING THAT THE CITY TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALLOWING A DEVELOPER TO CHANGE THE SUBDIVISION WITHOUT CONSULTING CITY ENGINEERING. CHANGES THAT ARE HAVING AND COULD CONTINUE TO HAVE A HARMFUL IMPACT ON THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY.

Thank you for your time

