MEETING DATE: June 25, 2019

APPLICANT: AIDS Healthcare Foundation

PROJECT NAME: Healthy Housing Foundation Apartments

CASE NUMBER: E19004

REQUEST: Vacation of Easement: 10-Foot Utility

LOCATION: 700 SE 4th Avenue

ZONING: Regional Activity Center - City Center (RAC-CC)

LAND USE: Downtown Regional Activity Center (D-RAC)

CASE PLANNER: Tyler LaForme
CASE NUMBER: E19004

CASE COMMENTS:

Please provide a written response to each of the following comments:

1. Per ULDR Section 47-24.1, provide written documentation that easement to be considered for vacation meets the City's development review criteria per ULDR Section 47-25.2 (Adequacy Review) and ULDR Section 47-24.7 (Vacation of Easement Requirements).

2. Applicant to provide copy of deed book records for easement background and purpose.

3. Per site plan proposed 8’ concrete wall may affect 5’ portion of easement not being vacated between the site and the adjacent property.

4. Please contact City’s Public Works Department, Rick Johnson at rjohnson@fortlauderdale.gov or 954-828-7809 for water and sewer utilities, and Elkin Diaz at 954-828-6539 or ediaz@fortlauderdale.gov for stormwater infrastructure, to verify and determine whether there are any public utilities present within the easement to be considered for vacation. If so, a surveyed location of the utilities shall be provided to staff for review, the full cost of relocation of the utilities shall be borne by the Applicant, and the utility relocation plan shall be reviewed and approved by the City’s Public Works Department prior to implementation.

5. Provide letters from all franchise utility providers, including Public Works as appropriate (i.e. if easement being vacated is public), demonstrating their interests in maintaining or no objection to the vacation of this Easement; the letters should specifically state whether or not the franchise utility providers have existing facilities within the Easement vacation area that will need to be relocated or abandoned.

6. PW Engineering does not object to vacating the 10-ft utility easement.

7. Submit a stamped copy of the surveyor’s sketch and legal description to the City’s Surveyor for his review and approval of the Easement to be considered for vacation. The approved surveyor’s sketch shall then be routed to the Land Development Manager or designee for signoff, prior to submittal to the case planner for final authorization to present this item to the City Commission.

8. Please be advised that the vacating ordinance shall not be in full force and effect until an Engineer’s Certificate is executed by the City Engineer or designee. This Engineer’s Certificate shall be executed by the proper authorities and recorded in the public records of Broward County. A copy of the recorded certificate is to be provided to the City upon recordation. The City Engineer’s certificate shall also state that all existing facilities located within the vacated easement have been relocated or abandoned to the satisfaction of the respective utility owners.

   FPL, and possibly Comcast, Teco, and AT&T currently have facilities within the existing 10’ ingress/egress easement to be vacated. Please be advised that prior to the Engineer’s Certificate being executed, letters from the franchise utilities indicating relocation/removal of their facilities and any easement requirements have been completed/recorded to their satisfaction, shall be provided to the City Engineer or designee.

9. The survey shows existing wooden poles, overhead wires, and a guy anchor located within the Utility Easement to be vacated; relocated facilities shall require inspection and approval by the applicable franchise utility owner prior to issuance of City Engineer’s certificate.
10. Please clarify or detail how existing utilities crossing SE 4th Avenue will be relocated so as to not affect neighboring properties.

11. Please be advised that additional Easements may need to be dedicated to the City resulting from the Vacation of Easement approval process, including Utility Easement(s) and Access Easement(s) that mitigate an otherwise dead-end Alley condition.

As applicable, provide documents such as easement and/or right-of-way deed, joinders, consents and Attorney’s Opinion of Title. Please refer to City’s Web site: http://fortlauderdale.gov/departments/sustainable-development/building-services/engineering-forms-and-info (under ‘Engineering Forms’ and ‘Dedicated Public Rights of Way and Easements’) or click on http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/home/showdocument?id=1558.

12. Additional comments may be forthcoming at the meeting.
CASE COMMENTS:
Please provide a response to the following:

1. The applicant is strongly encouraged to contact all neighborhood associations located within three hundred feet (300’) of the development site to advise of this proposal (a map and listing of all neighborhood associations are listed on the City’s website).

2. The proposed project requires review approval by the City Commission. A separate application and fee are required for City Commission review.

3. Signoffs from the City Surveyor and the City’s Engineering Design Manager will be required prior to Planning and Zoning Board submittal.

4. The ordinance approving the vacation of easement shall be recorded in the public records of the county within (30) days after adoption.

GENERAL COMMENTS
The following comments are for informational purposes. Please consider the following prior to submittal for Final Development Review Committee (“DRC”):

5. Provide a written response to all DRC comments within 180 days.

6. An additional follow-up coordination meeting may be required to review project changes necessitated by the DRC comments. Prior to routing your plans for Final DRC sign-off, please schedule an appointment with the project planner (954-828-6162) to review project revisions and/or to obtain a signature routing stamp.

7. Additional comments may be forthcoming at the DRC meeting.

The following easement documents must be reviewed and approved by City Staff prior to final approval:
   Attorney’s Opinion of Title
   Easement Deed
   Survey, Sketch and Legal Description
   Joiner, Consent, and Partial Release by Mortgagee/Lien Holder

The instructions and templates for these documents may be found at https://www.fortlauderdale.gov/departments/sustainable-development/building-services/engineering-forms-and-info listed under the topic “Dedicated Public Rights of Way and Easements.” Please submit these documents electronically to Caroline Yeakel at CYeakel@fortlauderdale.gov.

*Also, provide a copy of the instruction sheet and the flow chart (See Procedures and Forms)