St. Paul City Council Public Hearing Notice Right of Way Vacation

I, Via Yang, residential owner of 1656 Wilson Ave. 55106 would like to comment on the north-south alley between blocks 10&11, Bunde's Park addition and block 3, Carroll Addition in St. Paul, Ramsey County, MN.

When I purchased my house on 1656 Wilson Ave. back in November of 2015, I was not aware that the said alley was not a part of my property. One reason why I was not aware of this is due to the physiological layout of the property. For example, a small portion of the said alley extends outward flat due west from the base of my house's foundation, so from the front facing my house, one would think that this said alley would be within the property line of 1656 Wilson Ave. Due to this assumption, I've been taking care of the property i.e. lawn mowing and removal of trash or dead natural debris, and removal of stinging nettle plants as it often spreads into my yard and therefore sting my small children as they play. From a physical stand point of the land, most of the said alley is in the form of a hill except for the 3 feet by 8 feet lot as mentioned that extends westward from the house's foundation. That being said, and as stated in the petition, the north-south alley, if vacated, will not have any kind of development on it. Since I've purchased my house in 2015, I've never seen any person from the city of St. Paul or from Ramsey County come to take care of the alley in any way; therefore, it could become a dumping site. The main reason to petition to vacate this north-south alley is give me full rights to the property so I can continue to take care of it as I have done before.

Thank you for this opportunity to allow me to comment on the north-south alley to vacate.