

- What happens to traffic flow patterns (that now must change) because of a proposed closing of an alleyway?
- Has the City involved the police, fire, sheriff, sanitation offices and others who use the alleyway in a "What If" scenario due to the proposed closing of the alleyway? People have habits of traveling certain ways. Can fire trucks negotiate the new curve that would be built with other emergency and private vehicles parked in the way?
- Can the City legally permanently close an alleyway owned by the public?
- Can the City legally take property away from another owner just to make a new alleyway when there already was an existing alleyway?
- Has the City formally engaged all affected parties of the existing alleyway into a dialogue about the proposed changes?
- Has the City considered the following option:

An elevated walkway (maybe glass enclosed) could be very attractive and fulfill the same purpose - a connector between buildings. It would be cheaper, cause no problems, and people usually like building to building walkways (Minneapolis, Des Moines, IA).

Remember, the Dahl obviously knew they had two separate buildings to deal with in the first place. And once you close an alleyway and put a building in it's way, there is no going back.

Children who attend after-school tutoring programs and church functions currently have a buffer area (parking lot between Faith Temple and MDU) from busy traffic on St. Joe and the current alleyway. This new proposal could create bigger problems in the future that the city will have to deal with later.