



HEARING NOTES

Bill: 21-0051

Rezoning - 4900 Boston Street

Committee: Economic and Community Development

Chaired By: Councilwoman Sharon Green Middleton

Hearing Date: June 22, 2021

Time (Beginning): 2:10 PM

Time (Ending): 2:33 PM

Location: Virtual WEBEX

Total Attendance: ~25

Committee Members in Attendance:

John Bullock Mark Conway Ryan Dorsey Antonio Glover Robert Stokes Odette Ramos

Bill Synopsis in the file?..... yes no n/a
Attendance sheet in the file? yes no n/a
Agency reports read? yes no n/a
Video or audio-digitally recorded? yes no n/a
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file? yes no n/a
Evidence of notification to property owners? yes no n/a
Final vote taken at this hearing? yes no n/a
Motioned by: Councilmember Dorsey
Seconded by: Councilmember Ramos
Final Vote: Favorable

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Councilmember Zeke Cohen
- Mr. Matt DeSantis, Department of Planning
- Mr. Liam Davis, Department of Transportation

- Ms. Hilary Ruley, Law Department
- Ms. Stephanie Murdock, Department of Housing and Community Development
- Ms. Nina Themelis, Office of the Mayor
- Mr. Luis Cardona, Baltimore Development Corporation
- Ms. Mara James, Department of Finance
- Ms. Caroline Hecker, Esquire, representative for the applicant

Major Issues Discussed

1. Councilwoman Middleton opened the meeting, introduced committee members and City representatives, and read the bill into the record.
2. Councilman Cohen explained the purpose of the bill.
3. Mr. Matt DeSantis presented the Planning Commission’s report in support of the rezoning. The Planning Commission did not approve of the Department of Planning staff’s recommendations. The Planning Commission approved of findings outlined in a memorandum from Ms. Caroline Hecker.
4. Mr. Luis Cardona presented a report for Baltimore Development Corporation, which opposed the bill.
5. Agency representatives confirmed agency reports.
6. Ms. Caroline Hecker, representing the applicant, testified in support of the bill and provided oral testimony regarding the rezoning. Her findings emphasized that the rezoning was a mistake. She submitted a memorandum of findings to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission approved her findings. She discussed her findings with the committee.
7. The committee voted to recommend the bill favorable.
8. The hearing was adjourned.

Further Study

Was further study requested?
If yes, describe.

Yes No

Committee Vote:

Sharon Green Middleton, Chair:..... Yea
 John Bullock: Yea
 Mark Conway: Yea
 Ryan Dorsey: Yea
 Antonio Glover: Yea
 Odette Ramos: Yea

Robert Stokes:..... Yea

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