

<b>FROM</b>	NAME & TITLE	CHRIS RYER, DIRECTOR	CITY of BALTIMORE <b>MEMO</b>	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 8 <sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #19-0437/OPENING-NORTH DURHAM STREET		

**TO**

DATE:

The Honorable President and  
 Members of the City Council  
 City Hall, Room 400  
 100 North Holliday Street

October 21, 2019

The Department of Planning is in receipt of City Council Bill #19-0437, which is for the purpose of condemning and opening North Durham Street, extending from East Eager Street Northerly 433 feet, more or less, to the south side of East Chase Street, as shown on Plat 341-A-45 in the Office of the Department of Transportation. This bill is a companion bill to City Council Bill #19-0438 which is for the closing of North Durham Street and a 16-foot alley.

The Department of Planning recommends approval of City Council Bill #19-0437 with the condition that upon the future sale of the street bed it would remain open as a private right-of-way for public use and not consolidated into any adjacent parcels.

The opening and closing of North Durham Street will help facilitate the eventual sale of the street bed of Durham Street to East Baltimore Development, Inc. (EBDI) and any future owners, as a portion of the street bed is currently improved with a portion of the existing Eager Park. To the west, new townhomes are currently under construction along this portion of Durham Street. While it is beneficial for the City to transfer ownership of this portion of the Durham Street, it is necessary that the bed remain a separate parcel from Eager Park and remain as a private right-of-way. The new homes are addressed to Durham Street and will need to retain street frontage, in this case as proposed private street frontage.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Eric Tiso, Division Chief, Land Use and Urban Design Division at 410-396-8358.

CR/ewt

- cc: Mr. Nicholas Blendy, Mayor's Office  
 Mr. Matthew Stegman, Mayor's Office  
 Ms. Nina Themelis, Mayor's Office  
 The Honorable Edward Reisinger, Council Rep. to Planning Commission  
 Mr. Colin Tarbert, BDC  
 Mr. Derek Baumgardner, BMZA  
 Mr. Geoffrey Veale, Zoning Administration  
 Ms. Stephanie Murdock, DHCD  
 Ms. Elena DiPietro, Law Dept.

Mr. Francis Burnszynski, PABC  
Mr. Liam Davis, DOT  
Ms. Natawna Austin, Council Services  
Mr. Dominic McAlily, Council Services  
Mr. William Burgee, DHCD