



HEARING NOTES

Bill: 22-0284

Sarah Ann Street Historic District

Committee: Economic and Community Development

Chaired By: Councilwoman Sharon Green Middleton

Hearing Date: January 24, 2023

Time (Beginning): 2:00 PM

Time (Ending): 2:18 PM

Location: City Hall; Clarence "Du" Burns Chambers and WEBEX

Total Attendance: ~40

Committee Members in Attendance:

John Bullock Mark Conway Ryan Dorsey 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 Bullock
Seconded by: Councilmember Ramos
Final Vote: Favorable

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Councilmember John Bullock, Sponsor
- Stacey Montgomery, Commission on Historical and Architectural Preservation (CHAP)
- Chris Ryer, Department of Planning

- Hilary Ruley, Law Department
 - Alice Kennedy, Department of Housing and Community Development
 - Dan Taylor, Department of Transportation
 - Sophia Gebrehiwot, Mayor’s Office of Government Relations
 - Kris Misage, Baltimore Development Corporation
 - Johns Hopkins, Baltimore Heritage
 - Sonia Eaddy, Poppleton Now
 - Nicole King, Organize Poppleton
 - Scott Kashnow, Franklin Square resident
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Major Issues Discussed

1. Councilmember Middleton opened the meeting, introduced committee members and read the bill into the record.
 2. Councilmember Bullock commented about the significant historical and architectural purpose of the bill and the need to support the efforts to preserve the properties.
 3. Stacey Montgomery commented about the purpose of the bill and presented CHAP’s recommendations and findings which are outlined in the agency’s report.
 4. Agency representatives provided reports for their respective agencies.
 5. The committee opened the hearing for public testimony.
 6. Johns Hopkins testified in support of the bill. He shared a story indicating that after being appointed director of Baltimore Heritage 18 years ago Councilmember Thomas Ward asked him directly to help to protect the property. He knows former Councilmember Ward would be happy to see his dream come to fruition.
 7. Sonia Eaddy testified in support of preserving the many properties in her community. She indicated that the property has great historical and architectural value for the City and community, especially for the Black community. She believes property owned and built by Blacks should be treated with the same significance and protections as other properties throughout the City.
 8. Nicole King testified in support of the project. She is a University of Maryland professor of American studies who worked with students on a project to document and preserve the history of Poppleton Community. She also indicated that history of Sarah Ann Street should be repaired and preserved.
 9. Scott Kashnow testified in support of the bill.
 10. The committee approved a motion to recommend the bill favorably.
 11. The hearing was adjourned.
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Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe.

Committee Vote:

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

Jennifer L. Coates, Committee Staff

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