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STAFF REPORT

November 9, 2021

REQUEST: Review and Respond to City Council Bill #21-0162 - Urban Renewal – Brooklyn-Curtis Bay Business Area- Amendment

RECOMMENDATION: CHAP has no objection to the amendment

STAFF: Stacy Montgomery

PETITIONER(S): Councilmember Porter

SITE/LOCATION
The Brookyln-Curtis Bay Business Area is located in south Baltimore and generally runs along East Patapsco Avenue, South Hanover Street, Curtis Avenue, and Pennington Avenue. The area includes the commercial portions of the Brooklyn and Curtis Bay neighborhoods, which were annexed into Baltimore City in 1919 and grew substantially in population as industry developed along the waterfront and peaked during the second World War. The neighborhoods are home to a wide variety of architectural styles resulting from the long period of development. There are no locally designated historic resources located within the Urban Renewal Area.

PROPOSAL
The City Council bill was introduced for the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Brooklyn-Curtis Bay to extend the time the Urban Renewal Plan for Brooklyn-Curtis Bay should remain in full force and effect; and to amend the Urban Renewal Plan for Brooklyn-Curtis Bay to reauthorize the acquisition of properties within the Project Area and to extend the life of the Plan.
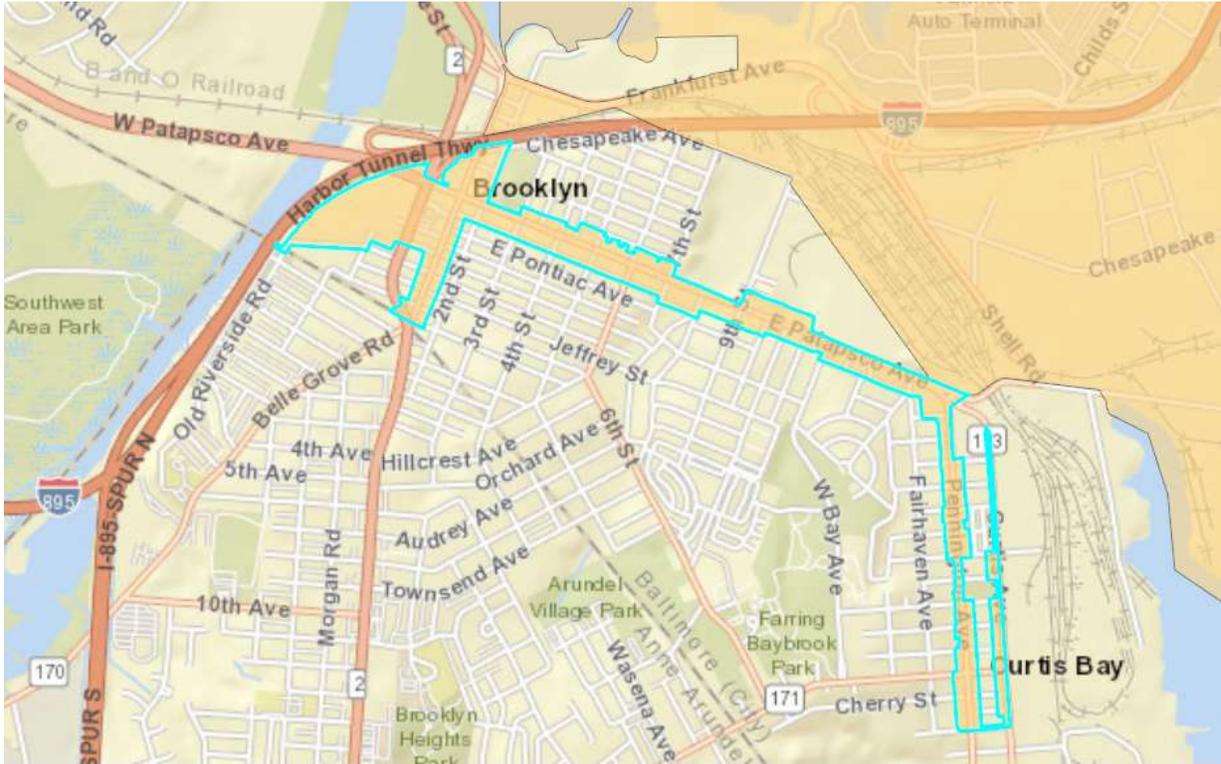
ANALYSIS
The community would like to make more amendments to the Urban Renewal Plan, and this bill allow additional time to develop these amendments. CHAP staff finds that the proposed amendments will have no impact on designated historic properties as the amendments do not affect CHAP's design review authority in its local historic districts.

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends a finding no objection to the bill.

**Eric L. Holcomb
Executive Director**

MAPS & IMAGES

Map with Urban Renewal Plan Boundaries (Light Blue)

Aerial Map with Urban Renewal Plan Boundaries (Light Blue)