

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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OFFICE OF COUNCIL SERVICES

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100 N. HOLIDAY STREET

BALTIMORE MD, 21202

HEARING NOTES

Bill: 25-0017

Title Rezoning 3439-3549 Keswick Road Odd Side

Committee: Land Use and Transportation Committee

Chaired by: Ryan Dorsey

Hearing Date: April 24, 2025

Time (Beginning): 10:05 AM

Time (Ending): 10:56 AM

Location: Du Burns Council Chamber / Webex

Total Attendance: Approximately 24

Committee Members in Attendance:

Ryan Dorsey Paris Gray Phylicia Porter Mark Parker John Bullock

Bill Synopsis in the file?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Attendance sheet in the file?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Agency reports read?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Hearing televised or audio-digitally recorded?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Evidence of notification to property owners?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Final vote taken at this hearing?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Motioned by:	N/A		
Seconded by:	N/A		
Final Vote:	N/A		

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

Michele Toth – Law Department

Eric Tiso – Planning Department

Odette Ramos – Councilmember/bill Sponsor

Major Issues Discussed

1. Chairman Dorsey called the hearing to order and read the bill title and purpose.

2. Councilmember Ramos of the 14th District presented her bill to the committee and took questions from members
3. The floor was open to agency reports.
 - a. During reports the Liaison from the Mayor's Office noted that there would be increased scrutiny of downzoning bills in the future due to concerns about effects on property taxes.
4. The floor was open to public testimony – 3 members of the public testified online, and another testified virtually. See the attendance record in the file
 - a. Questions from members of the committee for witnesses included:
 - a. A question about if apartment buildings would really have a negative impact on the community if they were built – considering that the community already has row homes which serve as multi dwelling units.
 - b. A question about the community engagement process that preceded this bill.
 1. Councilmember Ramos detailed meetings with the community regarding this.
5. At this time, a recess was called so that questions about the bill could be discussed.
6. The hearing was reconvened at 10:55 am – the chair noted that there were still issues to be resolved on this bill and called a recess at 10:56 AM

Further Study

Was further study requested?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, describe.

Committee Vote:

Ryan Dorsey Chair:

Sharon Green Middleton:

John Bullock:

Mark Parker:

Phylicia Porter:

Zach Blanchard:

Paris Gray:.....

Anthony Leva, Committee Staff

Date: April 25, 2025

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